



AGENDA

**Council Chambers
300 Wall Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644**

**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6 p.m.**

Citizens may access the meeting at the following YouTube address:
<https://www.youtube.com/@cityoffountaininn3536>

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognitions
 - a. Retirement of Jon Pittman, Fire Department
4. Introduce New Employees
 - a. Kerrigan Robertson, Records Technician
Joshua Beach, UPO
Braeden Cox, UPO
Hector Zapata, SRO
5. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may signup 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.
 - a. Marnie Schwartz-Hanley- Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce Update
6. Consent Agenda - There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.
 - a. Minutes from the regularly scheduled Council meeting on December 12, 2024
7. City Administrator's Report - Shawn M. Bell
 - a. Department Reports

Council may enter executive session to discuss any item on the agenda as permitted by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70.

8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Second and final reading of Ordinance PZ-2024-06 to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of the properties described in this ordinance.
9. New Business
 - a. Request for approval of the appointment for the Director of Community Relations, Amanda Benfield
10. Executive Session -After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.
 - a. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements relating to a franchise agreement.
11. Adjourn

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**MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor McLeer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The following members of City Council were in attendance: GP McLeer, Phil Clemmer, Mack Blackstone, John Don, and Joey Garrett.

2. Public Hearing

Property located on Diamond Tip Blvd, near Emanuel Sullivan. No one signed up to speak.

Mr. Riddle questioned if Council has the authority remove this deed restriction. Mayor McLeer clarified that Council is only holding the public hearing, not removing the restrictions.

a. Removal of GCRA Deed Restrictions on Greenville County Parcels: 0345000100606, 0345000100605, and 0345000100600

Resident Ashley Riddle spoke.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may signup 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.

No one signed up to speak.

5. Consent Agenda- There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, second by Councilman Garrett to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

a. Minutes from November 14, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting

6. City Administrator's Report- Shawn M. Bell

Mr. Bell covered the following items: praise for the Fire Department during the the Upstate Growers Market fire and thank you to City of Simpsonville, South Greenville and Mauldin for their assistance. Main Street Streetscape- Co Trans Co. opened bids for \$4.7 million to move forward with the project. The City will negotiate the contract and work through the details to keep things moving along. Christmas Inn our Town will continue through December 19th. Poston Courier Greenville, voted Fountain Inn the best holiday festival of 2024. Natural Gas Peak Prepay reset increased to \$.43 which is great news. Public Works was named the Sporting Grounds Field of the Year for Emanuel Sullivan Sports Complex. Recreation Department- Tackle Football all star will head to Rockhill this Saturday for the State Championship. 2024 Rudolph Run hosted 224 participants, \$2400 from the sponsors and \$4600 from participants. The Younts Center Christmas Carol is in it's final weekend.

a. Department Reports

7. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

8. New Business

a. Approval of the 2025 Council Meeting Schedule

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, second by Mayor Pro Tem Don to approve the 2025 Council Meeting Schedule.

The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

b. An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of the properties described in this ordinance.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Don, second by Councilman Blackstone to approve an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of the properties described in this ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

9. Executive Session -After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, second by Councilman Garrett to go into Executive Session.

The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer to come out Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Blackstone. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

After coming out of Executive Session, Council renewed the City Administrator's contract with the terms discussed. Motion made by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Don. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

- a. **Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees in the Administration, Judicial, Community Relations, Finance, Human Resources, Police, Fire, Public Works, Planning & Development, Recreation, and Natural Gas departments.**
- b. **The receipt of legal advice where the advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim—Greenville County tax bills.**

10. Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Garrett, second by Mayor Pro Tem Don to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Agenda Date: January 9, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Shawn M. Bell, ICMA-CM
City Administrator

Administration

- Woodside Streetscape
 - The only remaining item is the power meter installation
 - Waiting for the final inspection from SCDOT
- Woodside Connector
 - Waiting for the final inspection from SCDOT
- Main Street Streetscape
 - CoTransCo opened bids on December 11th
 - AOS Specialty Contractors had the lowest/most responsive bid (\$4,701,749)
 - A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for January, and mobilization is scheduled to begin in March

Community Relations

- Upcoming Events
 - A Royal Knight (Daddy-Daughter dance) on February 15th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Activities Center
 - 19th Annual Mac Arnold Cornbread & Collard Greens Blues Festival on April 12th from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 - Italian American Heritage Festival on April 26th from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- *Christmas Inn Our Town 2024*
 - Tree Lighting Ceremony – 3,900
 - 3,400 in 2023 (+14.7%)
 - Christmas Parade – 7,900
 - 9,000 in 2023 (-12.2%)
 - Holiday Carnival/Merry Market – 5,700
 - 4,300 in 2023 (+32.6%)
 - 118,600 downtown visits in December from 60,000 visitors
 - 107,300 downtown visits in December 2023 (+10.5%) from 62,000 visitors (-3.2%)
- Calendar Year 2024
 - 1,300,000 visits (+30%) from 205,100 visitors (-2.2%) with an average dwell time of 44 minutes (-50.6%)

Finance

- Calendar Year 2024
 - Invoices processed: 8,294
 - 7,345 in 2023 (+13%)
 - Checks and ACHs issued: 3,847
 - 3,416 in 2023 (+12.6)
 - Business licenses issued: 1,289
 - 1,118 in 2023 (+15.3%)

Fire

- Calendar year 2024
 - Total incidents (calls for service): 2,371
 - 2,508 in 2023 (-5.5%)

Human Resources

- Finance
 - Accounting Manager - One vacancy; offer extended
- Planning & Development
 - Code Enforcement Officer - One vacancy; applications under review
- Police
 - Patrol Officer - One vacancy; post-offer screenings in process
 - Animal Control - One vacancy; offer accepted, post-offer screenings in process
 - Community Police Officer - One vacancy; interviews and screenings in process
 - Dispatch - One vacancy; interviews and screenings in process
- Public Works
 - Public Works Director - One vacancy; executive search agency engaged
- Recreation
 - Recreation Coordinator - One vacancy; applications under review
 - Part-time positions - interviews in process

Judicial

- December 2024
 - 234 total cases
 - 64 criminal and 170 traffic
 - 175 pending cases
 - 29 cases disposed
- Calendar Year 2024
 - 2,243 total cases
 - 605 criminal and 1,638 traffic

- 61 jury trial cases cleared by plea or trial
- Jury trials:
 - Scheduled for January 27th - 31st
 - April 28th - May 2nd

Natural Gas

- Gas Supply
 - Deliveries for December 2024
 - Gas volume of 182,527 Dekatherms
 - Gas consumption for December 2024 was **11% higher** than December 2023 and **21% higher** than the December three-year average
 - All-time consumption high for December
 - Calendar Year 2024
 - 1,039,865 Dekatherms moved through our system
 - 985,871 in 2023 (**+5.5%**)
- Gas Prices/Rates
 - The price of natural gas for January 2025 settled at \$3.514 per Dekatherm, representing a **\$0.083 increase** from December's price
- Operations
 - December 2024 Key Indicators
 - 3,229 feet of new service lines (50) were installed
 - 1,581 feet of new main lines were installed
 - Calendar Year 2024 Key Indicators
 - New service lines: 40,137 feet (768) installed
 - 41,962 feet in 2023 (**-4.3%**)
 - New main lines: 109,509 feet installed
 - 77,706 feet in 2023 (**+40.9%**)
 - Average training hours per employee: 44 hours
 - New customers added: 768
 - 746 in 2023 (**+2.9%**)
 - Service orders: 6,623
 - 6,538 in 2023 (**+1.3%**)
 - Locate ticket requests: 13,588
 - 9,962 in 2023 (**+36.4%**)
 - Active customers at year-end: 12,478
 - 11,712 in 2023 (**+6.5%**)

Planning & Development

- Building & Codes
 - December 2024
 - 21 permits issued with a total valuation of \$5,641,612
 - 213 inspections
 - 10 residential plan reviews and one commercial plan review
 - 25 certificates of occupancy issued
 - Calendar Year 2024
 - 614 permits issued with a total valuation of \$136,996,207
 - 577 permits issued (+6.4%) with a total valuation of \$109,959,823 (+24.6%) in 2023
 - 5,854 inspections
 - 5,902 in 2023 (-0.8%)
 - 413 residential plan reviews and 54 commercial plan reviews
 - 605 residential plan reviews (-31.7%) and 80 commercial plan reviews in 2023 (-32.5%)
 - 479 certificates of occupancy issued
 - 402 in 2023 (+19.2%)

Police

- 2024 Annual Awards
 - Officer of the Year: Sean Jackson
 - Carlton Patrick Pope Excellence in Policing: Sgt. Ceara Austin
 - Dispatcher of the Year: Diana Gonzalez
 - Chief's Award: Mary Berry
- Citizen's Police Academy
 - February 26th through May 14th
 - Every Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Key Indicators for December 2024
 - 1,414 calls for service
 - 377 inbound 911 calls
 - 194 citations issued
 - 183 warnings issued
 - 45 collisions
- Key Indicators for Calendar Year 2024
 - Calls for service: 18,983
 - 16,404 in 2023 (+15.7%)
 - Inbound 911 calls: 3,213
 - 3,290 in 2023 (-2.3%)

- Citations issued: 1,784
 - 1,433 in 2023 (+24.5%)
- Warnings issued: 2,391
 - 2,130 in 2023 (+12.3%)
- Collisions: 408
 - 399 in 2023 (+2.3%)
- Violent Crimes: 21
 - 35 in 2023 (-40%)
- Property Crimes: 163
 - 169 in 2023 (-3.6%)
- Part-1 Crimes: 184
 - 204 in 2023 (-9.8%)

Recreation

- 12U Junior Fury Tackle Football All-Stars
 - SCRPA State, Upper State, Western District, and Golden Strip Champions - undefeated season!
- 2025 Registration Schedule
 - Baseball/Softball: January 6th - February 13th
 - Adult Co-Ed Softball: April 28th - May 29th
 - Football/Cheer: May 19th - July 7th
 - Volleyball: June 16th - July 21st
 - Fall Baseball/Softball: June 30th - August 1st
 - Basketball/Wrestling: September 29th - October 31st
- 2024 Participants
 - Volleyball: 108
 - 104 in 2023 (+3.8%)
 - Cheerleading: 45
 - 40 in 2023 (+12.5%)
 - Flag Football: 115
 - 130 in 2023 (-11.5%)
 - Spring Baseball/Softball: 660
 - 671 in 2023 (-1.6%)
 - Fall Baseball/Softball: 300
 - 414 in 2023 (-27.5%)
 - Tackle Football: 133
 - 125 in 2023 (+6.4%)
 - Basketball: 220
 - 246 in 2023 (-10.6%)
 - Wrestling: 65

- 63 in 2023 (+3.2%)
- Miracle League: 14
 - 22 in 2023 (-36.4%)
- Camps:
 - Volleyball: 45
 - Basketball: 40
 - Tennis: 20
- Rudolph Run at Night: 218
 - 175 in 2023 (+24.6%)
- 55+
 - 1,150 participants
 - 819 in 2023 (+40.4%)

Younts Center for Performing Arts

- Landslide: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac
 - January 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Assistant City Administrator – December 2024

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Main Street, Street Scape.** Bids were opened on December 11th. AOS Specialty Contractors and Sossamon Construction were the only two bidders. AOS Specialty submitted the low bid of \$4,701,749.15. We are coordinating a pre-construction conference in January 2025 with a mobilization in March 2025. We will start communications on the project as soon as we have firm dates.
- **Woodside Streetscape.** Power meter for streetlights will be installed, at the latest, January 7th. This project is complete, waiting on final inspection from SCDOT.
- **Woodside Connector.** This project is complete, waiting on final inspection from SCDOT.
- **Durbin Creek Sewer Rehabilitation.** 67,000 LF, 12 miles, of Sewer mains have been cleaned and CCTV inspected. Have completed 8,000 LF of scheduled 46,000 LF Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP) lining. Completed 64 of the schedule 71 point repairs. 0 of the 181 man holes have been repaired, contractor has mobilized and repairs will start soon.
- **Parking Lot Revitalization Project.** Have designs for Wall Street parking lot, new parking lot will add 4 ADA accessible spots and approximately 61 additional spots for the downtown area. Submitting DHEC permits and project will be ready for advertisement.
- **Stormwater Model.** The engineering team has completed the study and we are reviewing findings.
- **Municipal Complex.** Conducted programming for Finance, Police, Fire, Municipal Court, Human Resources, Community Relations, Planning and Development, Council and Administration. Will work through the programming data and develop the total square footage for the new municipal complex.
- **Fire Station #3.** Had meeting with design team December 4th, working on refining the programming phase and starting development of a floorplan.
- **Swamp Rabbit Trail Dam.** Have completed the surveying and initial plans for dam repair. Had meeting on December 3rd and discussed repair options with property owner, Engineers and staff. Next step is to obtain quotes on the needed repairs.

