



AGENDA

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

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 14, 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. Presentations
 - a. City of Fountain Inn Police Department Superhero 5K Check Presentation to the Little White House
 - b. Main Street Award
- 4. Introduce New Employees

a.

Nathan Aguilar	Fire
Jeffrey Sparks	Fire
Cory Nottingham	Fire
Samuel Wooley	Public Works
Michael Williams	Recreation
Peter Borkowski	Police Department
Connor Klokocnik	Police Department
Margaret Ruse	Police Department

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

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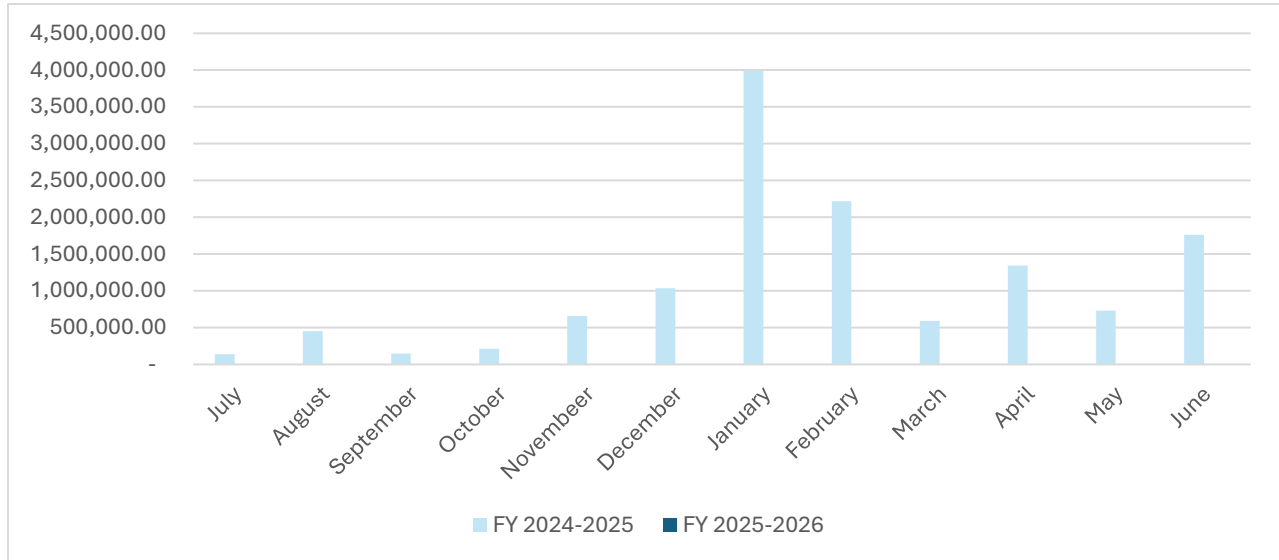
Shaun Storey	Police Department
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5. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may signup 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.
6. Consent Agenda - There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.
 - a. May and June 2025 Unaudited Financials
 - b. Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting July 10, 2025
7. City Administrator's Report - Shawn M. Bell
 - a. Department Reports
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
 - a. Appoint Jhonnea McAllister for a two-year term as a Part-time/Weekend Judge
 - b. First reading of Ordinance 2025-05, amending chapter 19 (traffic and motor vehicles), by adding article IV (low speed vehicles), Section []-[] (golf carts and recreational vehicles) of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, 1992, as amended.
10. Executive Session -After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.
 - a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee in the Finance Department.
 - b. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property related to 100 South Weston Street.
11. Adjourn

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Preliminary Monthly Financial Update – June 2025

GENERAL FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$139,462.24	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$454,594.25	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$146,204.88	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$214,149.24	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$658,884.69	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,033,738.22	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$3,988,534.88	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$2,217,082.30	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$592,858.25	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$1,344,155.54	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$730,858.80	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$1,759,951.43	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date Other Financing Sources	\$3,886,205.31	Year to Date Other Financing Sources	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$17,166,680.03	YTD Revenue	\$0.00
% of Budget	106%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$13,138,528.00	BUDGET	\$13,827,899.00
Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$3,045,913.00	Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$3,276,624.00
Total Budget FYE 25	\$16,184,441.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$17,104,523.00

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GENERAL FUND – Other Financing Sources Detail

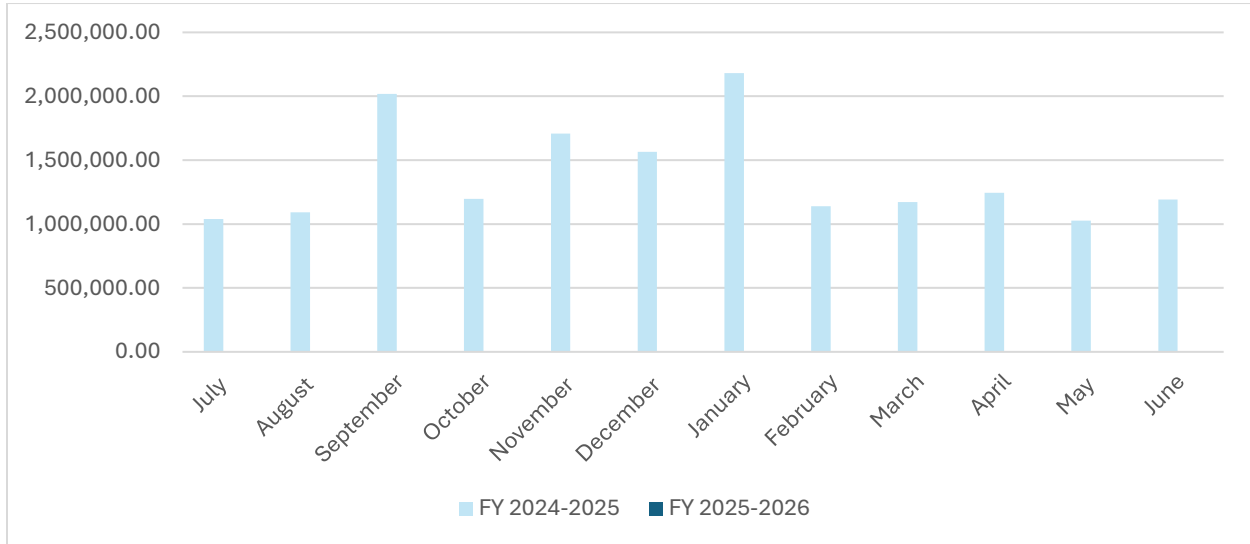
Account – Other Financing Sources	Budget	Year to Date
GO Bond Proceeds	\$485,000.00	\$639,000.00
Transfer In – Local Option Sales Tax	\$363,161.00	\$308,195.76
Transfer In – Capital Fund (IPRB Reimbursement)	\$0.00	\$625,000.00
Transfer In – ARPA Fund	\$100,000.00	\$123,691.74
Transfer In – Gas Fund	\$1,221,182.00	\$1,221,182.01
Transfer In – Sewer Fund	\$266,570.00	\$266,570.00
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Christmas)	\$340,000.00	\$339,999.97
Transfer In – Gas Fund (Special Events)	\$100,000.00	\$99,999.98
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Special Events)	\$50,000.00	\$24,845.50
Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$16,026.85
Proceeds on Disposal of Capital Assets	\$0.00	\$98,101.00
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Street & Grounds)	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Community Relations Grant)	\$0.00	\$3,592.50
Total FY 2024-2025	\$3,045,913.00	\$3,886,205.31

GENERAL FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2025	Amount Still Due in FYE 2025
2019 IPRB Woodside Park Recreation	6/30/2039	\$4,349,000.00	\$3,591,000.00	\$324,828.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2019 IPRB Ladder Truck Fire	6/30/2039	\$1,391,000.00	\$602,000.00	\$162,568.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2019 IPRB Debris Truck Solid Waste	6/30/2039	\$459,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$73,648.00	\$0.00

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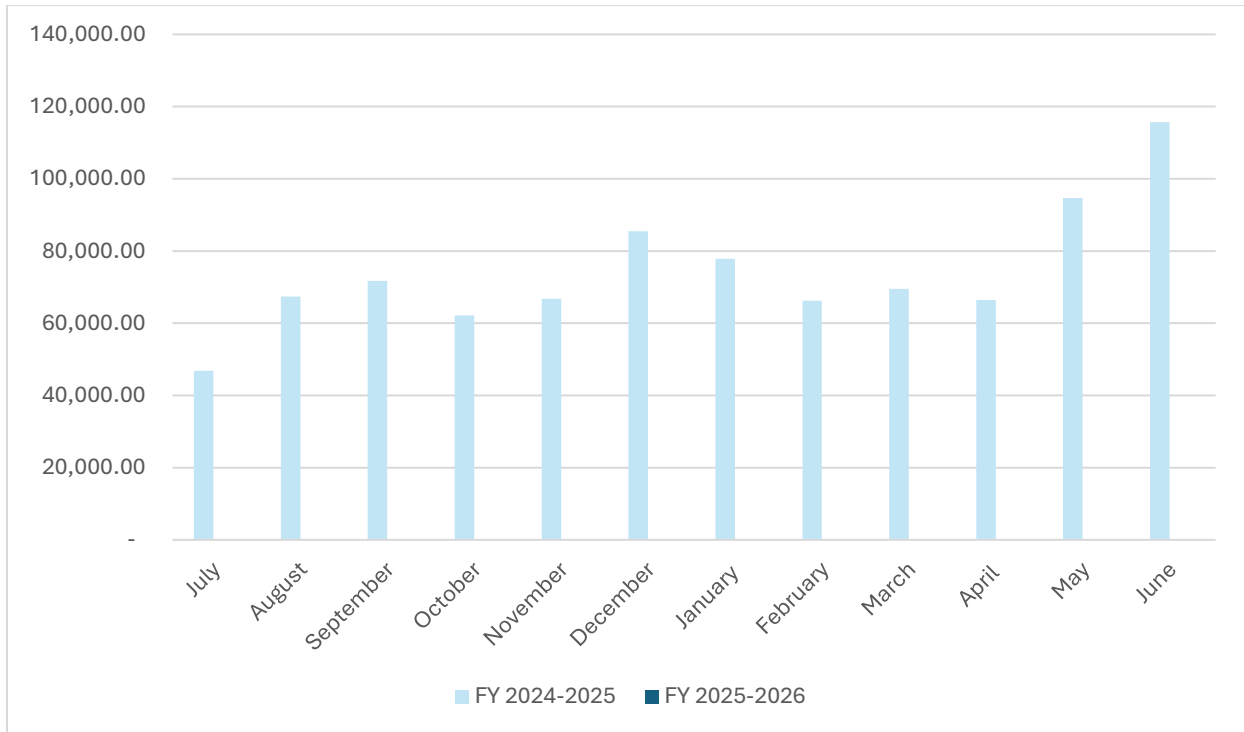
GENERAL FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$1,038,038.44	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$1,092,057.09	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$2,017,417.90	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$1,196,473.90	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$1,708,730.24	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,565,277.49	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$2,179,860.31	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$1,139,916.62	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$1,170,752.41	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$1,244,570.87	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$1,026,462.13	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$1,191,660.17	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date Other Financing Use	\$77,000.00	Year to Date Other Financing Use	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$16,648,217.57	Year to Date	\$0.00
% of Budget	105%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$15,788,640.00	BUDGET	\$17,104,523.00
Budgeted Other Financing Use	\$395,801.00	Budgeted Other Financing Use	\$0.00
Budget FYE 25	\$15,788,640.00	Budget FYE 26	\$17,104,523.00

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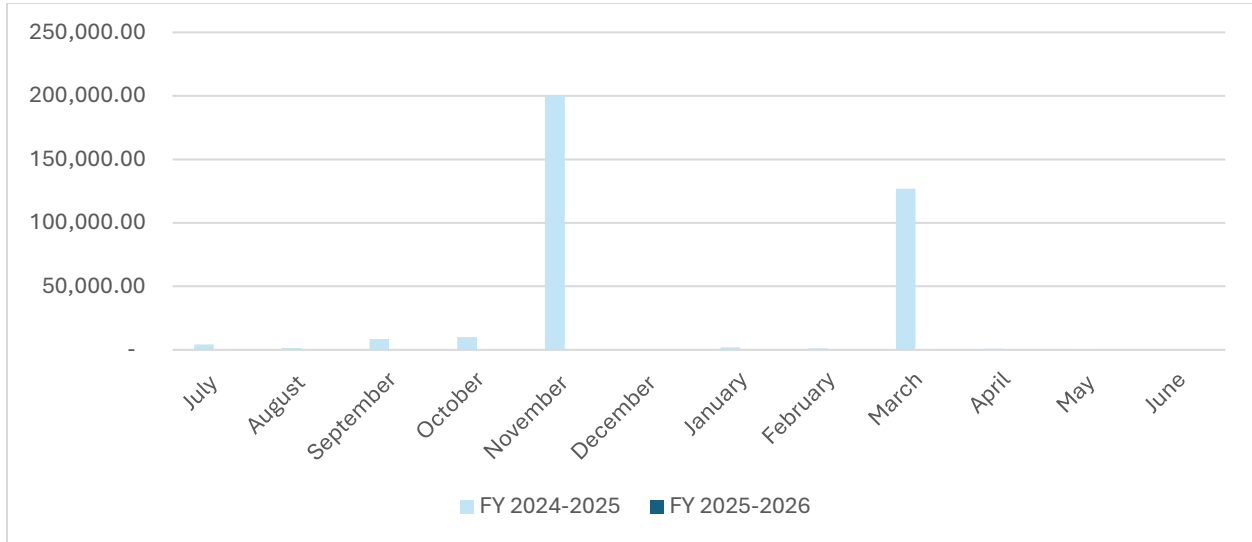
HOSPITALITY FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$46,855.02	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$67,354.35	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$71,696.16	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$62,168.82	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$66,778.83	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$85,454.91	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$77,803.03	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$66,237.36	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$69,543.07	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$66,420.25	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$94,717.58	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$115,646.02	June 2026	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$890,675.40	YTD Revenue	\$2,066,000.00
% of Budget	94%	% of Budget	%
Total Budget FYE 25	\$949,939.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$2,066,000.00

