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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF OCONEE DOCKET NO. 2024CP3700714
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC,
Plaintiff, SUMMONS
Deficiency Judgment Waived
v.
Michael W. Witt; The United States of America
acting by and through its agency The Department of Housing and Urban Development Cavalry SPV I, LLC
Defendant(s).
(016487-01562)

TO THE DEFENDANT(S), Michael W. Witt:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 23317 White Harbour Rd, Seneca, SC 29672,
being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 164-02-01-018, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1221 Main Street, 14th Floor, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein.

s/ Brian P. Yoho
Rogers Townsend, LLC
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
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Brian P. Yoho (SC Bar #73516), Brian. Yoho@rogerstownsend.com
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NOTICE
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Oconee County, South Carolina on September 26, 2024.

s/ Brian P. Yoho
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CA No. 2025-CP-37-00712

COUNTY OF OCONEE
Equity Trust Co. Custodian FBO Rodney P. Massey IRA aka Equity Trust Co Cust FBO Rodney P. Massey IRA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Thelma C. Grant, Ivelyn G. Dooley, the Oconee County Delinquent Tax Collector, and the Oconee County Treasurer, Defendants.
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT
TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Thelma C. Grant
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber, at his office at 133 Straight Drive, Anderson, South Carolina 29625, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for judgment by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Summons and original Complaint in the above entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Oconee County on July 28, 2025 s/Michael S. Chambers
SC Bar No. 1178
Attorney for the Plaintiff
133 Straight Drive
Anderson, S.C. 29625
(864) 222-0292
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO: 2025-CP-37-00664 SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
v.

JUSTIN CHRISTOPHER PRATER; MACIE A. PRATER; BRIAN JAMES KAUER; PAMELA ABERCROMBIE KAUER; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; SC STATE OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendant(s).
TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 808 N LAUREL ST WALHALLA, SC 29691 being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 148-02-06-031, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, GA 30004, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order for Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge or this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above-entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for OCONEE County on July 17, 2025.

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
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Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone 470-321-7112 | Fax 404-393-1425

Attorneys for Plaintiff

The Oconee County Budget, Finance and Administration Committee will hold a special meeting at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 in Oconee County Council Chambers located at 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Oak House intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and On Premises consumption of Beer, Wine & Liquor at 115 Broad Street, Central, SC 29630

To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than September 22nd 2025.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-097.

Notice is hereby given that Raniha LLC DBA Hasty Mart intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license that will allow the sale and off-premises consumption of beer and wine at 202 Bypass 123 Seneca SC 29678. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL-20, postmarked no later than September 13, 2025. Mail protests to SCDOR, ABL Section, PO Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907 or email to ABL@dor.sc.gov.

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P/N:NAV000228

Jeff Beck has applied to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services for a Permit in Construction in Navigable Waters to build a 26'x30' single slip dock with 10'x26' slip and 18'x30' hip roof with a 4'x60' non flare ramp for private use on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services at 2600 Bull St. Columbia, SC 29201, Attn: Morgan Amedee, Division of Water Quality until October 4th, 2025.

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LV Collective, LLC has applied to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification for a mixed-use development on an approximately 3.7-acre parcel at 398 and 400 College Avenue in Clemson, Pickens County, South Carolina. The development will include two student-oriented multi-family residential mid-rise structures, commercial retail spaces, and associated appearances, including utilities and underground stormwater management facilities. A total of 150 public parking spaces will be provided, combining a newly constructed parking deck and existing on-street parking. The building's frontage along College Avenue will feature a combination of residential lobby space, retail spaces, and essential back-of-house functions. Comments will be received by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services at 2600 Bull St. Columbia, SC 29201, Attn: Rusty Wenerick, Division of Water Quality, until October 5, 2025. For further information, email chris.tinklenberg@kimley-horn.com.

The Oconee County Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 has been CANCELLED.