December 2024 Council Report

Downtown in December



Visits

#118.6K

Visitors

#59.9K

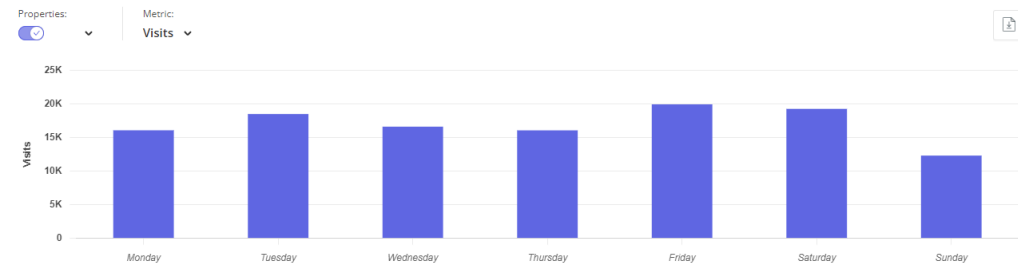
Visit Frequency

1.98

Visitor Information

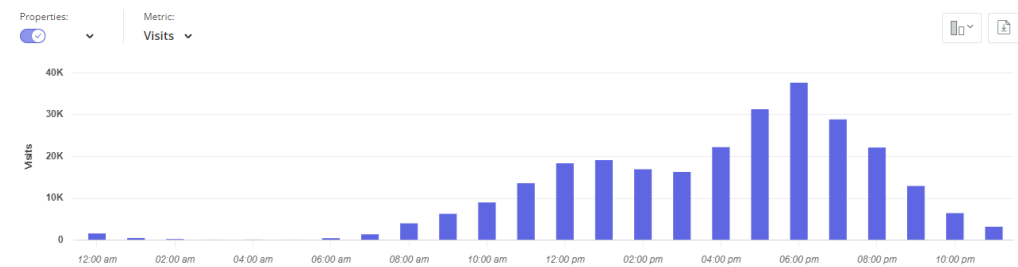
Daily Visits - December 2024

Daily Visits ?

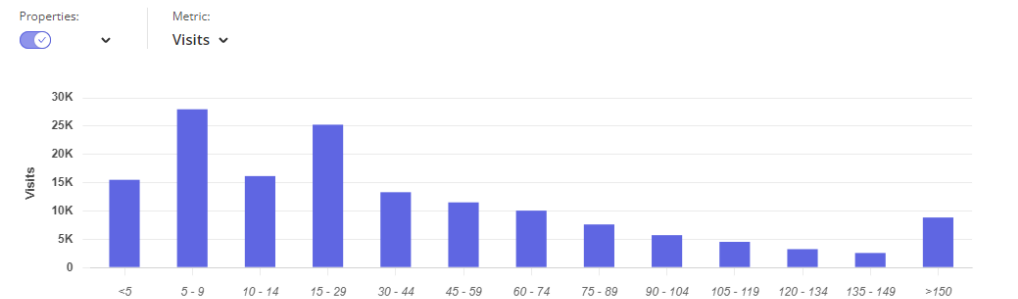


Hourly Visits - December 2024

Hourly Visits ?



Length of Stay - December 2024



Visit Trend - December 2024

Visits Trend ?



YTD - Downtown

Visits

#1.3M

Visitors

#205.1K

Average Dwell Time

44Min

Visit Frequency

6.25visits

2024 Christmas INN Our Town Event Attendance

12/3 Tree Lighting

#3.9K

12/4 Parade

#7.9K

12/7 Holiday Carnival

#5.7K

December 2024 Council Report

Website & Social Media

Web Visitors

Monthly	YTD
10,940 Total	56,389 Total
6,603 New	37,574 New

Top 10 Search Queries - December 2024

Organic Google Search query	Organic Google Search clicks	Organic Google Search impressions	Organic Google Search click through rate	Organic Google Search average position
Total	4,691 100% of total	25,767 100% of total	18.21% Avg 0%	16.67 100% of total
1 fountain inn	12	2,515	0.48%	8.48
2 fountain inn sc	6	2,182	0.27%	12.31
3 fountain inn christmas parade	648	953	68%	1.01
4 fountain inn carriage rides 2024	622	762	81.63%	1.02
5 fountain inn christmas parade 2024	191	559	34.17%	1.86
6 fountain inn carriage rides	458	552	82.97%	1.00
7 fountain inn south carolina	1	510	0.2%	11.27
8 fountain inn restaurants	1	490	0.2%	5.98
9 fountain inn christmas	233	289	80.62%	1.00
10 city of fountain inn	1	279	0.36%	9.15

Top 10 Pages - December 2024

Page path and screen class	Views	Active users	Views per active user	Average engagement time per active user	Event count All events
Total	23,181 100% of total	7,335 100% of total	3.16 Avg 0%	42s Avg 0%	55,186 100% of total
/christmas-inn-our-town	8,700	4,478	1.94	35s	22,273
/christmas-inn-our-town/carriage-rides	5,425	2,465	2.20	22s	14,644
/events-1	2,280	1,030	2.21	22s	4,057
/	1,934	972	1.99	20s	3,863
/christmas-inn-our-town/christmas-parade	965	583	1.66	16s	3,143
/christmas-inn-our-town/merry-market	622	246	2.53	19s	1,192
/things-to-do	620	246	2.52	26s	711
/christmas-inn-our-town/tree-lighting-ceremony	337	197	1.71	19s	952
/holiday-carnival	209	103	2.03	26s	338
/rain-cancellation	200	81	2.47	16s	273

User Acquisition - December 2024

First user prim...Channel Group)	Total users	New users	Returning users
Total	7,451 100% of total	6,077 100% of total	1,820 100% of total
Organic Search	5,458	4,526	1,422
Organic Social	801	649	97
Direct	714	528	179
Referral	497	356	120
Unassigned	21	18	2
Paid Social	2	0	0

Facebook

Monthly Views

#177.6K

Followers

#7.7K

Link Clicks

#1.8K

Interactions

#1.3K



Instagram

Views

#2.2K

Followers

#185

Reach

#714



FINANCE – ACCOUNTING DIVISION DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

Division Highlights

We are actively interviewing for the Accounting Manager position.

Annual Audit

Mauldin & Jenkins performed field work the week of December 16, 2024 and will be back the week of January 6, 2025. Primarily due to position vacancies throughout the year and the delay in completing the FY23 audit, there are a couple areas that still need to be finalized and tested. February 2024 and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) to report to council at the March meeting.

FY2025-2026 Budget

The FY2026 Budget timeline is being finalized and will be presented to department heads the week of January 13, 2025. Key dates are highlighted below.

December

- ✓ Department Heads meet with HR to prepare personnel budget requests and justifications

January

- ✓ Senior Staff Budget Module Training
- ✓ Finance completes FY25 normal operating expenditure estimates
- ✓ Finance completed FY26 revenue projections

February

- ✓ Budget requests, fee schedules and related worksheets are prepared and submitted to Finance by each department
- ✓ Finance prepares recommended operating budget for Administration review
- ✓ Meetings to discuss budgets occur between each Department Head, Finance Director, and Administrators

March

- ✓ Administrator notifies department heads of recommended budget
- ✓ Finance staff prepares budget book, fee schedules and ordinance

April

- ✓ Proposed budget document made available to elected officials
- ✓ Budget workshop sessions conducted to review all aspects of recommended budget
- ✓ Proposed budget made available to public

May

- ✓ Public Hearing and Work Session as needed
- ✓ First Reading of the budget

June

- ✓ FY2025-2026 Budget Adopted

Statistics

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable	2024	2023	Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal Year
Invoices Processed	8,294	7,345	3,778	3,901	8,417
Checks and ACHs Issued	3,847	3,416	1,778	1,651	3,720

Business License

Business Licenses	2024	2023	Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal Year
Total Business License Issued	1,289	1,118	278	222	1,174
Total Business License Revenue	\$1,637,382	\$1,522,785	\$257,061	\$225,637	\$1,605,958
Datamax – Collected Revenue	\$23,197*	\$27,911	\$4,983*	\$11,544*	\$29,759

*Does not include current month. Datamax revenue report not available until the 15th of every month

Hospitality

Hospitality Taxes	December	Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal YTD	Prior Fiscal Year
Total Companies/Food Trucks	52	53	54	63
Total Hospitality Tax Revenue	*\$70,526	*\$343,117	*\$300,091	\$676,435

*Revenue is collected in subsequent month. Revenue reported is for transactions through 11/30/2024.