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HOSPITALITY FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$4,313.26	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$1,490.46	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$8,468.94	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$10,139.05	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$200,139.05	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$550.95	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$1,939.05	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$1,159.95	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$126,954.28	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$870.75	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$789.05	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$293.62	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$496,354.47	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$853,462.88	Year to Date	\$0.00
% of Budget	90%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$439,939.00	BUDGET	\$1,246,000.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$510,000.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$820,000.00
Budget FYE 25	\$949,939.00	Budget FYE 25	\$2,066,000.00

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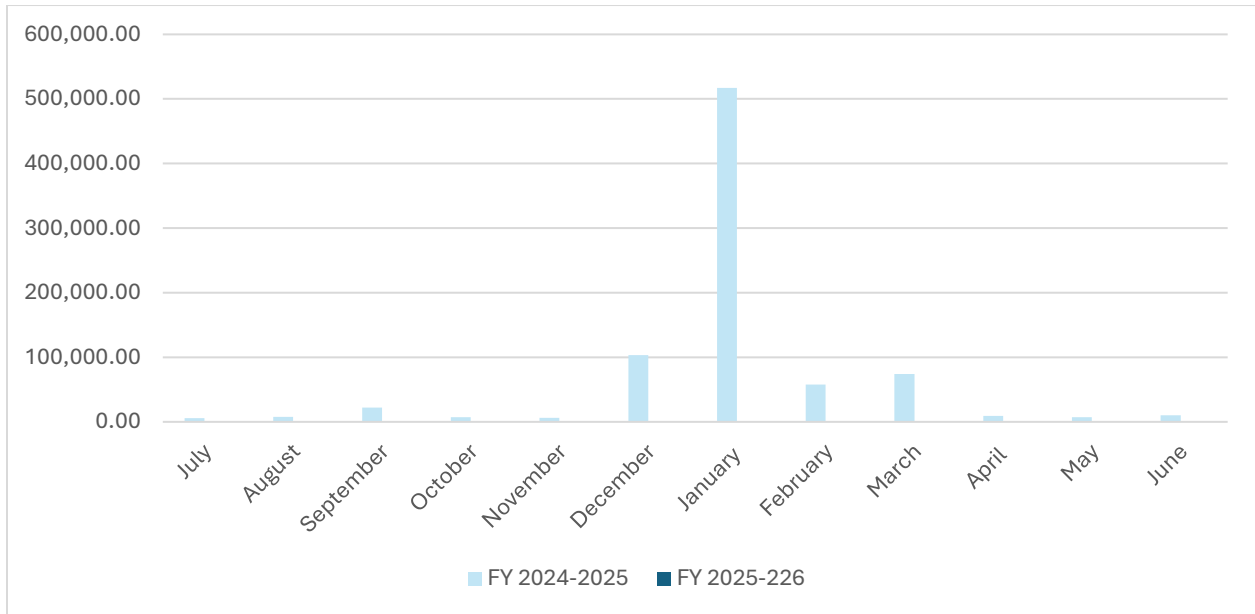


HOSPITALITY FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2025	Amount Still Due in FYE 2025
2013A A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2029	\$914,833.33	\$270,603.72	\$69,695.74 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2013B A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2028	\$785,000.00	\$181,900.00	\$63,946.76 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

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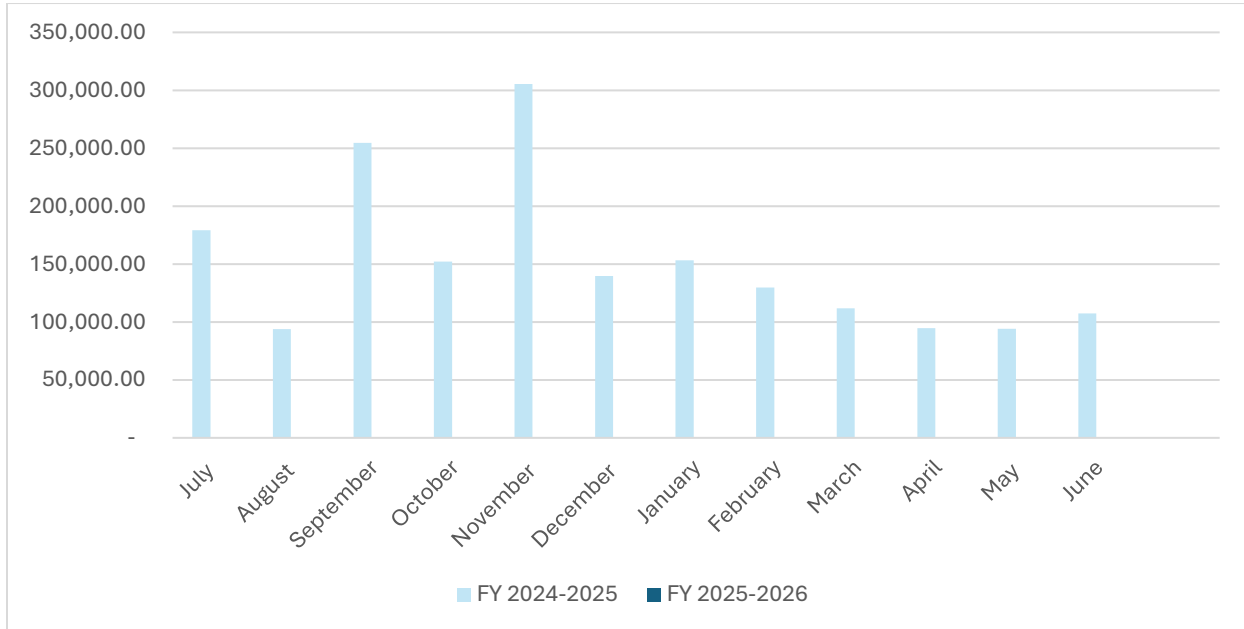
SOLID WASTE FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$5,780.00	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$7,472.00	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$22,296.00	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$7,448.00	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$6,120.00	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$103,348.00	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$517,221.00	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$57,942.07	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$74,254.00	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$9,192.00	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$7,272.00	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$10,192.00	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$0.00	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources		Other Financing Sources	
YTD Revenue	\$828,537.07	YTD Revenue	\$0.00
% of Budget	74%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$1,120,389.00	BUDGET	\$1,510,985.00
Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$395,801.00	Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$0.00
Total Budget FYE 25	\$1,156,190.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$1,510,985.00

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SOLID WASTE FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$179,305.25	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$93,862.34	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$254,605.27	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$152,219.68	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$305,293.76	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$139,582.17	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$153,237.69	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$129,820.19	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$111,866.00	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$94,773.12	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$94,011.61	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$107,399.15	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$1,815,976.23	Year to Date	\$0.00
% of Budget	120%	% of Budget	0%
Budget FYE 25	\$1,516,190.00	Budget FYE 26	\$1,510,985.00

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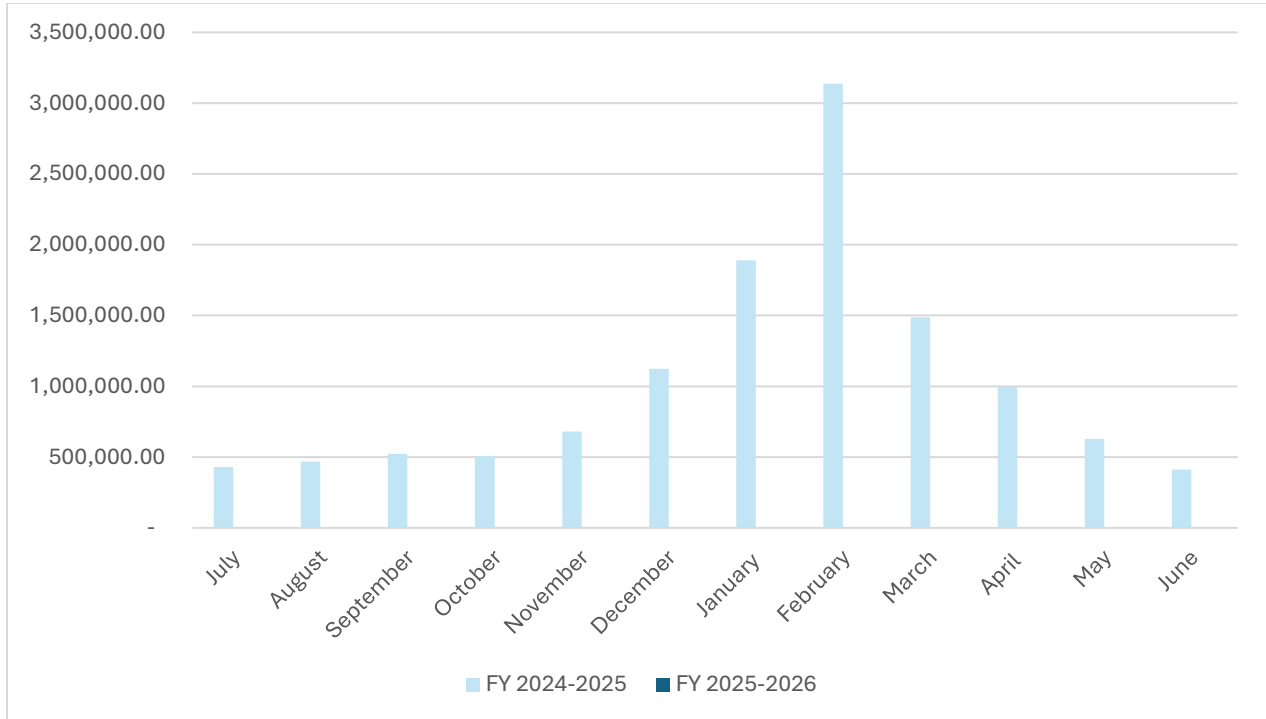


SOLID WASTE FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2025	Amount Still Due in FYE 2025
2019 IPRB (Debris Truck)	6/30/2026	\$459,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$73,648.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2020 Master Lease (Sanitation Vehicle)	6/30/2026	\$443,000.00	\$91,000.00	\$92,570.20 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2021 Master Lease	6/30/2027	\$113,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$23,924.60 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

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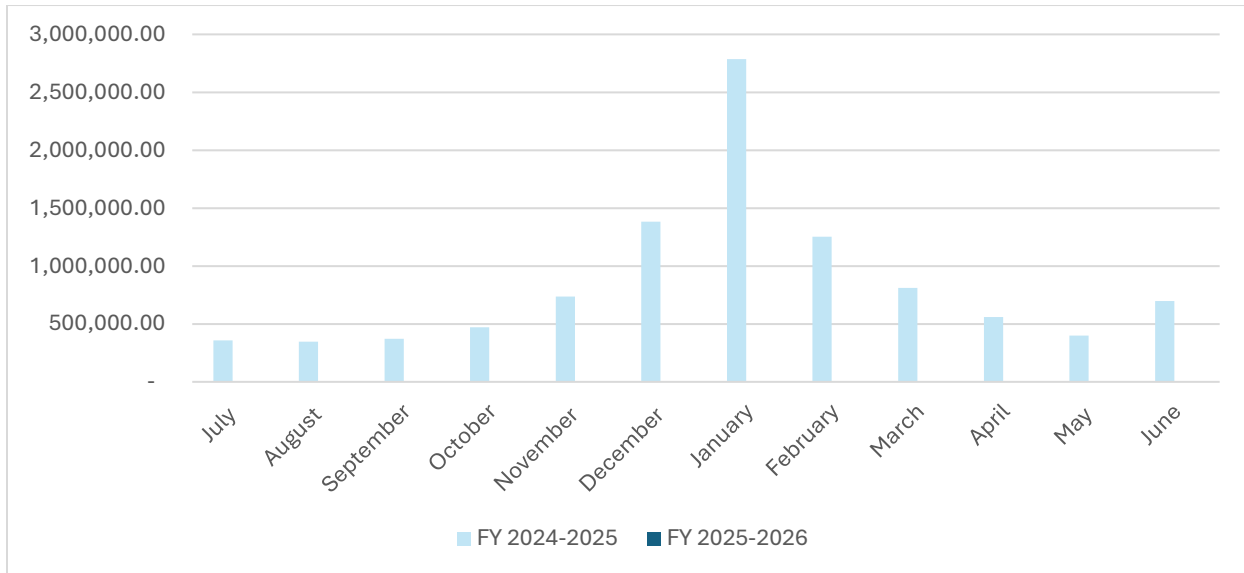
NATURAL GAS – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$429,142.59	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$468,134.26	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$521,699.86	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$506,817.73	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$680,417.38	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,123,258.56	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$1,889,426.67	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$3,136,973.81	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$1,487,057.78	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$997,640.80	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$628,970.42	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$411,824.85	June 2026	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$12,281,364.71	YTD Revenue	\$0.00
% of Budget	101%	% of Budget	0%
Total Budget FYE 25	\$12,148,482.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$12,553,048.00

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NATURAL GAS FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$357,357.26	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$346,953.46	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$371,132.65	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$470,885.40	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$735,065.16	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,381,965.87	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$2,785,048.79	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$1,253,630.37	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$811,114.00	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$558,216.38	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$399,900.46	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$697,019.88	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$1,401,182.00	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$11,569,471.68	Year to Date	\$0.00
% of Budget	95%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$10,747,300.00	BUDGET	\$9,837,504.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$1,401,182.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$2,715,544.00
Budget FYE 25	\$12,148,482.00	Budget FYE 26	\$12,553,048.00