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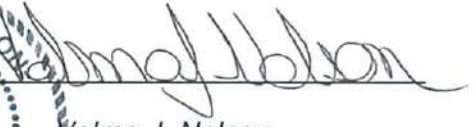
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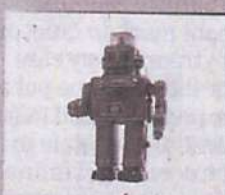
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cil and Committee meeting schedules. Additional Council meetings, workshops, and/or committee meetings may be added throughout the year as needed. Oconee County Council Committees will meet in 2025 prior to County Council meetings on the following 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 18, May 20, July 15, & September 16, 2025. The Transportation Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 18, May 20, July 15, & September 16, 2025. The Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 1, June 3, August 19, & October 21, 2025. The Planning & Economic Development Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 1, June 3, August 19, & October 21, 2025. The Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: February 20 [Strategic Planning Retreat] and 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 4 [4 p.m.], April 15, & May 6, 2025.

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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)

OCONEE COUNTY

Financial Policy for Funds Provided By Oconee County

Introduction:

The purpose of this document is to describe all proposed accounting policies and procedures, and to ensure that the financial statements conform to generally accepted accounting principles; and finances are managed with accuracy, efficiency, and transparency.

All agencies in receipt of direct funding from Oconee County are expected to comply with the policies in this document.

These policies will be reviewed annually and revised as needed by recipient agencies or staff and approved by the Oconee County Council, or its Budget, Finance and Administration Committee.

Financial policies clarify the roles, authority, and responsibilities essential for management activities and decisions. In the absence of an adopted policy, agencies are left to operate under a set of assumptions that may or may not be accurate and productive.

This Policy only applies to funding provided by Oconee County, South Carolina. It is intended to serve as a guiding document for agencies for controlling, safeguarding, reporting, and using funds provided by Oconee County in a fiscally responsible manner and environment.

General Financial Policy Requirements:

1. Agencies must report all expenditures of County Funds on a quarterly basis. Upcoming quarterly allocations will not be released until all prior quarter financial reports have been received and accepted
2. All cash accounts (except petty cash) owned by any recipient agency will be held in financial institutions which are insured by the FDIC. No bank account will carry a balance over the FDIC insured amount. County issued funding accounts shall not be combined or co-mingled with funds acquired from other sources.
3. Agencies must handle county funds in a manner consistent with local, state, and federal law and regulations, specifically including regulations promulgated by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the United States Internal Revenue System, including 1099 reporting requirements.
4. The agency has ultimate responsibility for ensuring all Funds are controlled and spent in accordance with this Financial Policy.
5. The agency shall comply with all relevant Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] requirements, and adhere to a financial document retention and storage policy within the parameters of all applicable laws pertaining to record retention and FOIA.
6. The agency can approve expenditures up to \$2,500.
7. A majority of the agency membership must approve all expenditures over \$2,500.
8. Use of multiple separate purchases for associated project items to avoid higher-level approvals for total project costs is not permitted.

9. The head of the agency may delegate approval authority to others for common expenditures up to \$1,000, if approved by a majority of the membership or provided by agency bylaws. Amounts being approved should include all expected charges including installation, taxes, shipping, and handling.
10. Ongoing expenditures, such as utilities and rents, only require initial approval unless additional services or service options are added.
11. Agencies are encouraged to have at least two authorized check signers.
12. All expenditures must be reasonable for both the current size and activity level of the agency, and future needs.
13. Bank statements should be reconciled each month.
14. All disbursements must be made by check or electronic payment, never in cash. No check can be issued:
 - For cash
 - To a Payee who is also the sole check signer
15. Checks must be filled out completely with Date, Payee, and Amount before being signed.
16. Automated payments and drafts – can be used for routine, ongoing services such as utilities, leases, mortgages, and Station credit and debit cards. All such payments must be monitored to insure proper amounts are billed and no inappropriate or unapproved charges are incurred.
17. All expenditures must be supported by vendor invoices or cash register receipts indicating the specific items or services purchased. Copies of original receipts and invoices are required. Lost receipts will occur, but should be rare. Agencies must have a policy for dealing with this exception. Three incidences of lost receipts per quarter shall result in XXXXX.
18. Credit and debit cards may be used for official fire and rescue business only. Copies of receipts must be included with quarterly statement submissions.
19. Agency members can be paid for tasks that would otherwise have to be contracted out, if approved by a majority of the membership. This applies to smaller tasks such as Station cleaning and grounds care, and larger projects such as repairs, renovations, and expansions.
20. Members can be reimbursed for allowable and approved expenses incurred through the use of personal funds such as cash, credit cards, and debit cards.
21. Reimbursements will be paid upon complete expense reporting and approval using a signed reimbursement request form.
22. Agencies shall not move funding from a County Funds account to any non-county account in the current fiscal year, unless it is to correct a previous error.