FINANCE – UTILITY BILLING DIVISION

Service Lines	December	Fiscal YTD	2024	2023
New Service Line Applications	39	309	847	739
Service Lines Completed	49	357	786	745
Total Amount Billed	December	Fiscal YTD	2024	2023
Total Gas Billed	\$326,604	\$759,073	\$7,512,311*	\$5,569,352*
Aging 30 days	\$13,357	\$13,357	\$13,357	\$(60,589)
Aging 60 days	\$2,227	\$2,227	\$2,227	\$(150)
Aging 90 days	\$362	\$362	\$362	\$(194)
Aging 120+ days	\$360,238	\$360,238	\$360,238	\$356,270
New Applications	December	Fiscal YTD	2024	2023
New Customer Applications	147	1,114	1,688	1,688
Customer Service Statistics	December	Fiscal YTD	2024	2023
Incoming Phone Calls	1,134	7,589	17,616	20,058
Web Based Payments	7,869	45,040	87,383	68,943
ACH	1272	8,149	15,438	25,510
In House Payments	11,177	45,109	90,836	41,198

(-) A/R balances include unapplied overpayments for customers who take advantage of budget billing

* Total gas billed is not finalized until middle of subsequent month



City of Fountain Inn

Police Department *December 2024 Monthly Report/ 2024 Year-End Statistics*



Officer of the Year

Sean Jackson



Carlton Patrick Pope Excellence in Policing Award

Sgt. Ceara Austin



Dispatcher of the Year

Diana Gonzalez



Chief's Award

Mary Berry



Photo Credit: John Clayton (GoFountainInn.com)

FIPD Christmas Program for Kids





FIKE Center Visit



Stuffed Animal Donation



Officer Breazeale SCCJA Graduation



Swearing-In Ceremonies for Officer Breazeale and Officer Cox



February 26th thru May 14th

Each Wednesday from
6 pm to 8 pm

For More Information Contact:

Sgt. McBride at 864-531-0626



Violent Crime

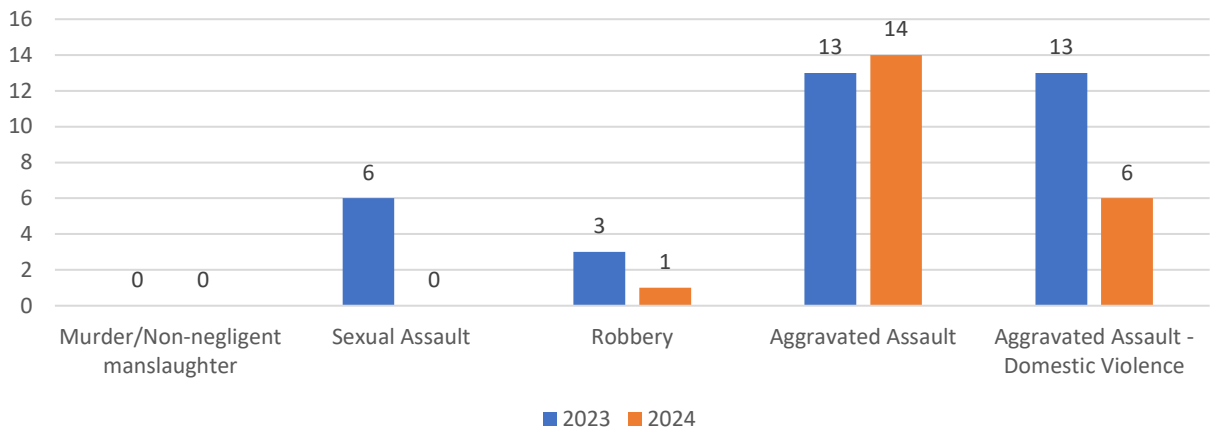
Crime Type	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Difference	2023	2024	% Change
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Sexual Assault	1	0	-1	6	0	-100%
Robbery	1	0	-1	3	1	-67%
Aggravated Assault	2	1	-1	13	14	8%
Aggravated Assault - Domestic Violence	1	1	0	13	6	-54%
Total Violent Crime	5	2	-3	35	21	-40%

Property Crime

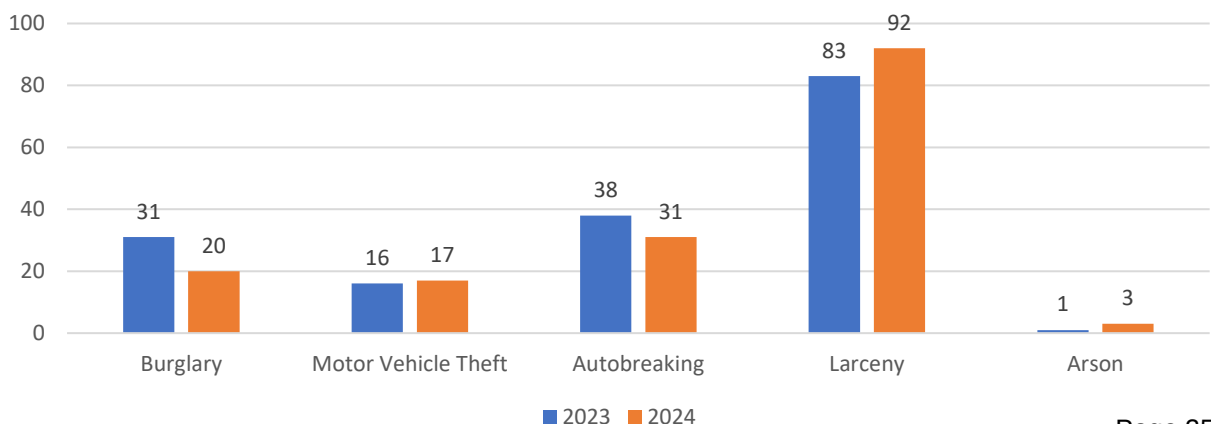
Crime Type	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Difference	2023	2024	% Change
Burglary	1	3	2	31	20	-35%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	1	-1	16	17	6%
Autobreaking	1	2	1	38	31	-18%
Larceny	7	6	-1	83	92	11%
Arson	0	0	0	1	3	200%
Total Property Crime	11	12	1	169	163	-4%
Total Part I Crime	16	14	-2	204	184	-10%

Unfounded Cases Removed / Source: Vconnect

Violent Crime - 2023/2024 Comparison



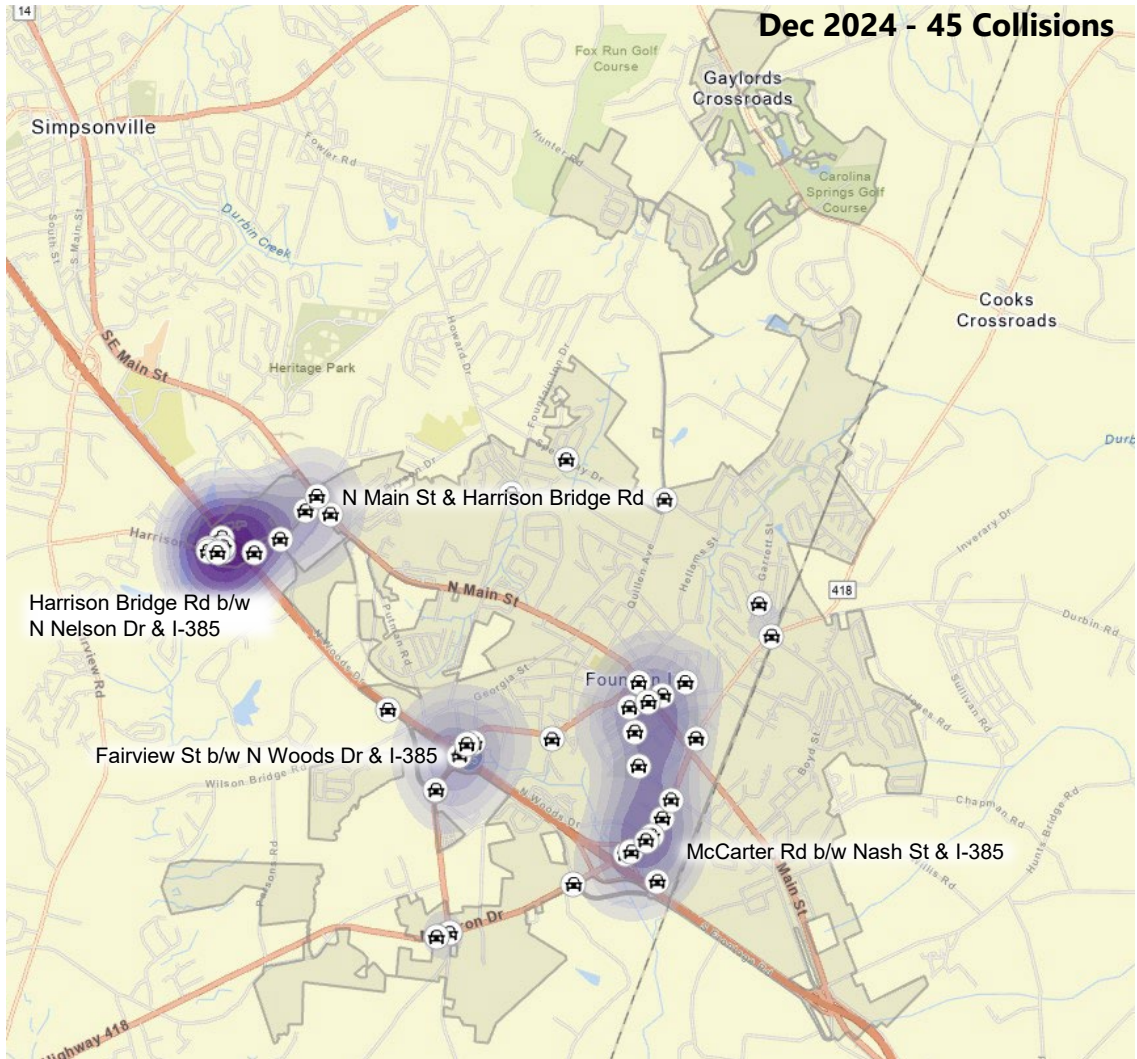
Property Crime - 2023/2024 Comparison



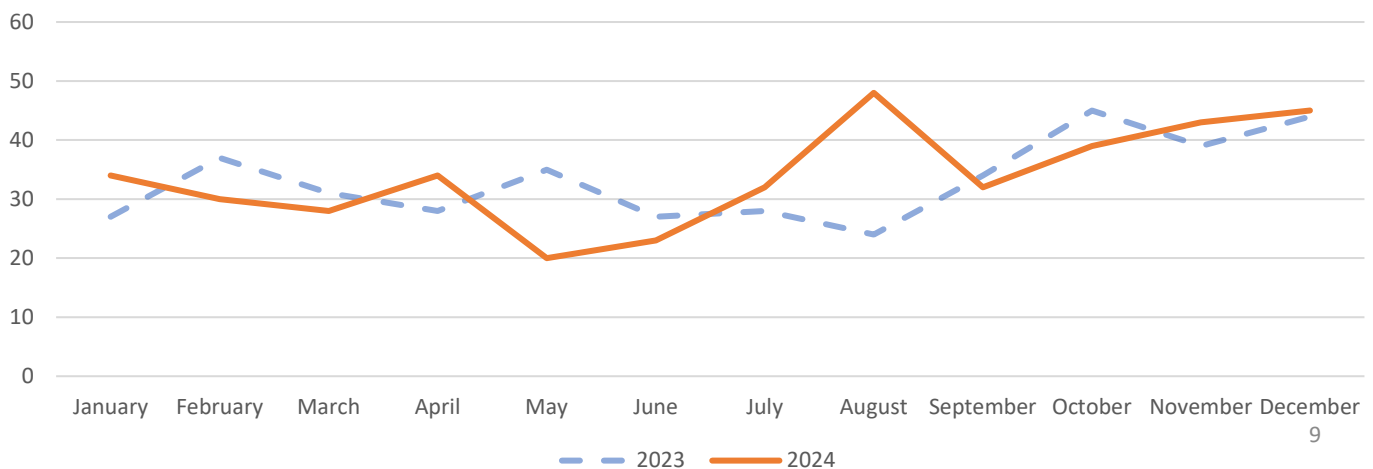


Collision Statistics/Map

Collisions	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Difference	2023	2024	% Change
Count	44	45	1	399	408	2%



Collisions by Month - 2023/2024





Collisions by Day of Week and Hour - December 2024								
Hour	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
12 AM	1		1					2
6 AM		1				1		2
7 AM				1	1			2
8 AM		1	1				1	3
9 AM				1			1	2
10 AM				1		4		5
11 AM	1		1					2
12 PM				2	1	1		4
1 PM			2				1	3
2 PM					1			1
3 PM				1		1		2
4 PM	1	1	1			1	1	5
5 PM			1			1		2
6 PM			1	1		2		4
7 PM				1	1	1	1	4
9 PM							1	1
10 PM			1					1
Grand Total	3	3	9	8	4	12	6	45