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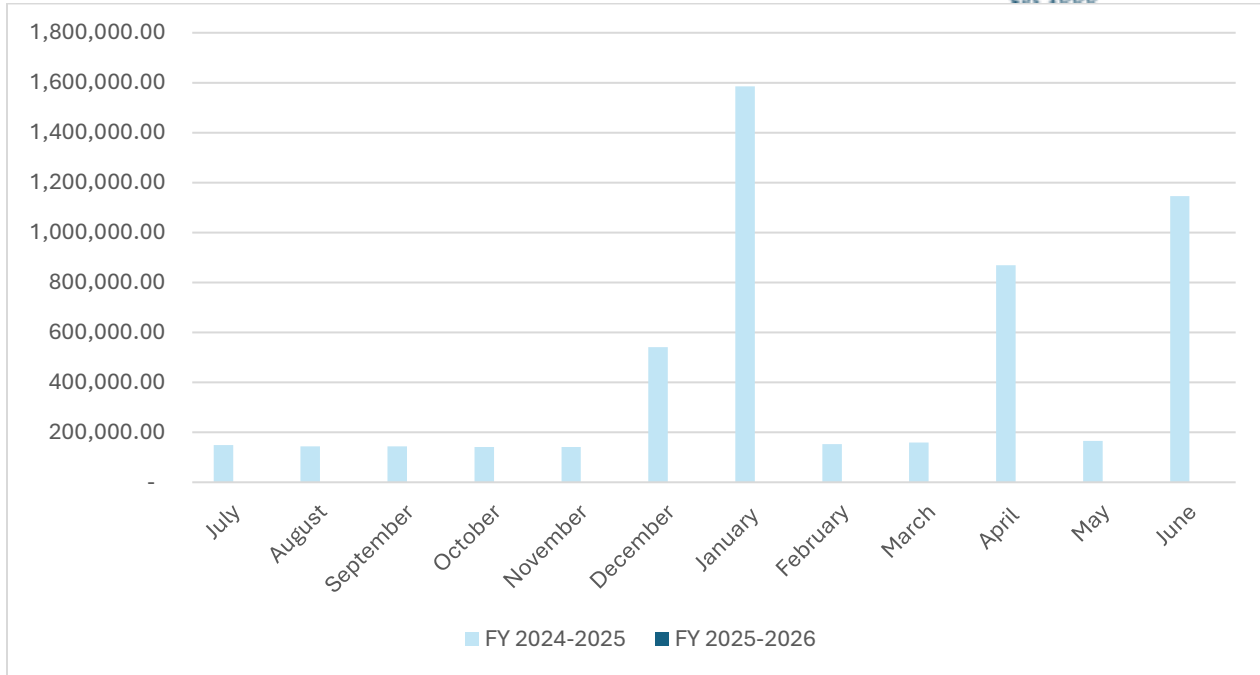


NATURAL GAS FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2025	Amount Still Due in FYE 2025
2015A Gas Bond	10/01/2030	\$3,465,000	\$2,782,000	\$440,494.90 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2021 IPRB	6/30/2041	\$3,562,500	\$2,917,000	\$215,935.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

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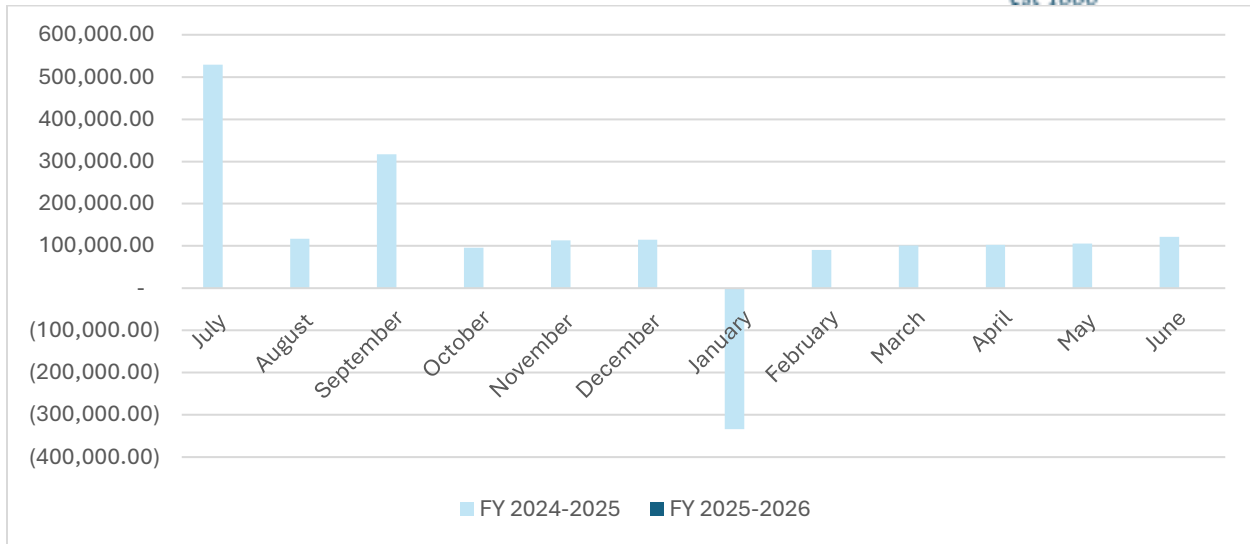
SEWER FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$149,385.05	July 2025	\$0.00
August 2024	\$143,835.25	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$143,455.50	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$141,274.70	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$141,172.77	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$541,384.20	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$1,585,647.79	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$152,742.54	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$158,579.33	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$869,009.83	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$165,595.37	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$1,145,644.60	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$10,761.12	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources		Other Financing Sources	
YTD Revenue	\$5,348,488.05	YTD Revenue	\$0.00
% of Budget	253%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$2,113,073.00	BUDGET	\$6,505,751.00
Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$0.00
Total Budget FYE 25	\$2,113,073.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$6,505,751.00

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SEWER FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$528,963.50	July 2025,	\$0.00
August 2024	\$117,384.39	August 2025	\$0.00
September 2024	\$317,143.32	September 2025	\$0.00
October 2024	\$95,686.23	October 2025	\$0.00
November 2024	\$113,242.20	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$114,809.91	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	-\$333,593.22	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$90,876.07	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$101,067.28	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$102,955.38	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$105,873.13	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$121,915.64	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$266,570.00	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$1,742,893.83	Year to Date	\$0.00
% of Budget	82%	% of Budget	0%
BUDGET	\$1,846,503.00	BUDGET	\$6,360,599.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$266,570.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$145,152.00
Budget FYE 25	\$2,113,073.00	Budget FYE 26	\$6,505.751.00

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SEWER FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2025	Amount Still Due in FYE 2025
2012 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$3,706,981.57	\$1,312,486.94	\$280,393.26 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2014 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$1,118,000.00	\$378,000.00	\$100,631.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2021 IPRB	6/30/2041	\$712,500.00	\$583,400.00	\$43,187.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2024 SRF Loan	2/1/2046	\$1,337,883.00	\$1,337,883.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

Preliminary Budget Update – June 2025

(Ideal Percentage Remaining 0%)



Department	Budgeted Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Encumbrance	Remaining Balance	Percent Remaining
City	\$1,244,039.00	\$2,108,399.52	\$0.00	-\$864,360.52	-69%
Administration	\$323,548.00	\$336,673.89	\$0.00	-\$13,125.89	-4%
Court	\$376,004.00	\$367,673.69	\$0.00	\$8,330.31	2%
Mayor/Council	\$165,603.00	\$171,812.44	\$0.00	-\$6,209.44	-4%
Economic Development	\$810,961.00	\$758,594.98	\$0.00	\$52,411.02	6%
Finance	\$779,354.00	\$651,642.22	\$0.00	\$127,711.78	16%
Human Resources	\$216,088.00	\$192,544.30	\$0.00	\$23,543.70	11%
Police Dept.	\$5,264,582.00	\$5,299,187.70	\$8,067.50	-\$42,673.20	-1%
Fire Dept.	\$3,457,849.00	\$3,327,300.81	\$2,254,360.79	-\$2,123,812.60	-61%
Public Works	\$296,650.00	\$340,161.17	\$0.00	-\$43,511.17	-15%
Planning & Development	\$664,110.00	\$550,344.24	\$0.00	\$113,765.76	17%
Streets & Grounds	\$904,948.00	\$966,826.07	\$30,075.00	-\$91,953.07	-10%
Recreation	\$1,476,373.00	\$1,373,207.45	\$0.00	\$103,165.55	7%
Facility Maintenance	\$204,332.00	\$203,894.09	\$0.00	\$437.91	0%
Hospitality	\$949,939.00	\$853,462.88	\$0.00	\$96,476.12	10%
Solid Waste	\$1,516,190.00	\$1,815,976.23	\$16,795.22	-\$316,581.45	-21%
Natural Gas	\$12,148,482.00	\$11,569,471.67	\$51,232.68	\$527,777.65	4%
Sewer	\$2,113,073.00	\$1,742,893.83	\$38,965.00	\$331,214.17	16%



**MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 6:00 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, Jay Thomason, Phil Clemmer, Jason Sanders, John Don, and Joey Garrett.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introduce New Employees

Brison Taylor introduced Stephen Mills, Christine Furino introduced Melissa Knudsen

- a. Melissa Knudsen, Finance
Stephen Mills, Public Works**

4. Presentations

- a. LS3P/Studio Main- Municipal Complex Community Input Update**

Douglas Rackley presented the community meeting info for the Municipal Complex.

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.

Kathy Becha spoke in reference to recycling containers and Nicole Noel spoke in reference to Belmont Drive.

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.

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Don to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

a. **Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting June 12, 2025**

b. **Minutes of the Special Called Meeting June 26, 2025**

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

Shawn Bell presented the following information: Main Street streetscape water and sewer lines are complete and on schedule to complete at the end of 2025. Community Relations event recap: Juneteenth attendance was up 14% with 5,600 attendees, July 3rd Fireworks Spectacular had 9,200 attendees up 30% from 2024, Harvest Moon band playing at Sounds of Summer tomorrow, July 18 Allman Brothers tribute band, July 25 Soul Legit Band, and August 1 Song Band Upstate. Planning and Development: Inn the Zone draft document completed and being reviewed by staff. Police Department updates: National Night Out is scheduled for August 5. Recreation update: Fall baseball and softball sign ups through August 1st, Miracle League registration open, 40 registered participants for basketball summer camp, 60 participants for football conditioning camp, July is Parks and Recreation month with events scheduled throughout the month. The Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at Anytime Fitness will take place tomorrow.

Mayor McLeer congratulated the Police Department on the 15 safest cities in SC and thanked our staff for the successful 4th of July Celebration.

Councilman Clemmer thanked the Police Department for their diligence in keeping the community safe, specially in traffic control.

a. **Department Reports**

8. Unfinished Business

a. **Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-03, amending chapter 2 (Administration), article III (officers and employees), division 3 (city attorney) of the City code of ordinances of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, 1992, as amended.**

Motion by Councilman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Thomason to approve Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-03, amending chapter 2 (Administration), article III (officers and employees), division 3 (city attorney) of the City code of ordinances of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, 1992, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

b. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-04 authorizing the execution and delivery of a project agreement related to Project Irish; and providing for related matters.

Mayor Pro Tem, Councilman Clemmer and Mayor McLeer asked several questions.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Don, seconded by Councilman Thomason to approve second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-04 authorizing the execution and delivery of a project agreement related to Project Irish; and providing for related matters.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

9. New Business

No new business.

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

No executive session.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Clemmer to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Agenda Date: August 14, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

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

Administration

- Main Street Streetscape
 - Due to weather and staffing challenges, the contractor is currently behind schedule (approximately eight weeks)
 - The contractor is working towards bringing in additional crews, but if there are no further delays, the estimated completion is now by the end of February 2026
- Wall/Jones Parking Lot
 - Permits have been received, and the project was put out to bid on 7/28
 - Sealed bids were opened on 8/11; staff and consultants will review the bids and make a recommendation to City Council

Community Relations

- Upcoming Events
 - Final Sounds of Summer of the season and Fury Friday Parade & Pep Rally
 - 8/15 - Parade begins at 5:00 p.m. and Ryan Spencer performs from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - Farmers Market continues each Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon through 9/27
 - Jeepers Creepers - Trunk or Treat on 10/25 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 - Christmas INN Our Town
 - Tree lighting on 12/2 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 - House Decorating Contest on 12/4
 - Holiday Carnival on 12/6 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 - Carriage Rides from 12/4 - 12/18 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Main Street
 - *Hetty the Piano* has found a home downtown in the breezeway beside Steam Coffee & Cream
 - The artist (a Fountain Inn resident), Erika DeRoberts of Cherry Lane Art, was inspired by Robert Quillen's Aunt Het
 - The *Please Play Me Pianos* project was sponsored by Main Street Insurance and Cheeky Tees

- Merchant Meeting scheduled for August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Steam Coffee & Cream

Fire

- 198 calls for service in July, with 39 overlapping calls (20%)
 - 1,436 calls for service Year-to-Date
- Landon Epps and David Dixon have been promoted to Lieutenant

Human Resources

- Fire
 - Firefighter (Candidate Pool) - candidates in process; one offer extended
- Police
 - Certified Uniform Patrol Officer - One vacancy; candidates in process
 - Dispatcher - One vacancy; candidates in process
 - Records Technician - One vacancy; candidates in process
- Public Works
 - Sanitation Supervisor - One vacancy; candidates in process
 - Sewer/Stormwater Technician I-III - Two vacancies; candidates in process
- Recreation
 - Support Staff - Two seasonal vacancies; accepting applications

Judicial

- July 2025
 - 324 total cases
 - 54 criminal and 270 traffic
 - 252 pending cases
 - 38 disposed cases
- Jury trials: October 20-24

Natural Gas

- Gas Supply
 - Deliveries for July 2025
 - Gas volume of 31,476 Dekatherms (lowest July consumption since 2017)
 - Gas consumption for July 2025 was 20% lower than July 2024 and 2.9% lower than the July three-year average
- Gas Prices/Rates
 - The price of natural gas for August 2025 settled at \$3.081 per Dekatherm, representing a \$0.18 decrease from July's price
- Operations

- July 2025 Key Indicators
 - 4,098 feet of new main lines installed
 - 73,413 Y-T-D
 - 3,715 feet of new service lines installed (81)
 - 17,204 (338) Y-T-D
 - 12,749 active customers

Planning & Development

- July 2025 Building & Codes
 - Inspections & Permits
 - 42 permits issued with a total valuation of \$6,142,909
 - 354 inspections
 - 50 residential plan reviews and six commercial plan reviews
 - 23 certificates of occupancy issued
 - Code Compliance
 - 16 vehicle complaints
 - 16 property maintenance

Police

- *Safewise* ranked the City of Fountain Inn as the 15th Safest City in South Carolina for 2025
- Key Indicators for July 2025
 - 2,377 calls for service
 - 14,099 Y-T-D
 - 504 inbound 911 calls
 - 296 citations issued
 - 1,802 Y-T-D
 - 470 warnings issued
 - 2,095 Y-T-D
 - 33 collisions
 - 268 Y-T-D
 - Property Crimes for 2025 are down 42% from 2024
- North Main Street Traffic Enforcement
 - Warnings
 - 222 warnings given in 2024
 - 313 warnings issued Y-T-D in 2025 (+41%)
 - Citations
 - 114 citations issued in 2024
 - 213 citations issued Y-T-D in 2025 (+87%)

