

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
ORDINANCE 2026-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ANY  
NEW CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT OF  
PLANNED SUBDIVISIONS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH  
MORE THAN 10 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS, AND  
OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council is empowered to enact ordinances or the implementation and enforcement of powers granted to Oconee County Council pursuant to Section 4-9-30(9) and (17), S.C. Code Ann 1976, as amended, and to exercise such other powers as necessary to promote the health, safety and welfare of Oconee County;

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council determines and finds that the unincorporated area of Oconee County is experiencing significant residential growth which is producing a strain on the infrastructure within the unincorporated areas of the County;

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council determines and finds that it would be beneficial for the promotion of the public interest in orderly and prudent development of the County, for the County to complete a review and amendment of the development provisions of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the "Project");

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council further determines and finds that the benefits and effectiveness of the Project will be aided and facilitated by a temporary moratorium on applications and administration processing of such applications for all residential living unit projects of more than ten (10) residential lots within the unincorporated areas of Oconee County;

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council further determines and finds that a period of eight (8) months in duration is the minimum reasonable time needed to complete the Project;

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council believes and finds that it is appropriate to establish, by this Ordinance, a temporary moratorium period of eight (8) months on the acceptance, processing and grant of any approvals, permits or permissions, as desired herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Oconee County Council finds that it is in the public interest to invoke the pending ordinance doctrine upon first reading of this Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained, by County Council in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Moratorium on Development of Residential Dwelling Units. All activities by Oconee County, including County staff and any of the County's agents, boards or commissions, in connection with the acceptance, review, processing and granting of application for approvals, permits or permissions related to the development or construction of (a) residential subdivisions of more than ten (10) lots, and (b) any residential living unit projects to include townhomes, apartments, duplexes or any other multi-unit development, all of which are located within the unincorporated area of Oconee County, are temporarily suspended and a temporary moratorium established in order for the County, through its officials and staff, to have adequate time and opportunity to complete the project and for County Council to amend the development portions of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Moratorium Period. This temporary suspension and temporary moratorium shall remain in effect for eight (8) months from the date of the third reading of this Ordinance when it shall terminate, unless extended by further action of the Council.

Section 3. Pending Ordinance Doctrine. Applications for permits of sufficient form and content, as determined by County staff, received by the County prior to the date of the beginning of the first reading of the adoption of this Ordinance, may be reviewed and processed by the County. Otherwise, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective under the pending ordinance doctrine from the date of approval of first reading.

Section 4. Moratorium Extension. The Council, by subsequent Ordinance, may extend the temporary suspension and temporary moratorium for a further time period upon appropriate funding.

Section 5. General Repeal. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of Oconee County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and superseded.

Section 6. Severability. Should any term, provision, or content of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall have no effect on the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force from and after public hearing and third reading, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of Oconee County, South Carolina.

**ORDAINED** in meeting, duly assembled, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**ATTEST:**

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Oconee County Council

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Matthew Durham  
Chair, Oconee County Council

First Reading: May 05, 2026  
Second Reading: May 07, 2026  
Third Reading: May 19, 2026  
Public Hearing: May 19, 2026



# THE JOURNAL

## PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

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OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL


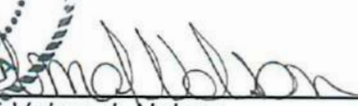
IN RE:

*BEFORE ME* the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Larry Davidson, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on

**January 10, 2026**

the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.

  
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Larry Davidson  
General Manager

  
  
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Velma J. Nelson  
Notary Public  
State of South Carolina

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
1/10/2026

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### PUBLISHERS NOTICE

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitations or discrimination" based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

## LEGALS

### Public Notice

Linda A. Traylor, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, is authorizing construction in Navigable Waters Permit to remove 177 cubic yards of silt by using an excavator on a barge at the edge of the shoreline and transported by barge to the off-load staging area. The silt will be removed from under and around the privately owned dock located at 122 Fair Haven Ct in Seneca, SC on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull St, Columbia SC 29201, ATTN: Charles Hightower, Division of Water Quality, until January 23, 2025.

### Public Notice

Sharon Swindale has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Construction in Navigable Waters Permit to remove 256 cubic yards of silt by using an excavator on a barge at the edge of the shoreline and transported by barge to the off-load staging area. The silt will be removed from under and around the privately owned dock located at 13058 Janda Road in Seneca, SC on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull St, Columbia SC 29201, ATTN: Charles Hightower, Division of Water Quality, until January 23, 2025.

The Oconee County Aeronautics Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday January 29, 2026 has been canceled.

The meeting will instead be held on Tuesday January 27, 2026 at 3:30 pm in the Oconee County Chambers located at 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC.

### MEETING NOTICE OF THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT

5500 West-Oak Hwy., Westminster, SC  
Tuesday January 13, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Agenda:  
Call To Order  
Concerns of the District  
Limited: 2 citizens per meeting, for 5 minutes,  
prior scheduling required.  
Agenda & Non Agenda Items: Combined both are limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.  
Approval of Minutes  
Financial Report / System Report  
Treatment Plant PER Discussion  
Old Business  
New Business  
Adjourn

The Oconee County Council will meet in 2026 on the first and third Tuesday of each month with the following exceptions:

June and November meetings, which will be only on the third Tuesday of each of these months; October and December meetings, which will be only on the first Tuesday of each of these months.

All Council meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Oconee County Council will also hold a Planning Retreat beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026 to establish short- and long-term goals.

This meeting will be held off-site at Tri-County Technical College, Oconee Campus, conference room located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, South Carolina.

Oconee County Council will also meet on Tuesday, January 5, 2027 in Council Chambers at which point they will establish their 2027 Council and Committee meeting schedules. Additional Council meetings, workshops, and/or committee meetings may be added throughout the year as needed.

Oconee County Council Committees will meet in 2026 prior to County Council meetings on the following dates/times in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina unless otherwise advertised.

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health, & Welfare Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 17, May 19, July 21, & September 15, 2026.

The Transportation Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 17, May 19, July 21, & September 15, 2026.

The Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 7, June 16, August 18, & October 06, 2026. The Planning & Economic Development Committee at 4:30 p.m. on

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The Corinth-Shiloh Fire Commission will meet during 2026 on the third Thursday of each month. All Commission meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department, 940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC 29672, at 6:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Commission will hold two budget workshops on Tuesday, February 12, and Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the fire department. The annual budget meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Additional Commission meetings and/or workshops may be scheduled throughout the year as needed. A monthly schedule is available at the fire department.

Members of the Commission are invited to attend Corinth-Shiloh Volunteer Fire Department meetings, trainings, and community activities. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken. The monthly department meeting is held on the first Monday of each month. Training is held on the third Monday of each month, as well as the Saturday following the third Monday. A monthly schedule of activities, including dates and times, is available at the fire department.

Several fire department ceremonies are planned for 2026, to which the Fire Commission is invited. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken. Scheduled events include Meet the Chief on January 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the Transfer of Command on Friday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. Summer and fall family events, Station Open Houses and other community fire department events, and the annual Christmas dinner has not yet been scheduled. Once

finalized, dates, times, and locations will be available at the fire department. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken.

Commission agendas will be available and publicized no later than the day prior to the scheduled meeting and/or workshop at [www.corinthshilohfd.com](http://www.corinthshilohfd.com). All meetings and workshops, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public.

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Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. **The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety.** The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Facility* means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

***Meeting* means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility.** The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) **Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting,** or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when

the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.

- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.
- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
- (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
- (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
- (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
- (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
- (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
- (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
- (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.

(d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)