Hot Days for Collisions in December

Fridays – 12 collisions

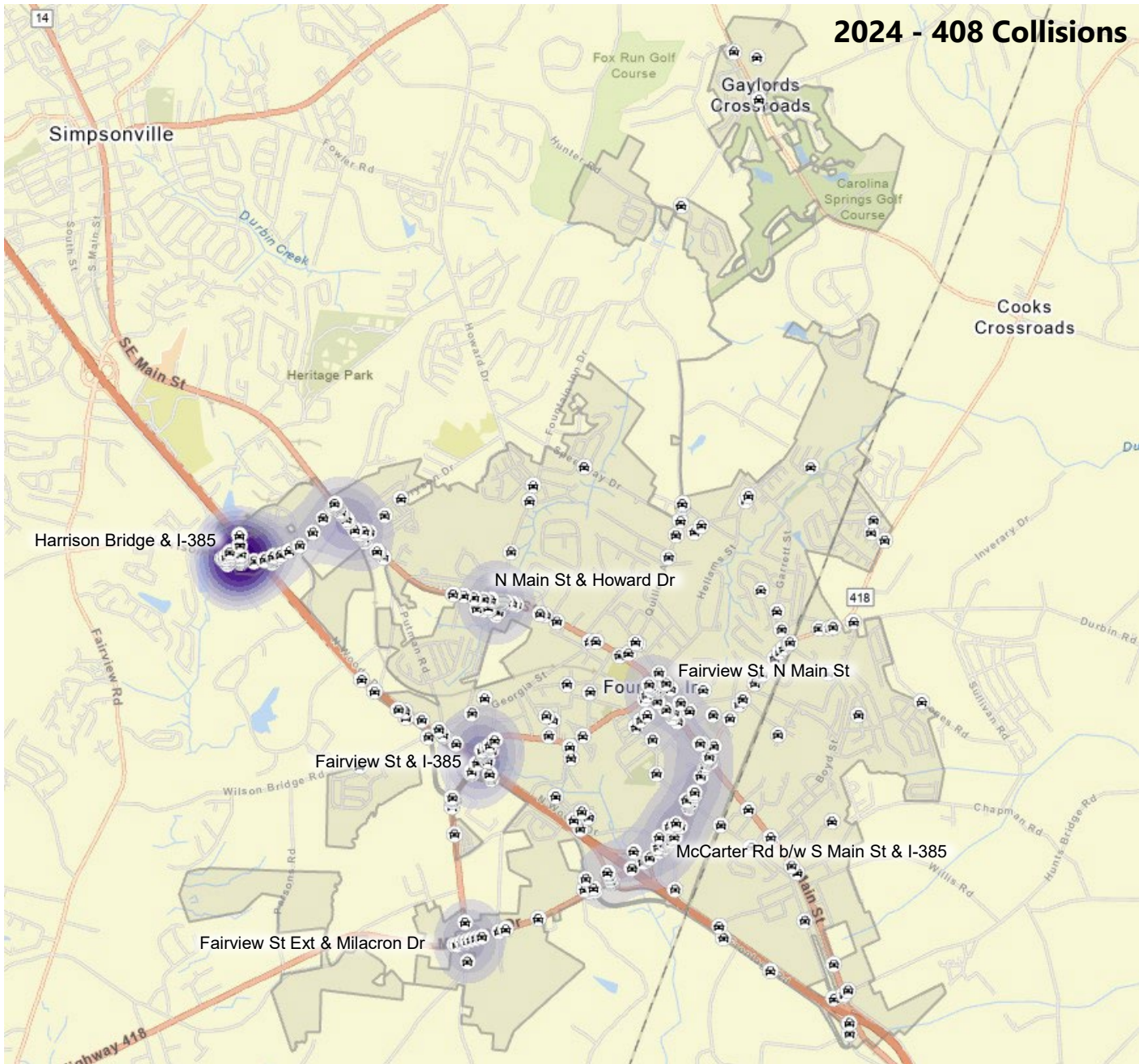
Hot Time Ranges for Collisions in 2024

1000-1059 – 5 collisions

1600-1659 – 5 collisions

Primary Contributing Factor	Count
Failed to Yield Right of Way	10
Followed Too Closely	10
Improper Lane Usage / Change	3
Disregarded Signs, Signals, Etc	2
Swerving to Avoid Object	1
Ran off Road	1
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	1
Other Improper Action	1
Distracted / Inattention	1
Steering	1
Unknown (driver)	1
Under the Influence	1
Wrong Side or Wrong Way	1
Other	1
Animal in Road	1
Made an Improper Turn	1
Grand Total	37

**Does not include 8 private property collisions*





2024 Collisions by Day of Week and Hour

Collisions by Day of Week and Hour - 2024								
Hour	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
0000-0059	1		2				2	5
0100-0159	1		2					3
0300-0359	1			1				2
0400-0459					2			2
0500-0559						1		1
0600-0659	1	3	3	1	2	2	1	13
0700-0759	1	6	2	12	7	2	2	32
0800-0859		4	6	4	3	4	2	23
0900-0959		4		4	3	2	2	15
1000-1059	3	4	1	2	4	8	1	23
1100-1159	1	1	7	1	3	2	6	21
1200-1259	3	4	7	6	4	9	8	41
1300-1359	3	4	4	2	5	1	4	23
1400-1459	2	4	6	8	3	3	3	29
1500-1559		3	1	5	5	3	2	19
1600-1659	3	3	6	9	11	5	3	40
1700-1759	3	5	9	6	9	6	2	40
1800-1859	2	2	4	4	3	5	3	23
1900-1959	3	1	2	5	1	3	2	17
2000-2059		3	3	4		2	2	14
2100-2159	1			1	3	3	1	9
2200-2259		1	2	1	4	2		10
2300-2359	2		2	1	1	1	1	8
Grand Total	31	52	69	77	73	64	47	413

Hot Days for Collisions in 2024

Wednesdays – 77 collisions

Thursdays – 73 collisions

Hot Time Ranges for Collisions in 2024

1200-1259 – 41 collisions

1600-1659 – 40 collisions

1700-1759 – 40 collisions



2024 Primary Contributing Factors

Primary Contributing Factor - 2024	Count
Failed to Yield Right of Way	100
Followed Too Closely	83
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	36
Disregarded Signs, Signals, Etc	27
Improper Lane Usage / Change	18
Distracted / Inattention	13
Other Improper Action	8
Unknown (driver)	8
Ran off Road	7
Made an Improper Turn	7
Animal in Road	5
Under the Influence	5
Other	4
Wrong Side or Wrong Way	3
Aggressive Operation of Vehicle	3
Obstruction	2
Tires / Wheel	2
Brakes	2
Truck Coupling	1
Glare	1
Over-correcting / Over-steering	1
Vision Obscured (Within Unit)	1
Steering	1
Exceeded Authorized Speed Limit	1
Swerving to Avoid Object	1
Medical Related	1
Grand Total	341

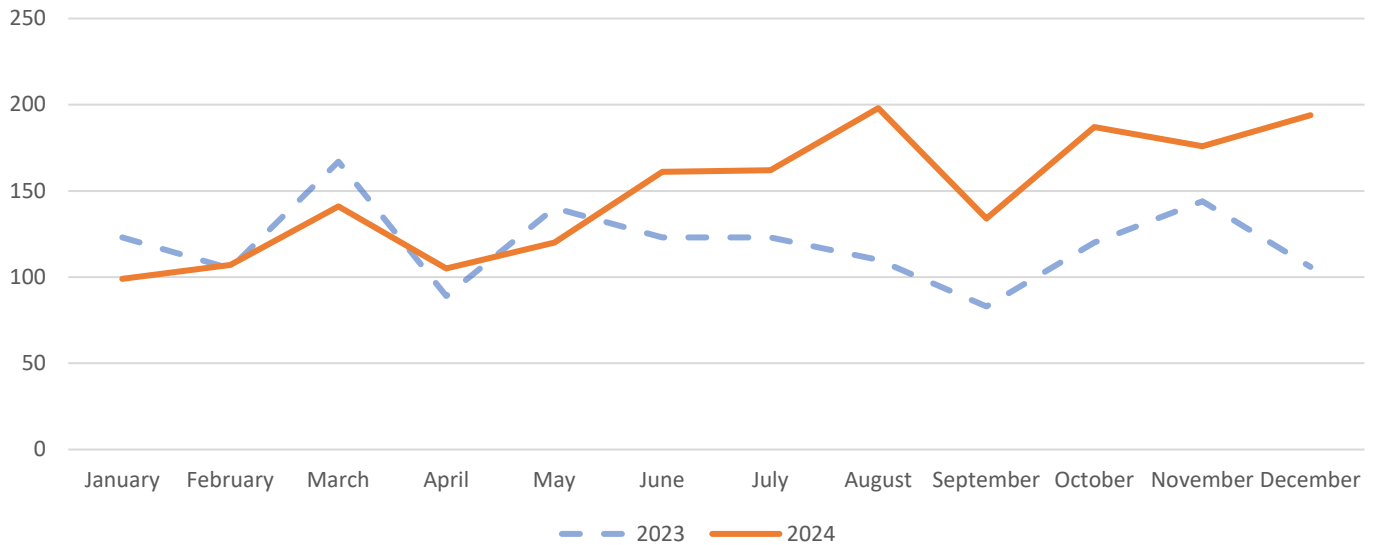
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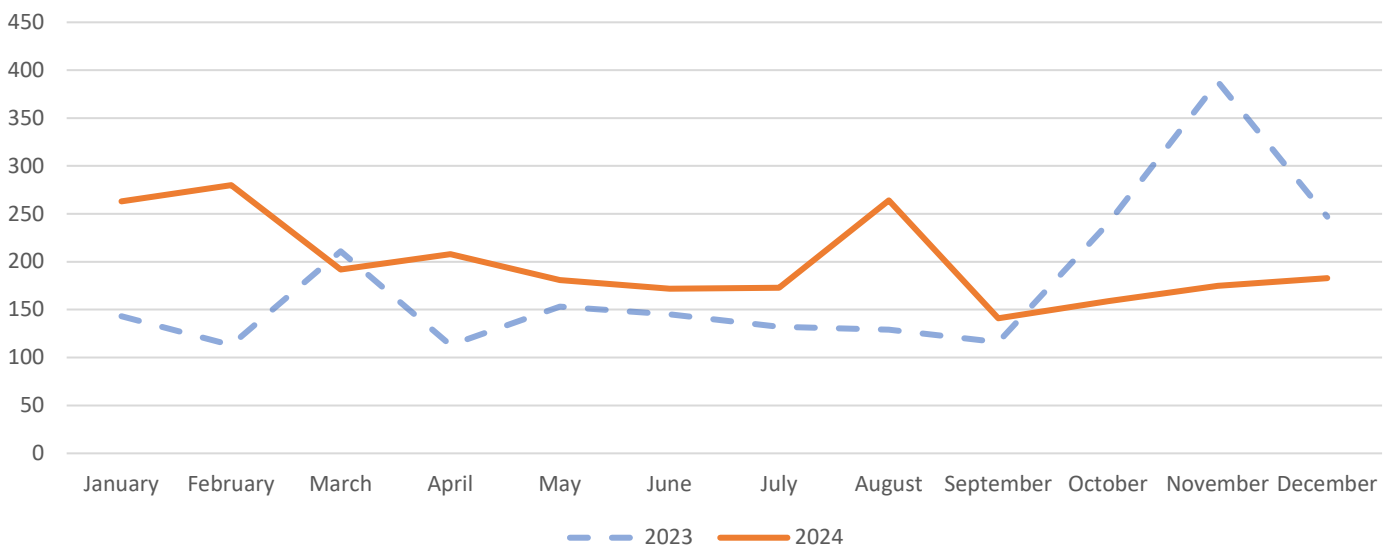
Citation/Warning Statistics