Public Works

- Streets & Grounds
 - 457 bags of litter collected
- Sanitation
 - 507 tons of waste collected
 - 48 *old* garbage cans replaced
- Sewer/Stormwater
 - 277 sewer locates in July, 2,041 Y-T-D
 - Sewer rehabilitation project progress:
 - 65.5% complete
 - 76,139 linear feet cleaned and televised
 - 61,608 linear feet of CIPP
 - 101 point repairs
 - 248 manholes rehabilitated
 - 12 manholes replaced
- Facilities Maintenance
 - Finalized and tested the newly installed generator at the Utilities Complex

Recreation

- Fall Sports
 - Registrations
 - Tackle Football - 138
 - Flag Football - 109
 - Baseball - 153
 - Softball - 87
 - Volleyball - 53
 - Cheerleading - 53
 - Miracle League - 5
 - Tackle Football
 - Jamboree on 8/16 at Mauldin High School
 - Regular season begins 8/18
 - Flag Football, Baseball, and Softball seasons begin 9/2
 - New Zumba class every Monday & Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Activities Center Community Room
- Upcoming Registrations
 - Basketball: 9/29 - 10/31
 - Wrestling: 9/29 - 10/31
 - Volleyball: Ongoing
 - Miracle League: Ongoing

- 55+
 - Yoga at The Market: beginner's yoga at the Farmers Market on 9/6 at 8:00 a.m.
 - A Bee's Knees Tea on 8/21 with special guest speaker Beekeeper Susan Smith, owner of Seaside Honey in Oak Island, NC
 - 55+ Night Out on the Square will be held on 8/28 for shopping and dining in historic downtown Laurens at 3:00 p.m.
 - *Ask a CPT* (Certified Personal Trainer) on 8/28

Younts Center for Performing Arts

- Open House on 8/22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- The Wind in the Willows: A New Musical from 9/19 – 10/4
- Something Rotten, Jr. from 10/17 – 11/1
- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree from 11/21 – 12/7

Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce

- Ribbon Cutting:
 - Make and Believe Artists at noon on 8/15 (Younts Center - 315 N. Main Street)
 - Elite Custom Golf Carts at noon on 8/22 (1129 N. Main Street)
 - DR Horton's Cedar Gap Community on 8/27 from noon to 2:00 p.m.
 - New Ownership of Let's Dance Collective on 8/28 at noon (610A North Woods Drive)
 - Knowledge Perk & Two Scoops at the Mill on 9/5 at noon
- 42nd Annual Aunt Het Fall Festival to be held on 10/4
- Sporting Clays Tournament on 11/14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Clinton House Plantation
- Annual Christmas Parade to be held on 12/3 at 5:30 p.m.

Assistant City Administrator – July 2025

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Main Street Streetscape**: The construction team is currently behind schedule due to weather and staffing issues. AOS has brought in additional staff to help get the project back on track. We are working to mitigate delays and minimize impacts on residents and store owners. The project now has a new completion date of February 2026, provided there are no further delays.
- **Parking Lot Revitalization Project**: The project was put out to bid with a closing bid date of Monday, August 11th. _____ was the winning bidder at _____. Our next steps will be to work through a construction contract.
- **Municipal Complex**: Municipal complex public outreach and briefings are complete. Will be meeting with department heads to review the programming information. Next step is to meet with LS3P and discuss design plans on August 19th.
- **Fire Station #3**: Cloverleaf has been chosen as the construction manager at risk for this project. Finalizing construction contract with Cloverleaf. Next steps are to start construction drawings for the project.
- **Swamp Rabbit Trail Dam**: A repair plan for the SRT has been developed, which includes draining the pond and constructing a culvert for future stormwater management. The landowner supports the plan, and Greenville County is collaborating on planning and securing grants for the project. Currently, there is no set timeline for bidding or repairs.



2025 Excellence on Main Street Award



News Release



The Mill received the Municipal Association of SC's highest honor in winning the 2025 Excellence on Main Street Award in South Carolina!



Video

COFI Named One of the Safest Cities in South Carolina



These are numbers we like to see decrease! We are proud to be in The 20 safest cities in South Carolina! Great job Chief and the entire FIPD!

"I am immensely proud of our department's efforts in making Fountain Inn one of the 15 safest cities in South Carolina. The dedication and hard work of our staff have truly made a significant impact on the safety and well-being of our community. Thank you to everyone involved for their commitment to excellence and ensuring the security of our residents." Chief Patrick Fortenberry



Fountain Inn Natural Gas Honored with SOAR Award

Eduardo Noriega, Gas Director for the City of Fountain Inn, recently returned from the American Public Gas Association's (APGA) Annual Conference, where he officially accepted the System Operational Achievement

This marks a proud achievement for Fountain Inn Natural Gas, joining only 16 utilities nationwide recognized in 2025. Congratulations to our FING Department for this outstanding accomplishment!





FOUNTAIN INN
JEEPERS CREEPERS
TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm


SPOOKY & FUN JEEPS
FACE PAINTING
CANDY & CRAFTS
FOOD & DRINKS
LIVE MUSIC
GAMES

MAIN STREET
FOUNTAIN INN

Christmas INN Our Town



While the summer sun is shining, we're already planning a season full of holiday cheer (just 5 months away) and the most magical holiday season yet! Our 2025 Christmas INN Our Town Calendar is filling up and just like Santa's list, it's only going to grow! Dust off your jingle bells, and get ready – Because this December, Fountain Inn will be The Inn Place to Be for Christmas magic. Details to come... ✨

 **DECEMBER 2**
TREE LIGHTING
5 - 8 pm



DECEMBER 3
CHRISTMAS PARADE
5 - 8 pm



DECEMBER 4
HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST
TURN YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON!



DECEMBER 6
HOLIDAY CARNIVAL
12 - 5 PM



DECEMBER 4 - 18
CARRIAGE RIDES
5 - 9 PM

Watch us grow, as we keep everyone INN the know... #BESTINN



Promoting the City Miracle League Program



The City of Fountain Inn's Miracle League is an accessible youth sports program that ensures all children have the opportunity to play baseball.

We are excited, games will start up soon!



Fountain Inn Chamber Ribbon Cuttings



July 11, 2025 - We're excited to welcome a new gym to our growing community and look forward to the positive impact they'll have on local health and wellness. Congratulations to Anytime Fitness — thank you for choosing Fountain Inn! Here's to a strong start and many successful years ahead!



August 1, 2025 - We welcome Sherwin-Williams to Fountain Inn! This is another major addition to our local economy and a sign of the exciting growth for our City. This new facility brings jobs, opportunity, and long-term investment to our community.



August 8, 2025 - We enjoyed the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce grand opening and ribbon cutting for Legacy Women's Health & Wellness, now open in Downtown Fountain Inn. Legacy Women's Health & Wellness is committed to empowering women through quality healthcare and wellness support.

Upcoming Fountain Inn Chamber Ribbon Cuttings:

Make & Believe Artists

Friday Aug 15, 2025

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Younts Center for Performing Arts



101 S. Main



Demolition began July 28



SpringHill Suites



Main Street Streetscape



Impact Fees



Municipal Complex

Fountain Inn is planning a new Municipal Complex that will replace and consolidate the city's current government buildings. The project will be built on the existing site of City Hall, the Police Department, and the Fire Department. The goal is to modernize city operations, improve efficiency, and accommodate the city's rapid growth.

The project is still in the planning phase, and a more detailed timeline is expected to be finalized in the near future as design and funding discussions progress.



Upstate Downtown Academy

Amberly Steele, Main Street Fountain Inn Coordinator, participated in the Upstate Downtown Academy to learn from other communities, gain fresh ideas, and bring valuable insights back to Fountain Inn – all with the goal of helping our downtown continue to grow and thrive. Thank you Ten at the Top for hosting these amazing learning & networking opportunities!



The mission of Main Street Fountain Inn, a department of the City of Fountain Inn, is to preserve, manage, promote, and enhance the development of Fountain Inn’s historic downtown.



Main Street Fountain Inn Earns National Recognition!
We’re proud to share that our very own Main Street Coordinator, Amberly Steele, recently attended the Main Street South Carolina Summer Retreat in Aiken—where Main Street Fountain Inn was officially recognized as an Affiliate Main Street America program! 🎉 Next step is to be become “Accredited!”



This designation celebrates communities that are committed to revitalizing their downtowns through preservation-based economic development and community engagement. Being named an Affiliate Main Street America program highlights excellence in key areas such as:

- ✓ Broad community involvement
- ✓ Sustainable funding and leadership
- ✓ Strategy-led revitalization efforts
- ✓ Tangible, positive impact in the district

Fountain Inn joins seven other outstanding South Carolina programs—Walterboro, Bennettsville, Sumter, North Augusta, Manning, Gaffney, and Cheraw—in receiving this honor. Together, we’re part of a nationwide movement transforming historic downtowns into vibrant centers of culture, commerce, and connection. Amberly’s leadership and our community’s collective vision are driving real change. With this recognition, we gain greater visibility, credibility, and access to powerful tools and resources through the Main Street America network. Here’s to a future filled with growth, vibrancy, and continued progress—right here on Main Street!

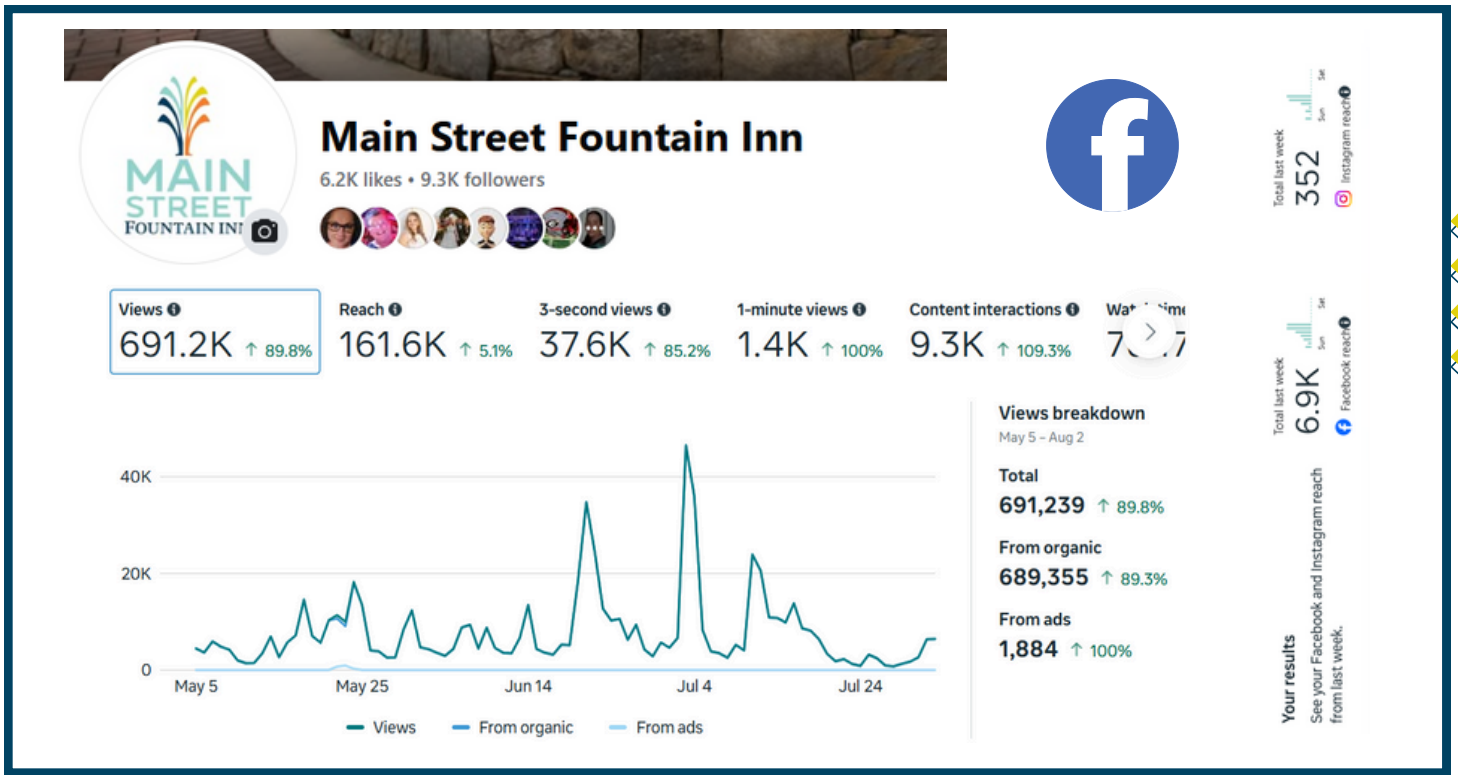
Main Street Meetings:

Steering Committee
Tuesday, August 5
8:30 am

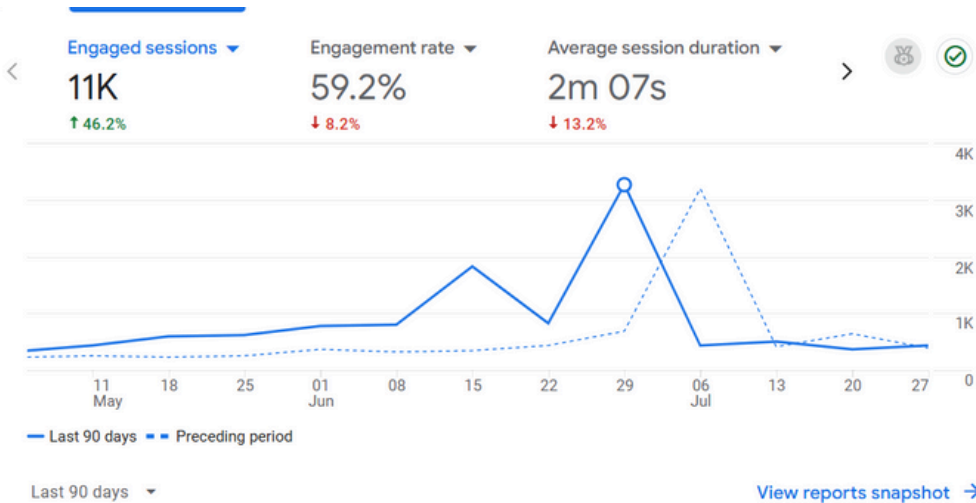
Merchant Meeting
Tuesday, August 26
6:30 pm
Steam Coffee & Cream



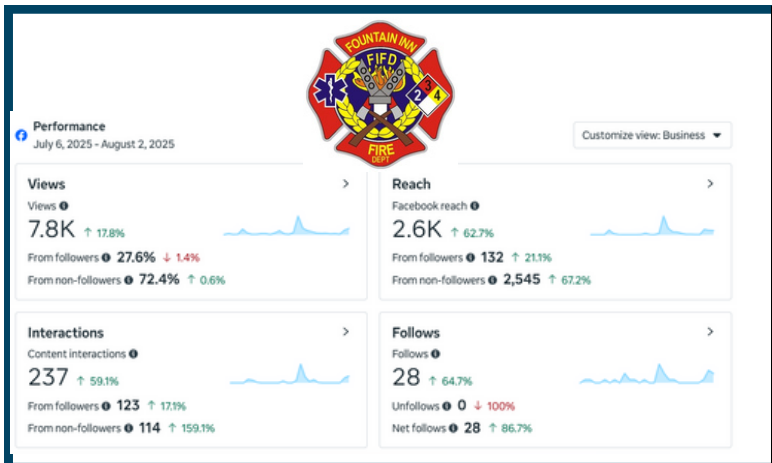
Communication INN Numbers



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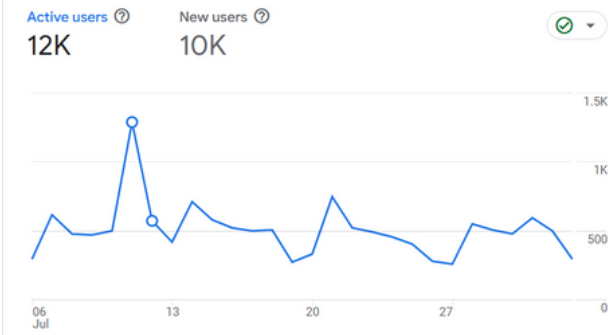


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The Community Relations Department is increasing the reach across various outlets to reach as many people as possible. Just to highlight a few...