Examples of Allowable Uses of Funds:

- Achievement recognition events and awards.
- Banking fees – Service charges, checks, etc.
- Bereavement expenses – any substantial loss by a member, member's spouse, or member's child(ren).
- Community Outreach / Expenses for programs.
- Equipment purchases –trucks, equipment for buildings, grounds, maintenance.
- Equipment purchases / issued to members – Turnout gear, boots, helmets, vests, radios, flashlights.
- Facilities – For expansions, replacements, or new buildings, including property.
- Freight – Shipping expense for purchases, returns, replacements and/or repairs.
- Fuel – For trucks, vehicles, and small engines (in trucks or for stations). Receipts should include member name and vehicle.
- Incentive payments, provided as cash or non-cash benefits, are allowable provided there is a detailed written policy approved by agency members and submitted to County.
- Information Technology – Servers, computers, peripherals, software, support and other services, paper, toner, tablets for trucks and Station, ISP expense, website hosting, email.
- Insurance – For Stations: Business protection insurance such as property, casualty, and liability for buildings, equipment and vehicles. For Members, Retirees, Honorary, Auxiliary,: VFIS-type insurance covering losses related to responses and service such as AD&D, loss of income, loss of personal equipment, POV deductibles, medical transport, etc. Health insurance and retirement benefits for members provided through appropriate policies are also allowable expenses. *Some of these items may be payable with 1% funds.
- Maintenance – Repairs and replacements for buildings, grounds, trucks, vehicles, equipment, PPE, IT.
- Meals – Food or meals for business, monthly, training, called, officers, special purpose, Chiefs Association, awards events, annual County event, Station events, and community outreach. *Some meals can also be paid with 1% funds.
- Medical equipment – Including AEDs, suction units, stethoscopes, O2 regulators, flashlights, pen lights, tourniquets, and other medical supplies.
- Mortgages, rents, and leases.
- Office, kitchen and janitorial supplies.
- Penalties for late filings, errors and omissions.
- Personal clothing and/or uniform items for station leadership and volunteers. *Some of these expenses can be paid with 1% funds.
- Physicals – Are provided by the County; stations **cannot** use County Funds for privately obtained physicals.

- Professional services – legal, accounting, tax, architectural advice and services, etc.
- Publications.
- Purchased professional services (ie bookkeeping, janitorial, exterminator, grounds care, etc.)
- Taxes, licenses, and governmental fees.
- Training. *Some of these expenses may be payable with 1% funds.
- Travel – Food, lodging, vehicle rental or mileage reimbursement, and other miscellaneous expenses for out-of-County training classes, trade shows, and conferences open to all members, and committees dealing with significant acquisitions such as trucks and buildings. *Some of these expenses may be payable with 1% funds.
- Utilities.

Non-Allowable Uses of Funds – Never Permitted:

- Alcoholic beverages of any type.
- Cash withdrawals.
- Donation of County funds.
- Food or meals for individuals outside of official group activities are not allowable.
- Fuel or reimbursement for personal vehicle expenses.
- Fundraising expenses.
- Purchases of products and services unrelated to fire or rescue activity.