Contact Type	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Difference	2023	2024	% Change
Citations	106	194	88	1,433	1,784	24.5%
Warnings	247	183	-64	2,130	2,391	12.3%

Citations by Month - 2023/2024



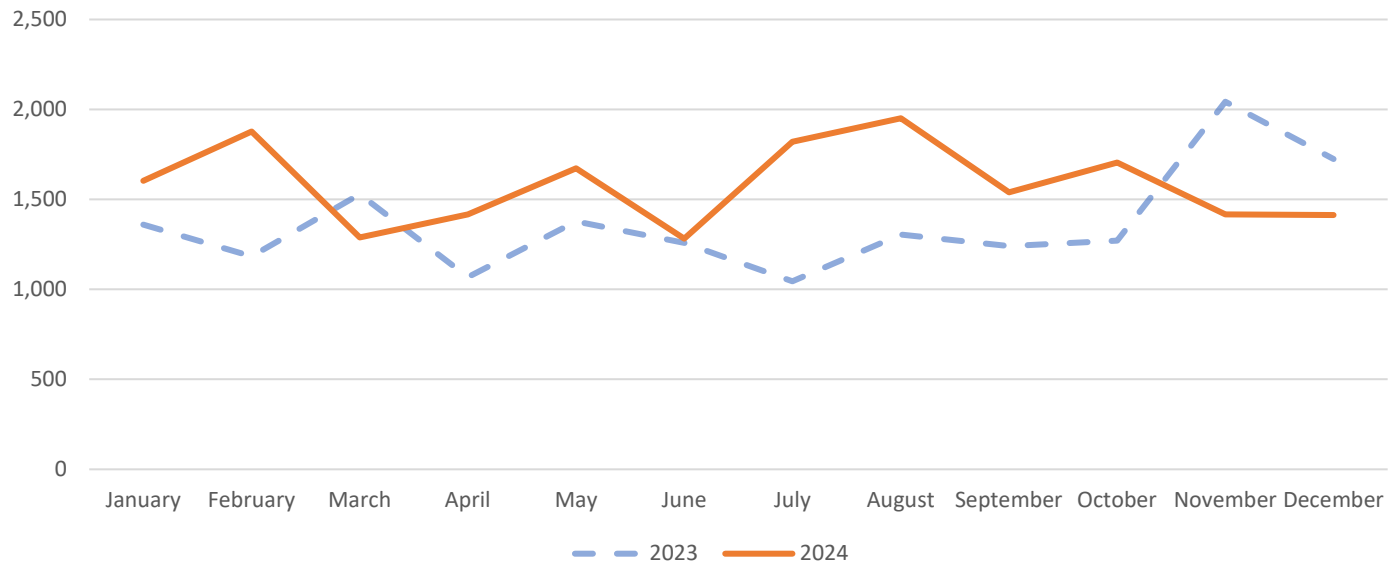
Warnings by Month - 2023/2024





Calls for Service Comparison					
Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Difference	2023	2024	% Change
1,725	1,414	-311	16,404	18,983	16%

Calls for Service by Month - 2023/2024



Communications Call Summary Report

December Call Summary				
Call Type		Dec 2023	Dec 2024	% Change
911	Inbound	302	377	24.8%
	Outbound	530	690	30.2%

Annual Call Summary 2024				
Call Type		2023	2024	% Change
911	Inbound	3,290	3,213	-2.3%
	Outbound	7,100	7,878	11.0%

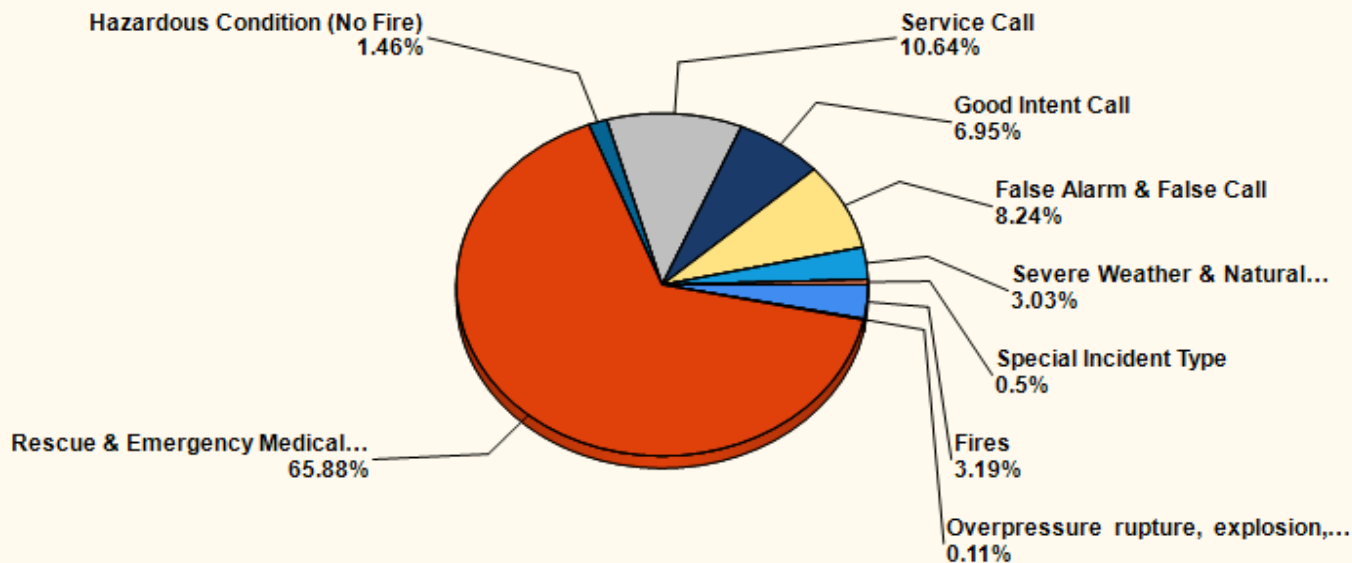
Fountain Inn Fire 2024 Review

- Updated Best Practices (Procedure & Guidelines): In 2024 our department executed a contract with Lexipol to assist in a new Best Practices program. By 2nd quarter 2025 all policies and guidelines should be updated.
- Community Risk Reduction / Code Enforcement: Hire a new Fire Marshal in a single job function to expand our Code Enforcement and Risk Reduction with a fresh look. Rolled out our Community Connect Program
- Structure (Additional Ranks): Created a Battalion Chief role after many conversations with staff and HR. Positions will post 1st quarter 2025
- Position Task Books, Promotions, Development & Training: Developed an Officer Development Task book to better prepare members for their next roll. The Driver/Operator will be completed soon.
- Improve Mobile Communication Equipment: Was able to purchase additional public safety grade radios.
- Replacement Engines: Signed contract for 2 new pumpers and continue to pursue the purchase of a used pumper as a reserve
- Focus on Professional Development
- Additional training program for all members (Starting this in Feb 2024)
- Implemented a new Record Management System
- Purchased new equipment to better our current operations and support new missions ahead.

**Report numbers are for January 2024 to September 2024. This is due to the new RMS. Calls for service during this time were 1785 with an additional 586 calls for October to December for a total of 2,371 calls for 2024. **

Fountain Inn Fire Department

Fountain Inn, SC



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	57	3.19%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	2	0.11%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1176	65.88%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	26	1.46%
Service Call	190	10.64%
Good Intent Call	124	6.95%
False Alarm & False Call	147	8.24%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	54	3.03%
Special Incident Type	9	0.5%
TOTAL	1785	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
100 - Fire, other	4
111 - Building fire	14
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	4
121 - Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1
122 - Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle	1
123 - Fire in portable building, fixed location	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	3
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	2
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	5
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2
143 - Grass fire	8
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	4
154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	4
162 - Outside equipment fire	1
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1
223 - Air or gas rupture of pressure or process vessel	1
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	710
320 - Emergency medical service, other	7
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	293
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	82
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	5
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	74
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	9
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
422 - Chemical spill or leak	2
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	2
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2
444 - Power line down	6
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
500 - Service Call, other	47
510 - Person in distress, other	4
520 - Water problem, other	3
521 - Water evacuation	1
522 - Water or steam leak	2
531 - Smoke or odor removal	5
541 - Animal problem	3
542 - Animal rescue	2
550 - Public service assistance, other	14
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	9
552 - Police matter	5
553 - Public service	40
554 - Assist invalid	28
561 - Unauthorized burning	11
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	16

600 - Good intent call, other	4
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	86
621 - Wrong location	1
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	23
631 - Authorized controlled burning	4
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	35
711 - Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	4
730 - System malfunction, other	3
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	13
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	14
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	3
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	7
742 - Extinguishing system activation	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	20
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	11
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	34
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1
813 - Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	53
900 - Special type of incident, other	5
911 - Citizen complaint	4
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	1785



Fountain Inn Fire Department

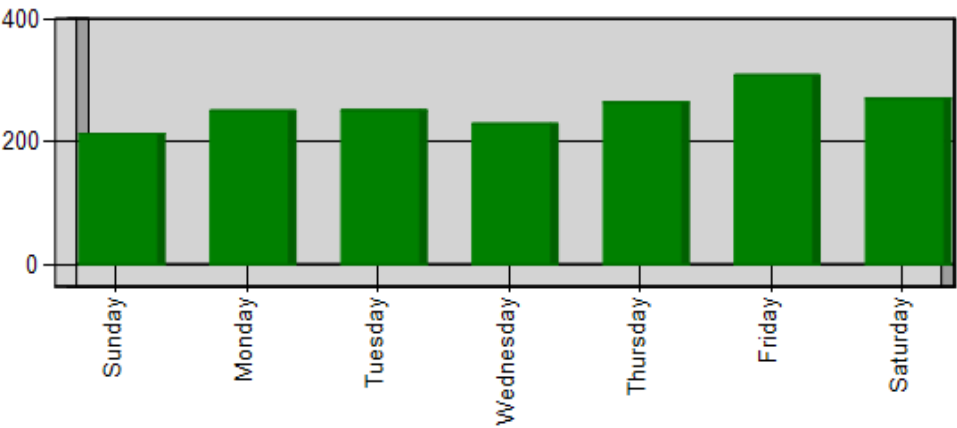
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Incident Count for Zone for Date Range
Zone: All Zones

ZONE	NUMBER OF CALLS
CBFD - Canebrake Fire Area	17
City Limits - City Limits	1315
CSFR - Clear Spring Fire Area	2
FF1 - HQ 1st Due	7
FF2 - Station 30 1st Due	4
GC - Greenville County	348
LC - Laurens County	75
SFD - Simpsonville FD Area	4
SGFD - South Greenville Fire Area	13
TOTAL:	1785