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9,226	Impressions	▼ 2.4%

Highlights
Data for 7/3/2025 - 8/1/2025



FIRE – FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

Summary of Monthly Events

- 198 calls for July / 1436 YTD
- Multiple school tours completed in preparation for 25/26 school year
- 39 overlapping calls (roughly 20%)
- 2 members completed Swiftwater 1&2
- Promotion board held for open positions. Landon Epps and David Dixon have been promoted to Lieutenant.
- Multiple repairs on apparatus

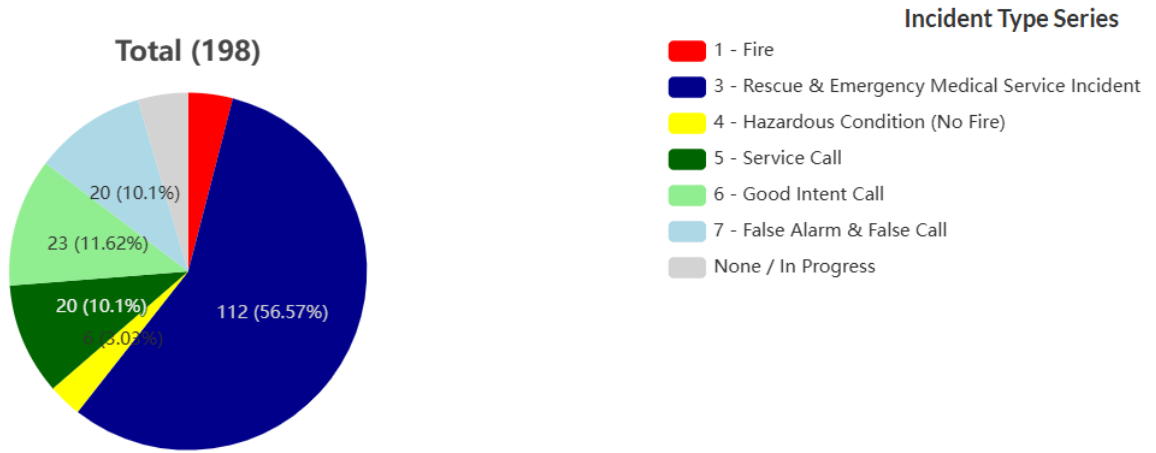
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Current Projects

- Station 3 is moving forward. Waiting on AIA paperwork to be signed and returned.
- Multiple plan reviews and building surveys are being completed each month. This continues to grow.
- TL29 is out for repair.
- Continue to search for replacement Engine. We have multiple options available depending on funding. This would put our fleet back to complete.
- One FF started EMT class
- Working on doing an in-house EMT course. Waiting for some information from the state for equipment and space requirements.
- Working on building a CPR class schedule for all City employees
- Project LEA44DER is in the infant stages. More to come about this program as it develops.
- Multiple citizens are taking advantage of our Community Connect project. This continues to grow each month with information being entered by our citizens.

Upcoming

- Preparation beginning for Open House





City of Fountain Inn - Human Resources Monthly Report - July 2025

Home Department	June Headcount	July Hires / Transfers In	July Terms	July Transfers Out	July 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	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
000413 / Council	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	7	0	0
000414 / Community Relations	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
000416 / Finance	11	0	1	0	10	0	3	0	7	0	0
000417 / Human Resources	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
000421 / Police	43	0	0	0	43	0	3	5	34	0	1
000422 / Fire	30	2	0	0	32	0	1	2	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	8	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	7	0	0
000432 / Sanitation	10	1	2	0	9	0	4	0	5	0	0
000434 / Sewer	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0
000451 / Recreation	38	1	0	0	39	0	14	1	23	0	0
000453 / Facilities Maintenance	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
000510 / Gas Field	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	1	19	0	0
Totals:	193	4	3	0	194	0	27	12	154	0	1

FULL TIME 153 / PART TIME 41

Recruitment Status for Open Positions - AS OF 8/7/2025

- 421 Police:** Certified UPO (1) Vacancy; candidates in process
- 421 Police:** Records Technician (1) Vacancy; candidates in process
- 421/422 Police/Fire:** Dispatcher (1) Vacancy; candidates in process
- 422 Fire:** Firefighter (Candidate Pool); candidates in process, 1 offer extended
- 432 Sanitation:** Supervisor (1) Vacancy - candidates in process
- 434 Sewer/Stormwater:** Technician I-III (2) Vacancies - candidates in process
- 451 Recreation:** Support Staff (2) Seasonal Vacancies - accepting applications



New Hires - JULY	Department	Title
Aguilar, Nathan	000422	Firefighter
Sparks, Jeffrey	000422	Firefighter III
Wooley, Samuel	000432	Public Works Driver CDL
Williams, Michael	000451	Recreation Coordinator

***Offers Accepted as of 8/7/2025**
Police/Fire Dispatcher X 2 - Start Date: 8/11/2025
Police Officer - Certified X 2 - Start Date: 8/11/2025
Firefighter - Start Date: 8/11/2025
Fitness Instructor - ZUMBA - Start Date: 8/4/2025 (first class 8/11/2025)
Zoning Administrator - Start Date: TBD

422 Fire Lieutenant Promotions: Landon Epps & David Dixon

JUDICIAL DIVISION DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

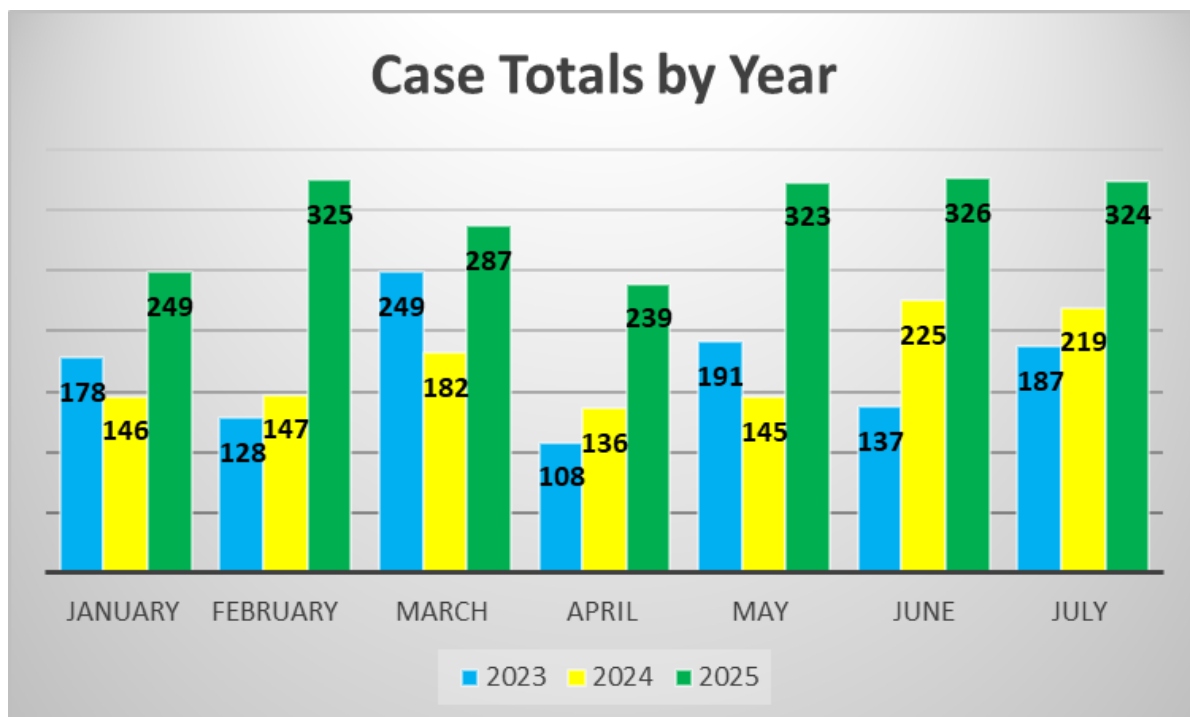
July Case Status

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	TOTALS
CASE TOTALS	54	270	324
TRANSFERRED CASES	20	14	34
DISPOSED CASES	2	36	38
PENDING CASES	32	220	252

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Current Projects:

- Jury trials for the third quarter of 2025 scheduled for the week of October 20 - 24, 2025.
- Second phase of retention project is completed.



Fountain Inn Natural Gas

GAS SUPPLY

- **July Gas Volume:** 31,476 Dths. (lowest July consumption since 2017)
- **July Consumption:** 20.06% lower than July 2024 and 2.89% lower than the 3-year average for July.
- **Natural Gas Pricing:**
 - **August Gas Price:** \$3.081 per Dekatherm
 - **Change from July:** decrease of \$0.18 per Dekatherm,
 - **Note:** This price reflects the commodity cost only. The final "Cost of Gas" includes additional factors such as transportation, fees and other costs which affect FING’s monthly billing.

GAS OPERATIONS

- We currently serve 12,749 customers in total.
- The 3 miles of 6” high pressure steel job to serve the North end of our system has been postpone until Spring of 2026.
- **Williams/Transco City Gate:** FING and Williams have reached an agreement on the upgrade of the existing FING city gate. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$2.3 million and \$3.1 million. Williams is currently preparing the contract agreement, which will be sent to us shortly for review and approval.
- The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff responsible for safety compliance of all gas utilities in the State will be conducting a comprehensive 4-day audit on FING’s operations in late August
- The number of new service line installations had a nice rebound in July with a total of 81 service lines, well above this year’s average.

KEY INDICATORS

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CURRENT	Y-T-D
NEW MAIN LINES INSTALLED	4,098 ft.	73,413 ft.
NEW SERVICE LINES INSTALLED	81SL; 3,715 ft.	338 SL; 17,204 ft.
AVERAGE HORS OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING		Avg. 11 hrs./EE

ANNUAL PHONE SAFETY SUREVEY RESULTS

To evaluate the effectiveness of FING’s Public Awareness Program, PHMSA requires gas companies to survey both customers and non-customers regarding their knowledge of natural gas safety. Our consultant performed 14,600 calls with a response rate of 6.68%.

Below are some of the key results, and previous years for comparison.

PUBLIC AWARENESS PHONE SURVEY RESULTS										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of calls	14,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	14,792	14,824	14,846	14,600	14,600
Response Rate	8.51%	8.73%	8.61%	5.63%	10.41%	7.14%	5.54%	5.21%	6.92%	6.68%
FING Customers Respondents	71.16%	71.86%	81.23%	80.51%	86.41%	89.94%	88.54%	79.53%	70.10%	78.56%
Received safety material in bill?	56.97%	43.43%	51.48%	46.13%	64.52%	65.42%	67.87%	70.26%	64.62%	68.90%
Recognize the smell of gas	83.76%	79.39%	78.17%	84.13%	84.33%	83.19%	83.66%	83.21%	85.09%	84.83%
Familiarity w/ 811	93.78%	92.56%	91.79%	92.65%	94.23%	94.60%	94.15%	93.91%	92.45%	92.47%
Leave area & call 911 from safe distance	96.77%	96.92%	92.38%	92.91%	94.77%	94.05%	92.33%	92.59%	92.63%	92.45%

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCIAL GAS RATES

The rates for July were not compiled at a State level.

PLANNING & ZONING

A. Zoning Ordinance & Land Development Regulations Rewrite

- Council workshops will be scheduled for September.

B. Boards & Commissions

Planning Commission (July 17th)

- SP-2025-05, Golden Strip Medical Center FRD
Request: Approval of Final Development Plan
Applicant: Lauren Garren, Thomas & Hutton
Location: McCarter Road, Nash Street & South Woods Drive
Tax map: Tax Map #'s 0350000100405, 0350000100406, 0350000100407, 0350000100301, 0350000100104, 0350000100300, 9040201001
Existing Zoning: FRD, Flexible Review District
Vote: 7-0, approved
- SP-2025-06, The Sanctuary at Quail Run
Request: Preliminary Plat Approval
Applicant: Blackstone Development, Seth Henry
Location: 100 & 806 Main St.
Tax map: Tax Map #'s 0341000100200 & 0341000100400
Existing zoning: R-15, Residential
Vote: 5-1, approved

Board of Zoning Appeals (Aug 7th)

- No applications were submitted, and the meeting was canceled.

C. Code Enforcement

- The code enforcement position will be vacant starting August 19th. We will be posting the vacancy soon.

BUILDING AND CODES

INSPECTIONS	JULY	JUNE
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	354	443
PERMITS ISSUED	42	58
SUBMITTED PERMITS	69	74
NEW SINGLE FAMILY	37	30
NEW MULTI-FAMILY (UNITS)	0	0
NEW COMMERCIAL	1	2
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-ISSUED	23	20
REMODEL/ADD. RESIDENTIAL	3	4
REMODEL/ADD. COMMERCIAL	1	4
SIGN/ROOFING/SOLAR/MISC TRADE	27	34
COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEWS	6	10
RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEWS	50	41

CODE COMPLIANCE

BUILDING CODE COMPLAINTS	JULY	JUNE
VEHICLES/OTHER	16	23
BUILDING – UNSAFE CONDITIONS	0	0
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	16	22
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	32	45

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL STATISTICS	JULY	JUNE
TOTAL VALUATION	\$6,142,909	\$12,707,903
TOTAL PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$26,118.88	\$48,935.50
TOTAL PLAN REVIEW REVENUE	\$12,200	\$23,580



Police Department
July 2025 Monthly Report

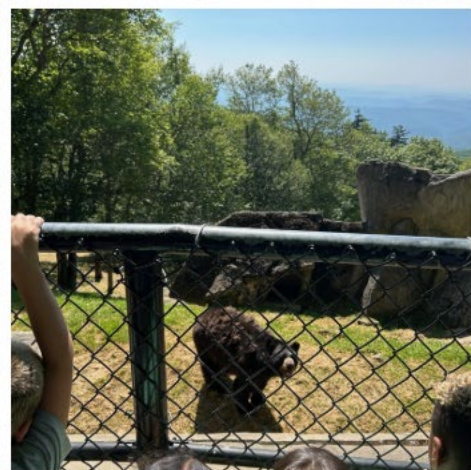


The safest cities in South Carolina in 2025

- #1 Lexington
- #2 Fort Mill
- #3 Tega Cay
- #4 Lyman
- #5 Bluffton
- #6 Clover
- #7 Port Royal
- #8 Mount Pleasant
- #9 Hanahan
- #10 Central
- #11 Clemson
- #12 Hardeeville
- #13 Goose Creek
- #14 Surfside Beach
- #15 Fountain Inn
- #16 Abbeville
- #17 Isle of Palms
- #18 Walhalla
- #19 Mauldin
- #20 Duncan



Fountain Inn Ranked as the 15th Safest City out of 271 Municipalities



Summer Camp Week 2



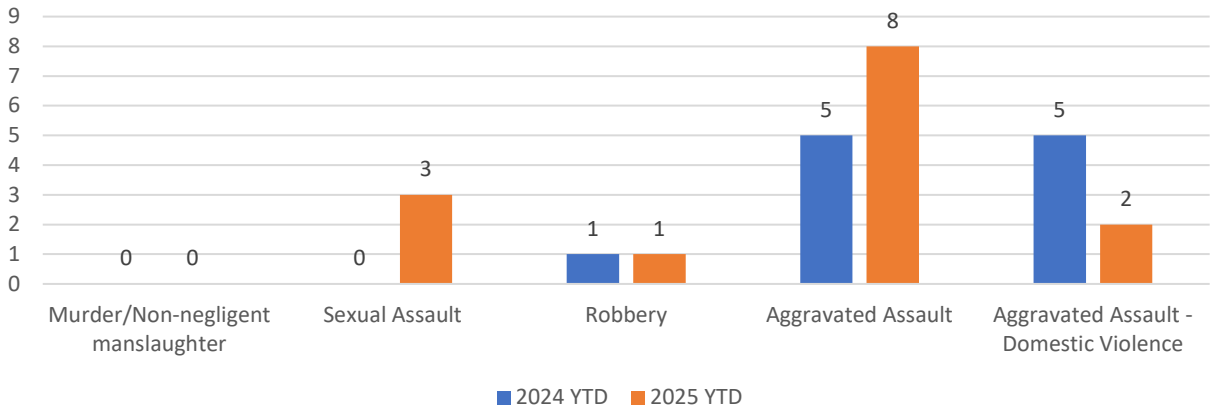
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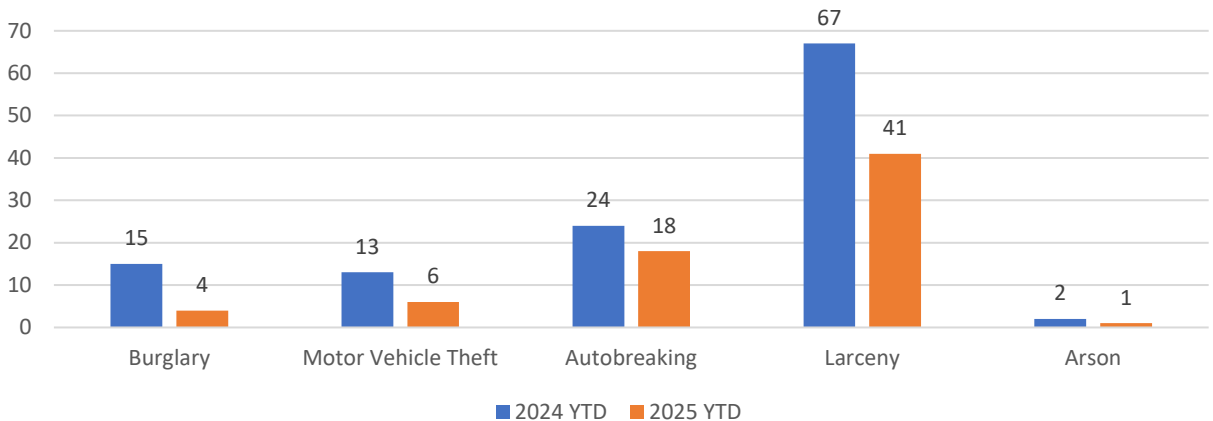
Violent Crime						
Crime Type	Jul 2024	Jul 2025	Difference	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Difference
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	3	3
Robbery	0	0	0	1	1	0
Aggravated Assault	0	2	2	5	8	3
Aggravated Assault - Domestic Violence	1	0	-1	5	2	-3
Total Violent Crime	1	2	1	11	14	3
Property Crime						
Crime Type	Jul 2024	Jul 2025	Difference	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Difference
Burglary	1	0	-1	15	4	-11
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	3	0	13	6	-7
Autobreaking	0	5	5	24	18	-6
Larceny	7	12	5	67	41	-26
Arson	0	0	0	2	1	-1
Total Property Crime	11	20	9	121	70	-51
Total Part I Crime	12	22	10	132	84	-48

Unfounded Cases Removed / Source: VConnect

Violent Crime - 2024/2025 YTD Comparison

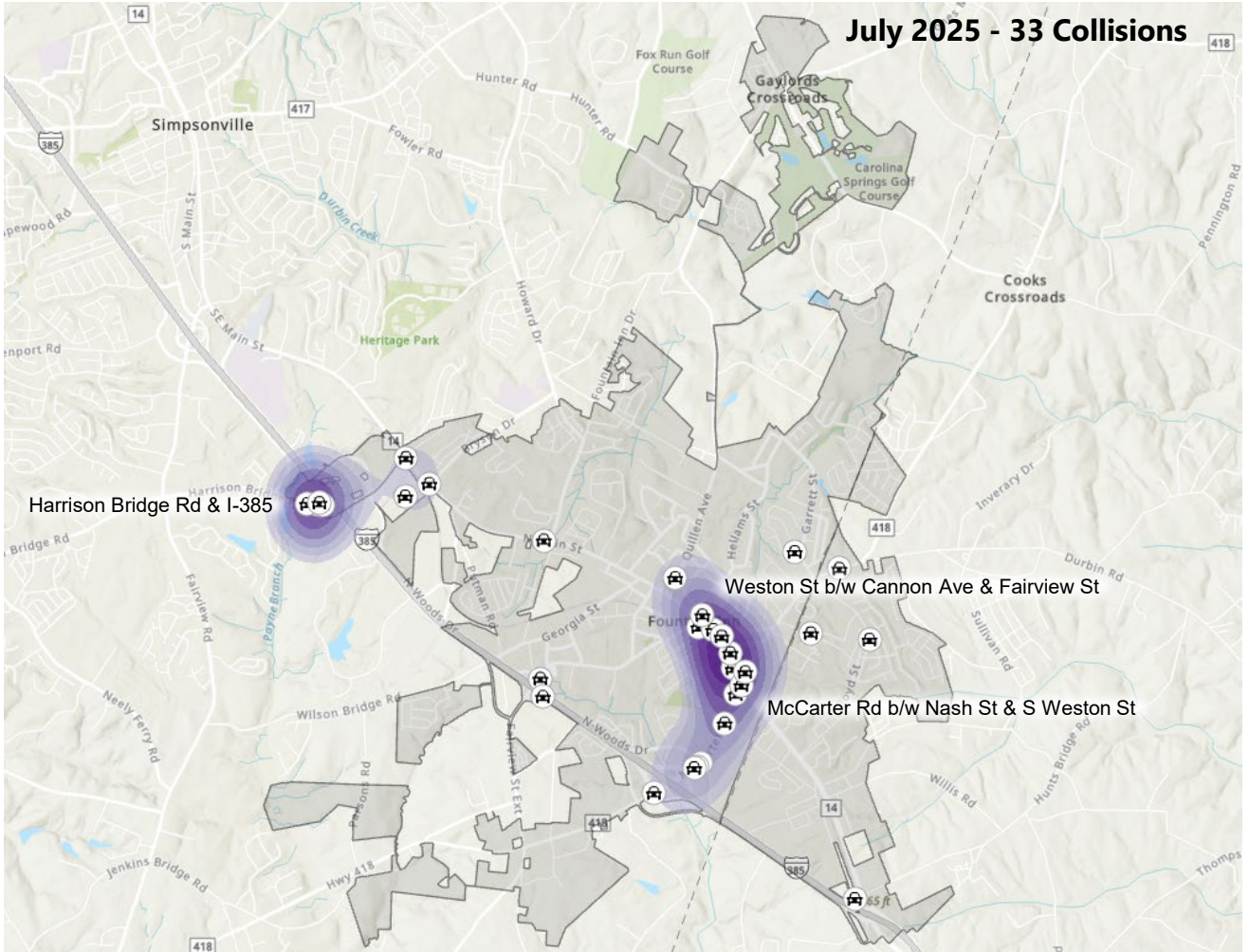


Property Crime - 2024/2025 YTD Comparison

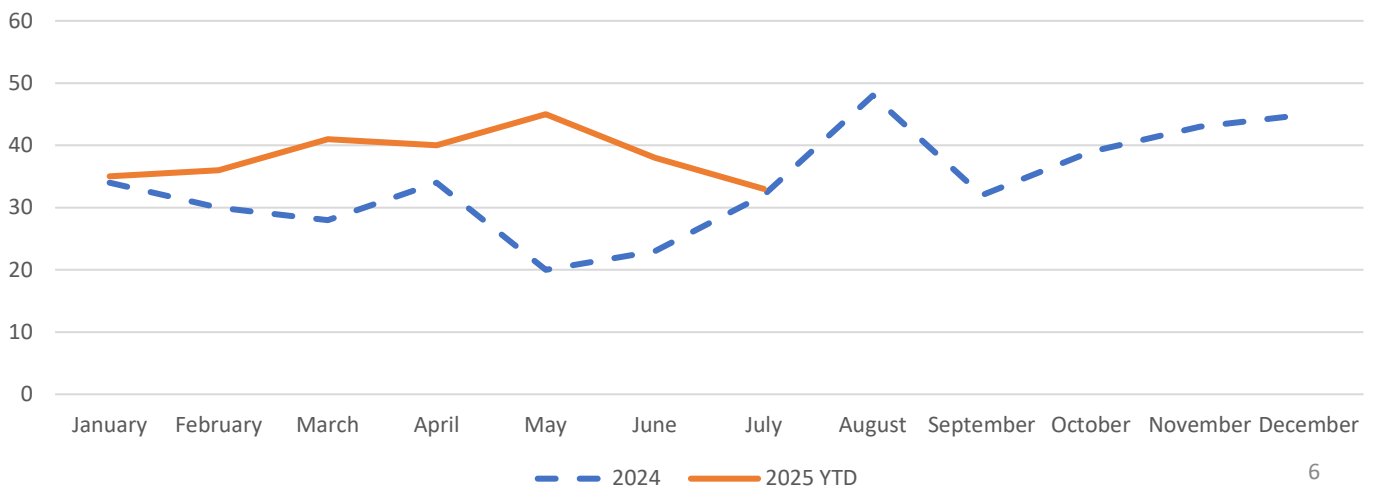




Collisions	Jul 2024	Jul 2025	Difference	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Difference
Count	32	33	1	201	268	67



Collisions by Month - 2024/2025





July 2025 Collisions by Day of Week and Hour							
Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
5 AM				1		1	2
6 AM		1	1				2
8 AM				1			1
9 AM				1			1
10 AM	1				1		2
12 PM	1	2					3
1 PM		1		1		2	4
2 PM	1				1		2
4 PM			1		1		2
5 PM	1	1	1			1	4
6 PM	1	2		1	1	1	6
7 PM					1		1
9 PM			1				1
10 PM				1	1		2
Grand Total	5	7	4	6	6	5	33

Hot Day for Collisions in July
 Tuesdays – 7 collisions
Hot Time Range for Collisions in July
 1800-1859 – 6 collisions

Primary Contributing Factor	Count
Failed to Yield Right of Way	7
Followed Too Closely	6
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	4
Distracted / Inattention	4
Made an Improper Turn	2
Other Improper Action	1
Unknown (driver)	1
Texting	1
Under the Influence	1
Improper Lane Usage / Change	1
Other	1
Lying &/or Illegally in Roadway	1
Grand Total	30