Fountain Inn Fire Department

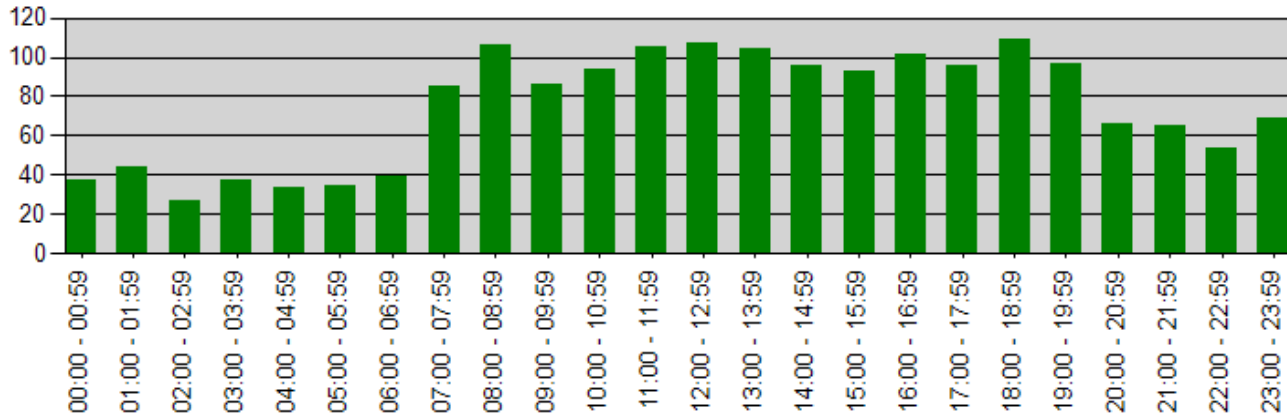
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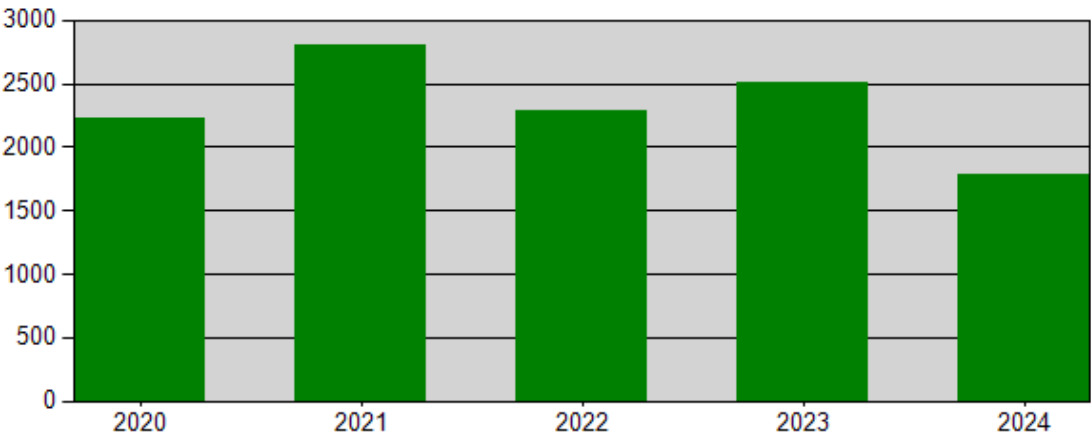
DAY OF THE WEEK	# INCIDENTS
Sunday	213
Monday	250
Tuesday	251
Wednesday	229
Thursday	264
Friday	308
Saturday	270
TOTAL	1785

Fountain Inn Fire Department

Fountain Inn, SC



Hour	# of CALLS
00:00 - 00:59	37
01:00 - 01:59	44
02:00 - 02:59	27
03:00 - 03:59	37
04:00 - 04:59	33
05:00 - 05:59	34
06:00 - 06:59	39
07:00 - 07:59	85
08:00 - 08:59	106
09:00 - 09:59	86
10:00 - 10:59	94
11:00 - 11:59	105
12:00 - 12:59	107
13:00 - 13:59	104
14:00 - 14:59	96
15:00 - 15:59	93
16:00 - 16:59	102
17:00 - 17:59	96
18:00 - 18:59	109
19:00 - 19:59	97
20:00 - 20:59	66
21:00 - 21:59	65
22:00 - 22:59	54
23:00 - 23:59	69



YEAR	INCIDENTS
2020	2222
2021	2802
2022	2292
2023	2508
2024	1785



City of Fountain Inn - Human Resources Monthly Report - December 2024

Home Department**	November Headcount	December Hires / Transfers In	December Terms	December Transfers Out	December Headcount	DIVERSITY					
						Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	White	Pacific Islander	One or More
000411 / Administration	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
000412 / Judicial	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	1	0
000413 / Council	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	7	0	0
000414 / Community Relations	5	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
000416 / Finance	10	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	7	0	0
000417 / Human Resources	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
000421 / Police	41	1	0	0	42	0	3	4	34	0	1
000422 / Fire	32	1	2	0	31	0	1	1	29	0	0
000424 / Public Works	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0
000425 / Planning & Development	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
000431 / Parks/Grounds Maintenance	7	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	6	0	0
000432 / Sanitation	10	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	6	0	0
000434 / Sewer	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
000451 / Recreation	42	0	12	0	30	0	9	1	20	0	0
000453 / Facilities Maintenance	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
000510 / Gas Field	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	1	17	0	0
Totals:	194	2	15	0	181	0	22	10	147	1	1

**Based on Home Departments / 451 December numbers reflect seasonal separations

FULL TIME 146 / PART TIME 35

Recruitment Status for Open Positions - AS OF 1/6/2025

416 Finance: Accounting Manager (1) Vacancy; offer extended
421 Police: Animal Control (1) Vacancy; offer accepted, post offer screenings
421 Police: Community Police Officer (1) Vacancy; interviews & screenings in process
421/422 Dispatch: Dispatcher (1) Vacancy; interviews & screenings in process
424 Public Works Director: (1) Vacancy; executive search agency engaged

425 P&D: Codes Enforcement Officer (1) Vacancy; applications under review
451 Recreation: Recreation Coordinator (1) Vacancy; applications under review
451 Recreation: Part Time & Officials - interviews in process

DECEMBER NEW HIRES

Department	Title
000421	Police Officer - Certified
000422	Part-Time Firefighter

Offers Accepted as of 1/6/2025

421 SRO - Started 1/2/25
510 GIS Technician - Starting 1/15/25
510 Gas Tech I - Started 1/6/25

JUDICIAL DIVISION DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

December Case Status

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	TOTALS
CASE TOTALS	64	170	234
TRANSFERRED CASES	15	15	30
DISPOSED CASES	1	28	29
PENDING CASES	48	127	175

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Current Projects:

- Jury trials scheduled for the week of January 27 through 31, 2025.
- Jury trials for the second quarter of 2025 scheduled for the week of April 28th through May 2nd, 2025.

2024 Highlights:

- **Total Cases:** **2,243**
 - **Criminal total:** **605**
 - **Traffic Total:** **1,638**
- Night and weekend Judge Rebecca Perkins hired for new position.
- Ministerial Recorder / Deputy Clerk of Court Kelly Santora completed all certifications and requirements to be certified as a municipal judge.
- Records retention project first phase completed.
- 61 Jury trial cases cleared by plea or trial.

Fountain Inn Natural Gas

GAS SUPPLY

Gas Volume and Consumption:

- **December Gas Volume:** 182,527 Dths (*All time consumption high for December*)
- **December Consumption:** 11% higher than December 2023 and 21% higher than the 3-year average for December.
- **Natural Gas Pricing:**
 - **January Gas Price:** \$3.514 per Dekatherm
 - **Change from December:** Increased by \$0.083 per Dekatherm.
 - Note: This price reflects the commodity cost only. The final "Cost of Gas" includes additional factors such as transportation which affect FING's monthly billing.

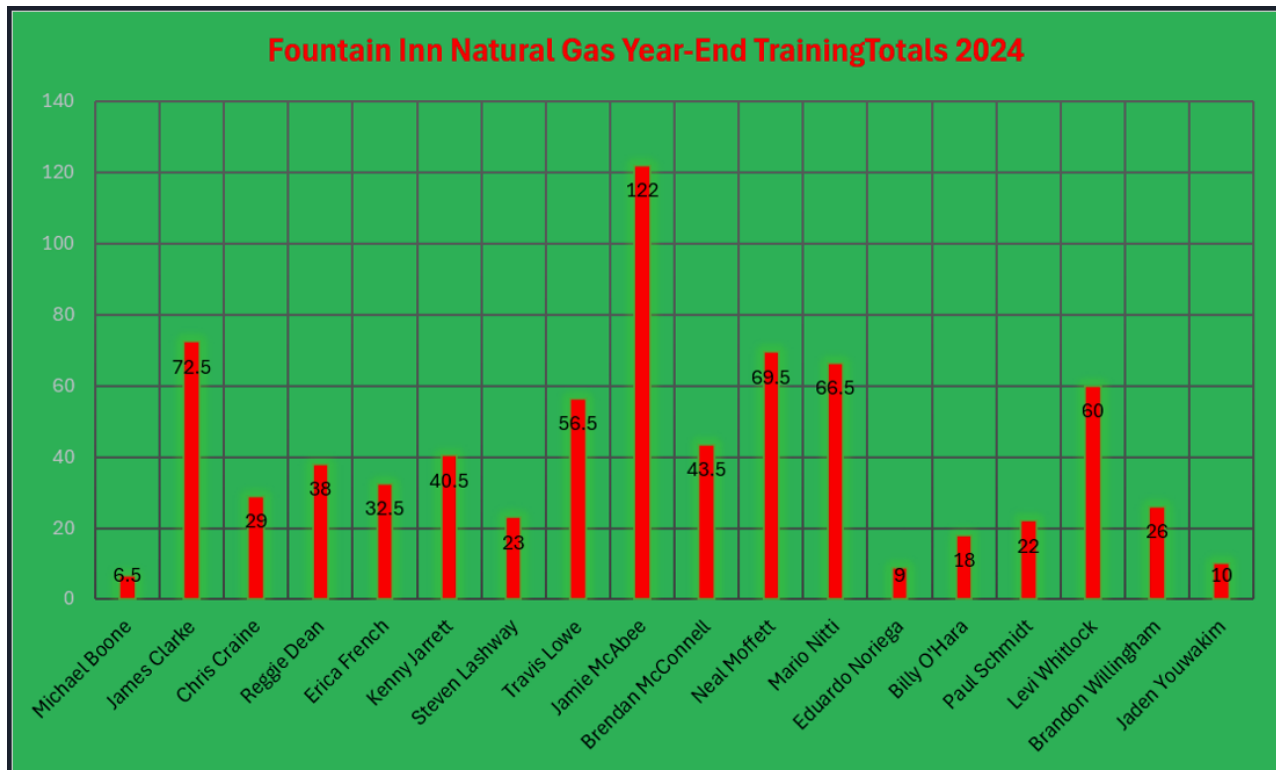
GAS OPERATIONS

- **Installation Pace:** We are installing gas mains and services at a record-setting pace, with no signs of slowing down. We currently serve **12,478 active customers**. See key indicators below.
- **Personnel:** With the recent hiring of Jacob Thomason, we are pleased to announce that the department is now fully staffed.
- **Williams/Transco City Gate:** The existing FING city gate, where we currently purchase our gas, is outdated and no longer sufficient to meet the demands of our significant growth over the past decade. Williams has formally requested our assistance with three key initiatives:
 - Expanding the capacity of the pipeline supplying gas to the FING city gate.
 - Replacing the existing metering station with a larger, more modern facility.
 - Transferring gas pressure control to FING.

This rebuild is a complex project that will require careful planning and a substantial financial investment from FING. We are currently evaluating the costs associated with this project and expect to have preliminary figures available in the coming weeks. The tentative schedule for the replacement of the station is spring/summer 2026.

KEY INDICATORS

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CURRENT	Y-T-D
NEW MAIN LINES INSTALLED	1,581 ft.	109,509 ft.
NEW SERVICE LINES INSTALLED	50 SL; 3,229 ft.	768 SL; 40,137 ft.
AVERAGE HOURS OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING		44 hours for 18 EEs



SC/NC RESIDENCIAL GAS RATES

- Below are the names and rates of other gas providers in the Carolinas for a comparison. Please note that every company has a completely different rate structure, fixed costs, and other factors that make it challenging to make an exact comparison.

SOUTH CAROLINA/NORTH CAROLINA GAS RATE COMPARISONS					
For December 2024 Gas Consumption					
COMPANY	SERVICE CLASS	METER CHARGE PER MONTH	AVEWRAGE RATE PER THERM	AVG. USAGE THERMS	TOTAL COST PER MONTH
CITY OF DANVILLE, VA	Residential	\$12.15	\$0.89312	125.00	\$123.79
GREER CPW, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$0.93700	125.00	\$127.13
FOUNTAIN INN, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$0.94140	125.00	\$127.68
FORT HILL NATURAL GAS, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.04000	125.00	\$140.00
LANCASTER COUNTY, SC	Residential	\$5.00	\$1.10000	125.00	\$142.50
CITY OF SHELBY, NC	Residential	\$8.50	\$1.07213	125.00	\$142.52
DOMINION, NC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.12739	125.00	\$150.92
PIEDMONT, SC	Residential	\$8.00	\$1.15083	125.00	\$151.85
CITY OF MONROE, NC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.13757	125.00	\$152.20
YORK NATURAL GAS, SC	Residential	\$9.25	\$1.15005	125.00	\$153.01
PIEDMONT, NC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.77549	125.00	\$140.00
CITY OF ORANGEBURG, SC	Residential	\$11.50	\$1.19881	125.00	\$161.35
CHESTER COUNTY, SC	Residential	\$6.50	\$1.31012	125.00	\$170.27
GREENVILLE UTILITIES, NC	Residential	\$14.00	\$1.47250	125.00	\$198.06
DOMINION, SC	Residential	\$10.90	\$1.60353	125.00	\$211.34
GREENWOOD CPW, SC	Residential	\$10.00	n/a		
CLINTON-NEWBERRY, SC	Residential	\$12.15	n/a		
LAURENCE CPW	Residential	\$10.00	n/a		
CITY OF LEXINGTON, NC	Residential	\$10.00	n/a		
PUBLIC SERVICE OF NC	Residential	\$10.00	n/a		

2024 DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- No vehicle accidents.
- Our annual pipeline leak survey was completed. Out contractor surveyed approximately 120 miles of gas main lines and 4,000 service lines, only 2 reportable leaks were found; we considered this result a very successful leak survey, and reinforces the fact that FING operates a very safe system.
- Had a successful audit of FING's Drug and Alcohol Prevention plan.
- Our phone safety survey was completed; 14,600 calls will be made.
- BP Energy won FING's asset management contract for a period of 3 years.
- As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance customer service and streamline our processes, we consolidated our three separate meter reading cycles into one monthly cycle.
- Improved FING's electronic gas bill for those who choose to receive their gas bills by email. The new format is visually appealing and easier to read.
- FING's original PEAK prepay discount of \$0.25/Dth, established on June 1, 2018. The discount has been increased to \$0.43/Dth, effective until June 30, 2032.
- Average of 44 hours of training for 18 staff members.

PLANNING & ZONING

Boards & Commissions

Planning Commission (December 19th)

- PZ-2024-02
 - Request: Sign approval
 - TMS: 0352000400501
 - Location: 400 N Main St.
 - Current Zoning: O-D (Office District)
 - Vote: 6-0, approved

Board of Zoning Appeals (December 10th)

- Appeal-2024-01
 - Request: Appeal of an administrative decision
 - TMS: 0352000400501
 - Location: 400 N Main Street
 - Current Zoning: O-D (Office District)
 - Vote: 5-0, not approved

2024 Summary

Subdivisions Approved in 2024

- Fountainside Trail
 - 162 single-family attached
- The Hamptons
 - 166 single-family detached
- Hinson Farm
 - 213 single-family detached
 - 53 single-family attached

Commercial/Industrial Approved in 2024

- Chick-fil-a
- Fountain Inn High School Expansion
- Fuyao Glass Expansion
- OPI Catalyst Expansion
- Ortho Smiles
- Sherwin Williams
- Sentry Construction
- Wendy's

BUILDING AND CODES

INSPECTIONS	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER	END OF YEAR
ALL CONSTRUCTION	213	268	5,854
REINSPECTIONS	0	10	63
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	213	268	5,854
PERMITS ISSUED	21	31	614
SUBMITTED PERMITS	32	27	666
NEW SINGLE FAMILY	12	8	405
NEW MULTI-FAMILY (UNITS)	0	0	1
NEW COMMERCIAL	0	0	3
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-ISSUED	25	49	479
REMODEL/ADD. RESIDENTIAL	2	3	37
REMODEL/ADD. COMMERCIAL	0	2	29
SIGN/ROOFING/SOLAR/MISC TRADE	18	14	190
COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEWS	1	3	54
RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEWS	10	13	413

CODE COMPLIANCE

BUILDING CODE COMPLAINTS	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER	END OF YEAR
VEHICLES/OTHER	2	3	49
BUILDING – UNSAFE CONDITIONS	0	0	10
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	0	0	70
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	2	3	129

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL STATISTICS	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER	END OF YEAR
TOTAL VALUATION	\$5,641,612	\$5,490,557	\$136,996,207
TOTAL PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$12,892	\$15,319.50	\$519,380.40
TOTAL PLAN REVIEW REVENUE	\$5,920	\$6,775	\$246,985

Parks & Recreation – 2024 YEAR END DEPARTMENT SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

Staffing – We remain committed to hiring an additional Recreation Coordinator and Recreational Support Staff to meet the needs of community, sports and rental needs.

Current Staff– Recreation Director, James Rice

1. Activities Center Supervisor-Heather Johnson
2. Senior Activities Assistant-Sue Grubbs
3. Customer Service Coordinator -Beth Anne
4. Recreation Supervisor-Myles Prosser
5. Recreation Coordinator-Christopher Moore

Recreation Staff

1. **Current Recreation Support Staff** (Harold Chapman, Taya Steele, Lucky Murray, Fred Pyles, Piper Atkins, Michael Barber, Hannah Bomar, Kamryn Rector, Ra'Mel Redmond, Ann Jackson-Jeffcoat & Calli Burnside)

Special Event

Rudolph Run at Night-12-7-24.

The 2024 Annual Rudolph Run at Night 5K and Kids Fun Run was a resounding success, drawing nearly 50% more participants than the previous year (175-218). 2024 title sponsor for this year's race was Ryan Homes. Additional sponsors include Burdette's Hardware, Upstate His Radio, Big Dan's Car Wash, Bill Stewart Homes / ReMax, McCraw Veterinary Medicine, and The Mill at Fountain Inn. We had a successful partnership once again with Upstate Race Series for this year's race on December 7th. Registrations totaled 218 runners (up from 175 last year) totaling \$6,043.20. The cost of service was \$ 1,440.50 and we received a check for \$ 4,602.70. Proceeds benefit the Miriam Foundation and the FIKE Center.

Sports Updates

City of Fountain Inn 12U Fury Football team finished the season Undefeated!!

- 2024 Fountain Inn Fury 12U SCRPA State Champions
- 2024 Fountain Inn Fury 12U SCRPA Upper State Champions
- 2024 Fountain Inn Fury 12U SCRPA Western District Champions
- 2024 Fountain Inn Fury 12U Golden Strip Champions

Head Coach: Mike Criswell

Assistant Head Coach: Fred Pyles

Assistant Coach: Mark Lollis

Assistant Coach: Michael Taibbi



2024 Year End Sports Report

- **K5-12th Grade Volleyball Camp-** 2024 Volleyball Camp (45)
- **F.I. Basketball Camp-** 2024 (40)
- **F.I Tennis Camp-** 2024 (20)
- **K5-12th Grade Volleyball- 2023-** (104) / 2024- Participants
- **Cheerleading- 1st-7th Grade-**2023-(40) / 2024- (45) participants
- **K5-12th Grade Flag Football- 2023-** (130) / 2024- (115) participants
- **K4-14yrs -Spring Baseball/Softball- (2023-671 participants)-2024-660 participants)**
(T-Ball, 6U Coaches Pitch Girls & Boys, 8U Coaches Pitch Girls & Boys, 10U Kids Pitch Girls & Boys, Girls 13U Kids Pitch, & Boys 14U Kids Pitch) * Higher participation numbers in younger age groups for 6U and 8U baseball. Potential to keep those players and coaches engaged with FI Rec through consistent, detailed, and efficient programming in 2025. Softball has plenty of room to grow and is supported by great field conditions and facilities. 2025 will offer T-Ball, 6U, 8U, 10U, 13U, and 15U for baseball and softball to align with other Golden Strip Updates.
- **K4-14yrs -Fall Baseball/Softball- (2023-414 participants) (2024-300 participants)**
(8U Coaches Pitch Girls & Boys, 10U Kids Pitch Girls & Boys, Girls 13U Kids Pitch, & Boys 14U Kids Pitch)
- **Tackle Football- 8U, 10U, & 12U- 2023-** (125) / 2024 – (133) participants
- **K5-12th Grade Basketball- 2023-** (246) / 2024- (220) participants **(Season Starts Tonight Monday, January 6th, 2025)**
- **Wrestling 1st-6th Grade-** 2023- (63) / 2024- (65) participants About 50% of participants are 9 years old or younger setting the program up for great future success. One match scheduled for January 29th, 2025, at Greer High School, alongside the high school varsity wrestling match. All other meets are held at FIHS.
- **Miracle League-** 2023-(22) / 2024-(14) participants

2025 Registration Schedule

- 1/6 – 2/13: Baseball / Softball
- 4/28 – 5/29: Adult Co-Ed Softball
- 5/19 – 7/7: Football / Cheer
- 6/16 – 7/21: Volleyball
- 6/30 – 8/1: Fall Baseball / Softball
- 9/29 – 10/31: Basketball / Wrestling

National Parks and Recreation Month

The community enjoyed many fun activities as we celebrated Parks and Rec Month in July. Outdoor fitness classes were held under The Pavilion at Commerce Park. A party at the Splash Pad was a big hit, with music, dancing, and popsicles for everyone.

We held a Parks Scavenger hunt, posting photos of various objects in our community parks on Facebook and awarding prizes to the first person to get the location correct. The celebration finished with a Community Fun Day at Emanuel Sullivan Sports Complex, inviting all residents to come out to the park and play. Games were set up around the park, with snacks and drinks provided.

55+ Program

Enrollment continues to climb, mirroring the growth in the area. Current registration is 1,150 participants (up from 819 in December 2023). The Program proudly celebrated its 1,000th member, Ms. Ada Pinson, in July.