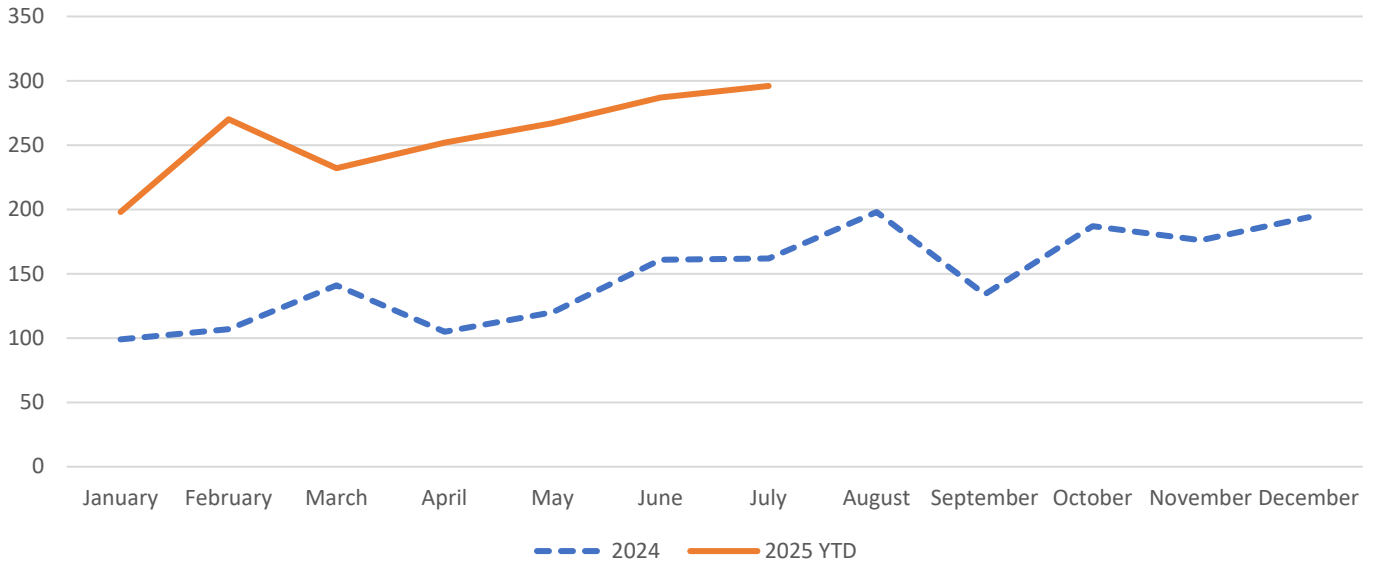
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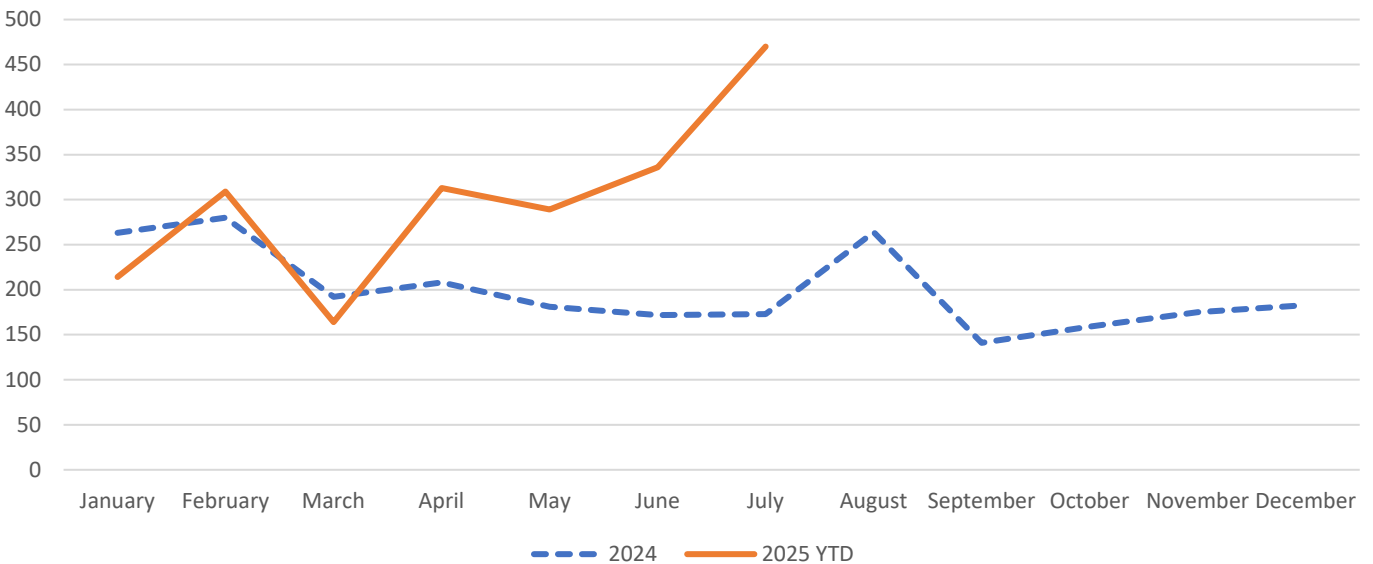
Citation/Warning Statistics

Contact Type	Jul 2024	Jul 2025	Difference	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Difference
Citations	162	296	134	895	1,802	907
Warnings	173	470	297	1,469	2,095	626

Citations by Month - 2024/2025



Warnings by Month - 2024/2025

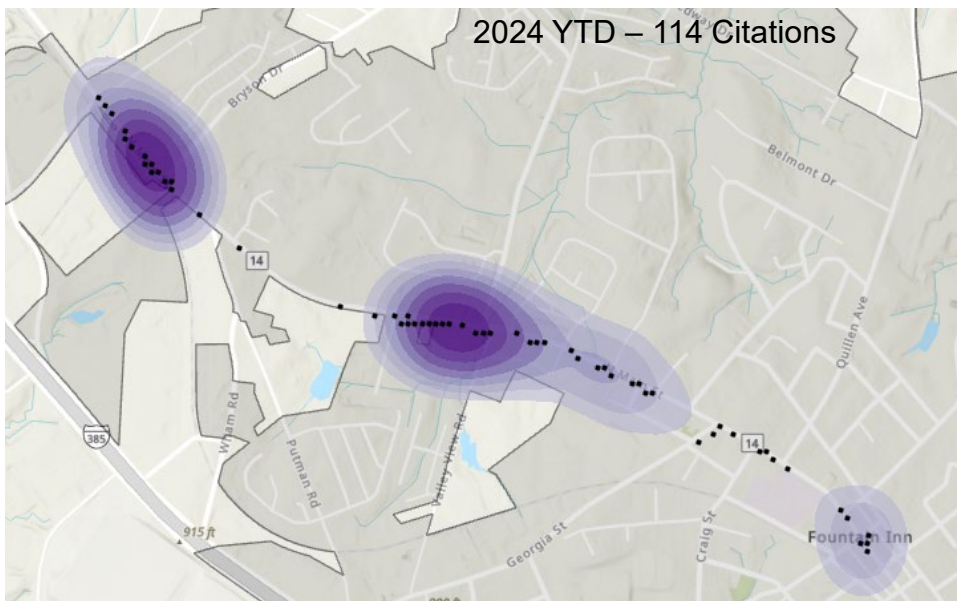
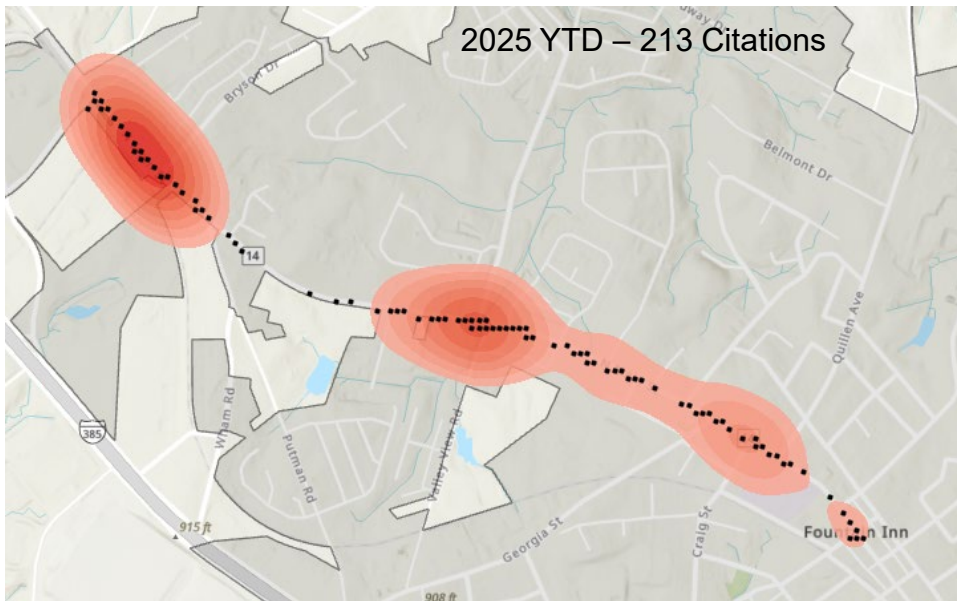




N Main Street Traffic Enforcement – 2024 YTD v 2025 YTD

N Main Street Citation Comparison by Month 2024 YTD v 2025 YTD			
Months	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Change
January	15	25	66.7%
February	21	39	85.7%
March	22	22	0.0%
April	12	36	200.0%
May	14	36	157.1%
June	15	30	100.0%
July	15	25	66.7%
Grand Total	114	213	86.8%

average monthly increase - 14 citations

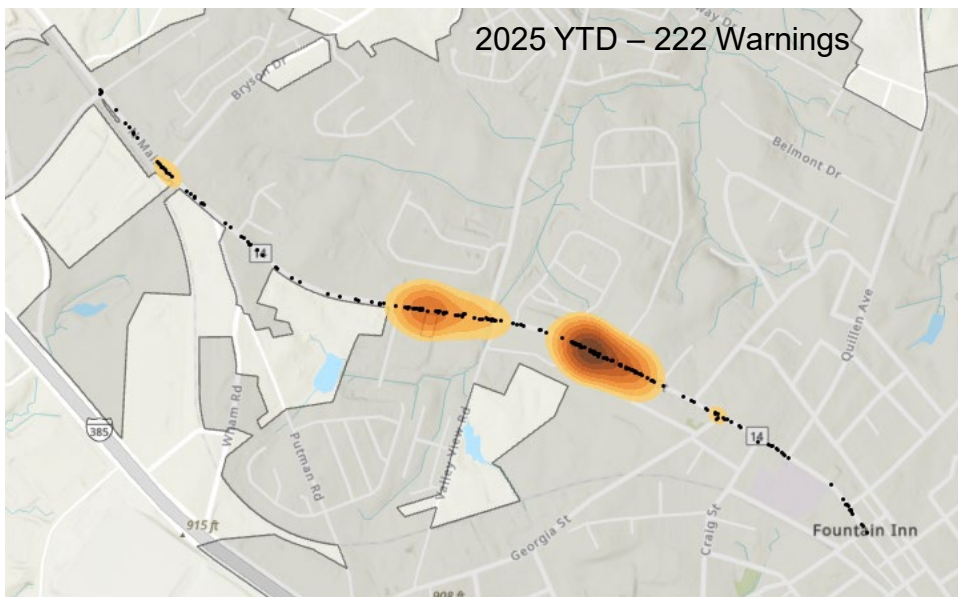
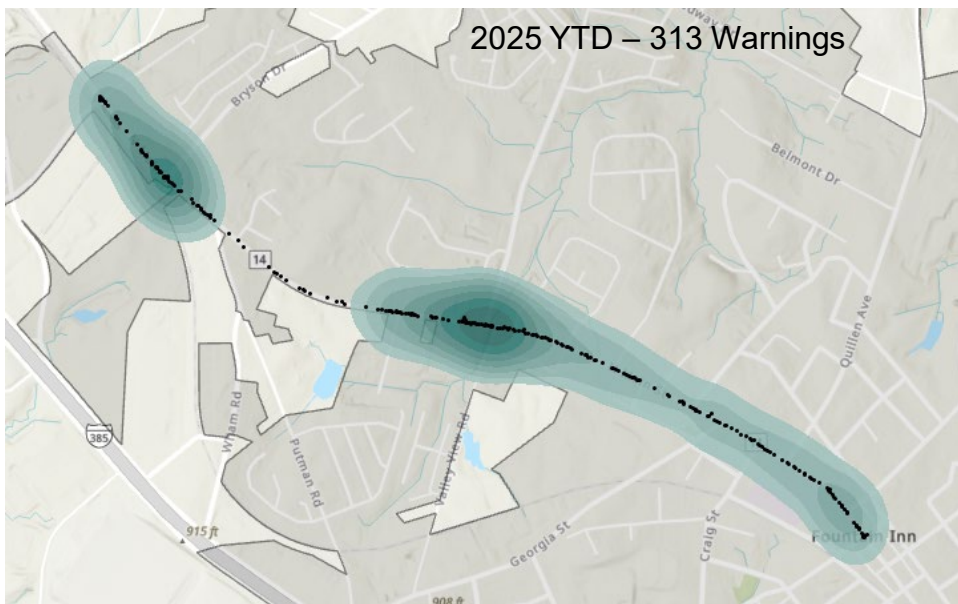




N Main Street Traffic Enforcement – 2024 YTD v 2025 YTD

N Main Street Warning Comparison by Month 2024 YTD v 2025 YTD			
Months	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Change
January	28	22	-21.4%
February	28	44	57.1%
March	47	15	-68.1%
April	53	64	20.8%
May	30	44	46.7%
June	16	41	156.3%
July	20	83	315.0%
Grand Total	222	313	41.0%

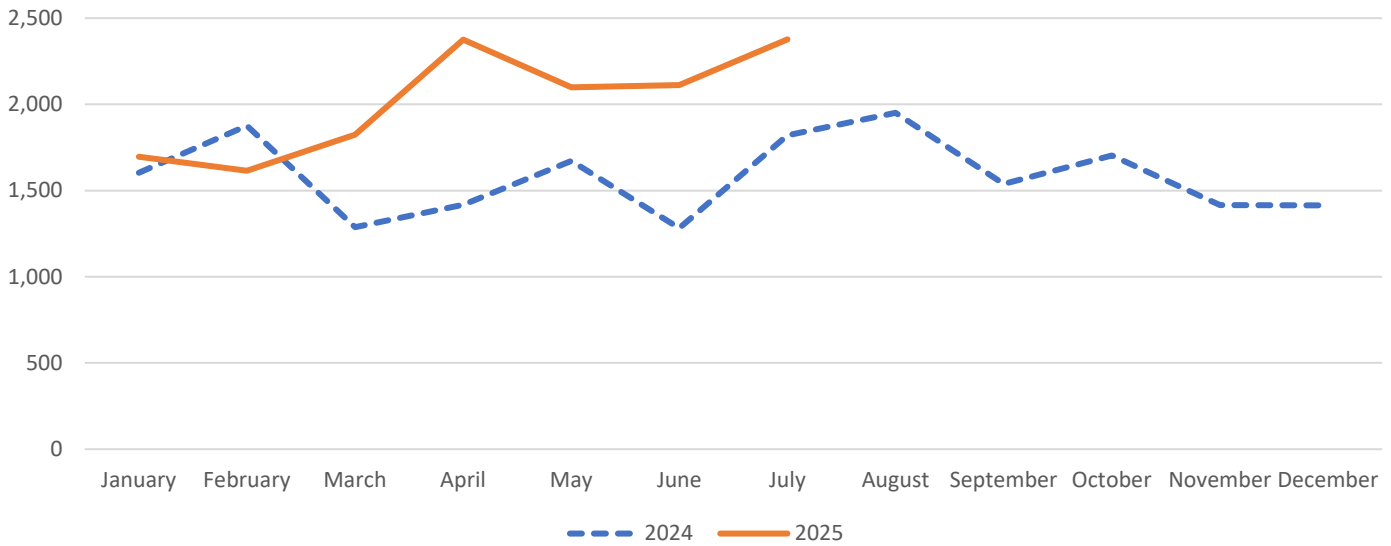
average month increase - 13 warnings





Jul 2024	Jul 2025	Difference	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Difference
1,820	2,377	557	10,959	14,099	3,140