Events

Bingo is the most popular event for the Seniors, occurring once a month and regularly seeing over 100 participants. Quilting and Knitting groups meet once a month. A Sip and Paint party was held in March. Interest was shown in having a painting group at The Center and in July, a Painting & Crafting class was added that meets every Friday. A class on Nutrition meets once a month and a Diabetes Support Group with Prisma Health meets every other month.

Tea Parties are another popular event. This year, The Center hosted a Valentine's Tea and an End of Summer Tea. Both events were at maximum capacity of 70 guests. The Fountain Inn Garden Club were the guest speakers at the Summer Tea, giving helpful gardening tips and demonstrations.



Travel

The big trip of the year, with 52 participants, took us to Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens in Columbia, followed by dinner at the Blue Ocean in Clinton. These yearly trips are a big hit with our Seniors, and they are always appreciative and grateful to the City for making these possible. A smaller trip (13) was taken in October to Justus Orchard in Hendersonville with lunch at A Day in the Country. Other popular local trips were taken throughout the year for the 55+ Night Out program.

These included Bridgeway Station, The Mill at Fountain Inn, VooDoo Brewery, Fountain Inn Museum, and carriage rides through Inn Circle to end the year.



Fall “Inn” to Fitness

We launched a new fitness program this year, encouraging people to utilize the outdoor spaces in our Community. Outdoor fitness classes included an aerobics class under The Pavilion at Commerce Park, a yoga class on the patio at the Activities Center, and a scavenger hunt down Main Street to find the stagecoaches. The program concluded with our 2nd annual Turkey Trot, utilizing the newly refurbished trail behind the ESSC park.



Veterans Day

With approximately 200 guests, the Veterans Day Ceremony was a success. Guest speakers this year were Jim Kvam and Representative Mark Willis. Nimble Thimbles supplied quilts to the Upstate Quilts of Valor, who wrapped 5 of our local veterans. A BBQ lunch provided by Big D’s Catering and dessert provided by The Mill at Fountain Inn were enjoyed while patriotic selections were played by The Upstate Senior Band.

1/9 - Nutrition Class - Topic: "Blood Health"

1/14 - Bingo - sponsored this month by Wren Hospice

1/21 - Birthday Celebration - sponsored this month by

1/23 - Lunch & Learn with Lincoln Heritage

1/28 - Diabetes Support Group - Topic: "Practical Strength" with speaker Camden Bryan from
Clemson Health Extension



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 FOUNTAIN INN est 1886	REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina To: Mayor and Members of City Council From: Shawn M. Bell, City Administrator	January 09, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting
☐ Ordinance/First Reading ☒ Ordinance/Second Reading ☐ Resolution/First & Final Reading		
Agenda Date Requested: January 09, 2025 Summary Background: The applicant has requested to rezone the parcels from C-2, Residential to FRD, Flexible Review District. The primary intent of the applicants for requesting this zoning change is to qualify 300 Jones St. for eligibility for tax credits pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act, Section 12-65-10, et. seq., S.C. Code Ann. Impact If Denied: The property for the proposed hotel cannot qualify for tax credits using the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act. Impact If Approved: The property for the proposed hotel will qualify for tax credits using the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act.		

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF
FOUNTAIN INN, SAID AMENDMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES
DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fountain Inn received a petition for re-zoning of the real property described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain Inn Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the re-zoning petition and after duly considered same and the receiving a staff report voted to recommend the approval of the re-zoning request from C-2 Commercial to FRD: Flexible Review District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina:

SECTION 1: That the real property referred to herein is described fully in Docket Number PZ-2024-06 containing approximately 3.1 acres, Greenville County Tax Map numbers 0346000200400 & 0346000200300, located at 100 Ellison Street and 300 Jones Street in the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina and more fully described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. The Property is hereby rezoned from C-2 Commercial, to FRD: Flexible Review District.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective upon second and final reading by the City Council.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 09. 2025.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

George Patrick McLeer, Jr., Mayor

[CITY SEAL]

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Adams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael E. Kozlarek, Esq.
King Kozlarek Law LLC

First Reading: December 12, 2024
Second Reading / Final Approval: January 09, 2025

EXHIBIT A



Baker Commercial Properties, LLC
1400 Pickens Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

Jason Knudsen
City of Fountain Inn
200 N. Main St.
Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Re: FRD application from Baker Commercial Properties, LLC to rezone parcels 0346000200400 and 0346000200300.

AMENDED 12/12/2024

Dear Mr. Knudsen:

Please accept this submission as our application and request that the City review the items listed below pertaining to the rezoning of property owned by The Mill at Fountain Inn, LLC, located at 100 Ellison Street, Parcel Number 0346000200300 (the “Flour Mill”) and property owned by Baker Commercial Properties, LLC located at 300 Jones Street, Parcel Number 0346000200400 (the “Hotel Site”) (collectively, the “Project”). We request that the Planning Commission review, accept and recommend to City Council that the Project be rezoned to Flexible Review District (“FRD”), and the plans, drawings, descriptions and information delivered to you be accepted as complying with the Section 5:9.4 and all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance adopted by the City Council of Fountain Inn on February 3, 1970, as the same is amended from time to time.

Statement of Intent

In recent years, Fountain Inn has experienced significant growth, with increasing housing, commercial, and industrial opportunities. Fountain Inn’s historic Main Street and Central Business District has served as the focal point for the city’s renaissance, with numerous new residential developments, successful restaurants, markets, and special events showcasing the best of what the city has to offer residents and visitors.

To support this increased activity, there is demand for a hotel to offer lodging options to visitors traveling to Fountain Inn for work, family, or leisure. Currently, there are no hotels operating inside the Fountain Inn city limits. The nearest hotel to the City is located in Simpsonville, and the vast majority of hotels are concentrated in the northern part of Greenville County.

The primary intent of the applicants for requesting this zoning change is to qualify the Hotel Site for eligibility for tax credits pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act, Section 12-65-10, et. seq., S.C. Code Ann. The Flour Mill and adjacent properties along Ellison Street were once owned by Woodside Mills, and we seek this rezoning to

unify the Flour Mill and Hotel Site as a singular Project. These tax credits will significantly defray the expenses of developing and constructing the Hotel Site and are an integral component in making any such hotel economically viable.

The purpose of the FRD outlined in Section 5:9.4 of the Zoning Ordinance is to permit development that otherwise cannot be achieved through traditional zoning regulation. However, it is worth noting that both the Flour Mill and Hotel Site are currently zoned C-2, and the FRD designation being proposed herein does not materially change any proposed or surrounding land uses. Further, construction at the Flour Mill is already complete consistent with the provisions of C-2, so the FRD will not materially deviate from the parameters currently governing the parcels. The applicant is willing to further restrict the allowable use of the Hotel Site to hotel and customary and ancillary uses related to the operation of a hotel.

Our Conceptual Site Plan is attached as Exhibit A to this application. The combined Project will be 3.1 acres, though separated by the right of way of Ellison Street.

In conjunction with the City, we will install pedestrian sidewalks along the Jones, Ellison, and Wall Street rights-of-way to create a walkable block that encourages pedestrian traffic to and from Main Street and the rest of the Central Business District and create opportunities for future connectivity along Wall Street. We will further design the landscaping and lighting of the Hotel Site to create consistency with the Flour Mill, and the two parcels will coordinate their parking requirements to accommodate patrons of both the Hotel Site and Flour Mill.

Additionally, the current zoning currently does not allow for a dumpster to be located on the Hotel Site due to its unique characteristics of bordering public rights-of-way on three sides. After careful consideration and consultation with City staff, we believe the dumpster location currently shown on the plans is the most logical, minimizing to the best of our abilities unattractive sight lines from public streets and is compatible with the downtown character of the surrounding land uses. The FRD will allow for this technical change to receive staff approval without additional requirements.

Upon completion, the Hotel Site will feature a nationally-branded 109-room hotel, totaling 66,000 square feet± with 111 parking spaces. The Flour Mill currently features a 5,000 square foot brewpub, with an additional 6,000sf food hall and 2,481sf of event space with 50 total off-street parking spaces. Though final parking counts may vary, the off-street parking provided is sufficient to meet peak demand within the Project and can be shared between the various uses. Setbacks, buffers, and other requirements for the Hotel Site and Flour Mill will continue to adhere to the parameters of the C-2 designation.



AGENDA

January 09, 2025

To: City Council
From: Planning Director, Jason Knudsen
Subject: PZ-2024-06, Proposed Rezoning of 300 Jones St
Meeting Date: January 09, 2025
Type of Agenda Item: Rezoning, 2nd Reading
Attachments: Proposed Statement of Intent

OWNER: Baker Commercial Properties, LLC
AUTHORIZED REP: Baker Commercial Properties, LLC
LOCATION: 300 Jones St. (Tax Map # 0346000200400)
100 Ellison St. (Tax Map # 0346000200300)
CURRENT ZONING: C-2 (Commercial)
PROPOSED ZONING: FRD (Flexible Review District)
SIZE OF PROPERTY: Approximately 3.1 acres

REQUEST

The applicant has requested to rezone the parcels from C-2, Residential to FRD, Flexible Review District. The primary intent of the applicants for requesting this zoning change is to qualify 300 Jones St. for eligibility for tax credits pursuant to the South Carolina Textile Communities Revitalization Act, Section 12-65-10, et. seq., S.C. Code Ann.

LOCATION & SITE DESCRIPTION

The parcels are located at the intersection of Ellison and Jones Streets. 100 Ellison has been recently redeveloped into The Mill eatery. 300 Jones is undeveloped open space.

PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT

The intent of the FRD district is to provide a way for inventive design to be accomplished and to permit development that cannot be achieved through conventional zoning districts due to the parameters required therein.

It is recognized that some concepts will be more appropriate than others and the approval of an application in one location does not necessarily indicate the development will be applicable in other locations.

COMPREHENSIVER PLAN

These parcels have the future land use designation of “Downtown.” Downtown provides for housing options and nonresidential uses located adjacent to the Historic Downtown Core, often providing a transition in form from the Historic Downtown Core to other areas. The Downtown designation is designed to allow for a variety of medium to high-density residential options in tandem with retail, commercial, and office uses that support the Historic Downtown Core. Uses may also include a continuance of existing industrial uses. Buildings, lighting and amenities should be pedestrian-scaled. Outdoor storage should be limited or screened from public roadways in new development. Some parking may be required but access to on-street parking or shared parking should be factored in. Surface parking should be located to the side or rear of buildings where possible to enhance the overall pedestrian experience.

The typical building height is 2-3 stories with the potential for 4-5 stories on South Main Street as part of redevelopment of older structures and/ or civic or institutional buildings (*e.g. government buildings or churches*).

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDING

A public hearing regarding this petition was conducted on November 21, 2024, before the body of the Fountain Inn Planning Commission. There was no public comment.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

The Fountain Inn Planning Commission has reviewed the request to annex and rezone this property to the FRD, Flexible Review District at their November 21, 2024, meeting. By a vote of 5-0, the Planning Commission recommends approval of the requested rezoning for Ordinance Z-2024-06.

STAFF COMMENTS

To qualify 300 Jones St. for tax credits offered by the State of South Carolina, the parcel must be associated with 100 Ellison St. Combining the two parcels into an FRD allows for that association while maintaining separate ownership. The tax credit will be used to offset the development costs of a hotel. The development group has been great to work with and accommodating to design changes to better fit with the exiting downtown character. Staff support the zoning change.