Calls for Service by Month - 2024/2025



Communications Call Summary Report

July Call Summary				
	Call Type	Jul 2024	Jul 2025	% Change
911	Inbound	259	504	94.6%
	Administrative			
Administrative	Inbound	1,608	1,647	2.4%
	Outbound	653	763	16.8%

Fall sports registrations:

Tackle Football - 138

Flag Football - 109

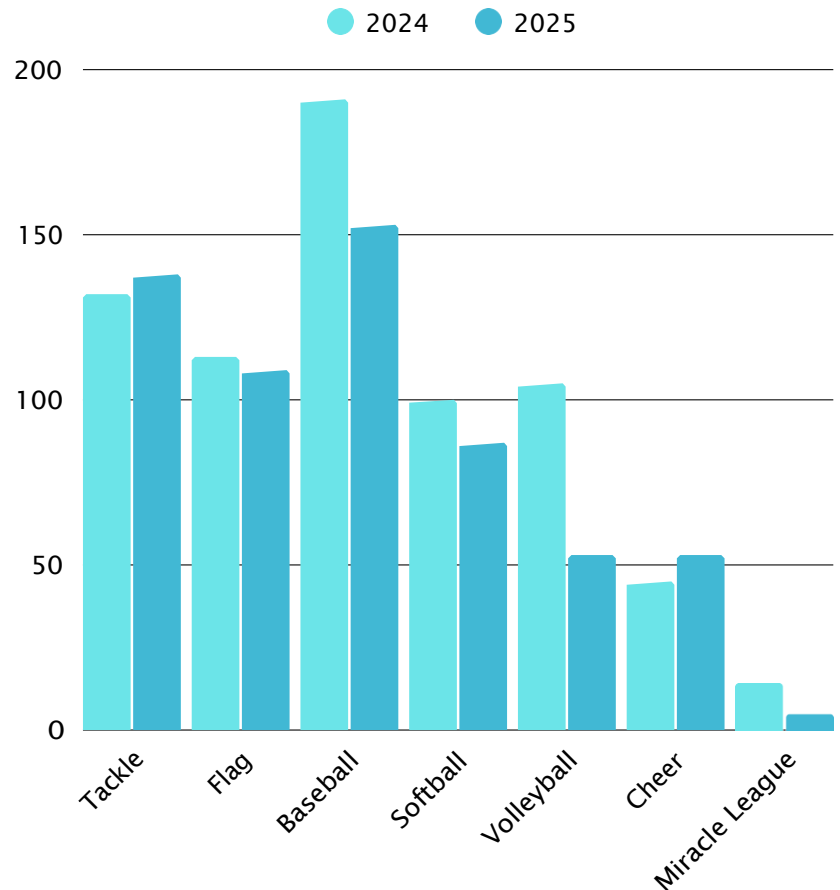
Baseball - 153

Softball - 87

Volleyball - 53

Cheerleading - 53

Miracle League - 5



Upcoming registrations:

- **Basketball** - September 29 thru October 31
- **Wrestling** - September 29 thru October 31
- **Volleyball** Registration Ongoing
- **Miracle League** Registration Ongoing

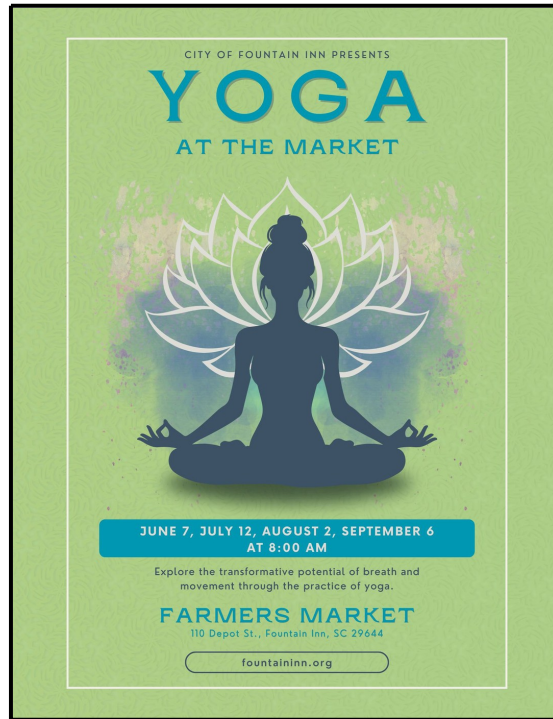
Jamboree: Saturday, August 16th at Mauldin High School

- 8U @ 10 am Field 1
- 10U Maroon @ 10 am Field 2
- 10U Navy @ 12 pm Field 2
- 12U Navy @ 10 am Field 3
- 12U Maroon @ 11 am Field 3

Tackle Football regular season begins August 18th

Flag, Baseball/Softball begins September 2nd

Yoga at The Market - Join us at The Farmers Market for a refreshing morning of beginner's yoga. Class begins at 8:00a on August 2nd and September 6th. Don't forget your mat!



Congratulations to WWRD on winning the **Adult Softball** championship, and to Orange Crush for an exciting season!




Events:

- 8/2 - **Bingo at The Market** - All ages welcome. Games start at 10:00a.
- 8/5 - **Birthday Celebration**
- 8/12 - **End of Summer Bingo** - sponsored by Automotive Services of Fountain Inn
- 8/21 - **A Bee's Knees Tea** - Special Guest Speaker will be Susan Smith, owner of Seaside Honey in Oak Island, NC.
- 8/28 - **Ask a CPT** - Certified personal training
- 8/28 - **55+ Night Out on the Square** - Shopping and dining in historic Laurens, SC



at The Market
Saturday August 2nd
@10:00a

Enjoy a morning of Bingo at the Fountain Inn Farmers Market. Game prizes will be supplied by the Market vendors, with the grand prize donated by the City. All ages are welcome to play, so bring a friend!!



55+ Night Out on the Square
Thursday Aug 28th
@ 3:00p

Enjoy great food and unique shopping in beautiful downtown Laurens, SC.

End of Summer
BINGO
Games @ 11:00
Lunch @ 12:00

Tuesday August 12th
**** Turkey Sliders ****
Sponsored by
Automotive Services of Fountain Inn



\$3 donation



A Bee's Knees Tea
Thursday August 21st
@ 11:30 in the CR

Special Guest Speaker:
Beekeeper Susan Smith,
owner of Seaside Honey in Oak Island, NC



Cost: \$5 per person. See Beth Anne or Heather to register!

- The Fountain Inn Community has been wonderful in stepping up to sponsor our monthly Bingo games. We have sponsors on the books throughout November. One more will get us through the year. If anyone is interested in sponsoring our Christmas Bingo, let us know!!

July was a celebration of National Parks and Recreation month, and we made it a memorable one! A big thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated with us all month long! From family events, fitness classes, to fun in the parks, and community engagement. We're proud to highlight the importance of parks and recreation in our community—and even prouder of the people who make it all happen.

- A fun Splash Pad Party
- Competitive Pickleball Tournament
- Relaxing Yoga at The Market Session
- Inn the Parks Rock Hunt Outdoor Family
- Family Friendly Movie Night Inn the Park
- Wrap Up Party at ESSC



JHONNEA MCALLISTER

Legal Services Specialist II

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Legal Services Specialist II with over 6 years of experience in legal and court systems, demonstrating strong leadership and communication skills. Proficient in administrative support, document processing, and court procedures, ensuring efficiency and accuracy. Adept at bridging communication between stakeholders and enhancing procedural flow, with a focus on improving departmental efficiency and supporting judicial operations.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST II

Greenville County Bond Court

Jan 2019 - Present

Greenville, SC

- ◆ Enter warrants and tickets, ensuring legal compliance and efficiency.
- ◆ Prepare court documents, enhancing judicial accuracy.
- ◆ Assist judges and public, improving communication flow.
- ◆ Inform victims of hearings, maintaining transparency.
- ◆ Manage legal documents, ensuring procedural adherence.
- ◆ Maintain meticulous court records and financial transaction accuracy while coordinating essential communications between judicial staff and public.
- ◆ Foster transparent court proceedings by managing victim notifications and facilitating clear communication channels among all stakeholders.
- ◆ Strengthen court operations by coordinating with judges, staff, and public to ensure smooth procedural flow and accurate documentation.
- ◆ Streamline warrant processing and court document management while ensuring complete legal compliance and maintaining detailed financial records.
- ◆ Build effective communication channels between judicial staff and public, facilitating transparent court proceedings and timely victim notifications.

FILE CLERK (TEMP.)

Greenville County Land Development Department

Mar 2018 - Jun 2018

Greenville, SC

- ◆ Entered data accurately, enhancing database efficiency.
- ◆ Organized files, improving retrieval speed by 40%.
- ◆ Scanned and filed documents, maintaining records.
- ◆ Implemented file system, reducing retrieval time.
- ◆ Enhanced access to land development documents.
- ◆ Optimized file room operations through strategic reorganization, leading to faster document retrieval and improved departmental efficiency.
- ◆ Modernized record-keeping processes by converting physical documents to digital format while maintaining data integrity and accessibility.
- ◆ Coordinated with multiple departments to streamline document flow, ensuring accurate and timely processing of land development records.

ASSISTANT (TEMP.)***Criminal Domestic Violence Court*****Jul 2017 - Oct 2017*****Greenville, SC***

- ◆ Managed court correspondence, ensuring accuracy and timely delivery.
- ◆ Resolved software issues, boosting team productivity.
- ◆ Coordinated tasks for efficient court operations.
- ◆ Verified paperwork, enhancing process reliability.
- ◆ Streamlined document processing, maintaining confidentiality.
- ◆ Optimized court document workflow by implementing digital tracking system, reducing processing time and enhancing departmental collaboration.
- ◆ Managed sensitive case documentation with meticulous attention to detail, ensuring compliance with legal protocols and data protection standards.
- ◆ Provided comprehensive administrative support to legal teams while maintaining strict confidentiality and meeting critical deadlines.

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE***Greenville Technical College*****Aug 2022 - Present*****Greenville, SC***

SKILLS

Word Processing (*Skillful*), Communication (*Experienced*), Leadership (*Experienced*), Organization (*Expert*), Training (*Experienced*), Data Entry (*Experienced*), File Management (*Experienced*), Administrative Support (*Expert*), Court Procedures (*Expert*), Document Processing (*Expert*).



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

August 14, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Shawn M. Bell, City Administrator

Regular City Council Meeting

Ordinance/First Reading Ordinance/Second Reading Resolution/First & Final Reading

Agenda Date Requested: August 14, 2025

Ordinance/Resolution Caption: Ordinance 2025-05

An Ordinance amending Chapter 19 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles), by adding Article IV (Low Speed Vehicles), Section []-[] (Golf Carts and Recreational Vehicles), of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, 1992, as amended.

Summary Background:

H3292 (R92, Act 64) was signed into law by Governor McMaster and became effective on May 22, 2025. The bill changes the current law governing the registration and operation of golf carts. It allows cities and towns to adopt ordinances regulating golf carts, requires seat belts on the golf cart for children under 12 years of age, and requires liability insurance like that required for automobiles.

Impact If Denied:

In the absence of a municipal ordinance, golf carts are permitted to be operated:

- Only during daylight hours
- Only on a secondary highway where the speed limit is 35 mph or less
- Only within 4 miles of the address on the registration certificate
- Are permitted to cross a highway at an intersection where the speed limit is more than 35 mph

Impact If Approved:

Ordinance 2025-05 would allow golf carts within the City limits:

- On any roadway on which the speed limit is 35 mph or less
- To be operated more than 4 miles from the address on the registration certificate
- To be operated until 11:00 p.m. if the golf cart is equipped with operable, illuminated headlights, taillights, and turn signals

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE 2025-05**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES), BY
ADDING ARTICLE IV (LOW SPEED VEHICLES), SECTION []-[] (GOLF
CARTS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES), OF THE CITY CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH
CAROLINA, 1992, AS AMENDED.**

WHEREAS, the City Council (“Council”) of the City of Fountain Inn (“City”) finds:

- (a) The Council is authorized and empowered to provide for its internal operation according to South Carolina Constitution Article VIII, section 17, and the Home Rule Act of 1975;
- (b) The South Carolina General Assembly enacted South Carolina Code Annotated section 56-2-90, which enables local governments to enact ordinances to regulate the operation of golf carts;
- (c) Section 56-2-90(c)(1) specifically provides that a municipality may, with some limitations, stipulate the hours, methods, and locations of golf cart operations;
- (d) the safety and regulation of low-speed vehicles such as golf carts are vital to maintaining order and protecting all users of public roads and highways;
- (e) golf carts and other low-speed, recreational vehicles are increasingly used for short-distance travel within neighborhoods and communities, necessitating clear, consistent, and enforceable rules for their lawful operation; and
- (f) the Council intends to provide for the health and safety of its residents and visitors by enacting the Section []-[] and providing for the regulated use of golf carts and recreational vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council ordains:

1. **Amendment.** Chapter 19 is hereby amended, as and if amended, by adding Article IV (Low Speed Vehicles), and creating section []-[] (Golf Carts and Recreational Vehicles) as follows:

Section []-[]: Regulated Use of Golf Carts and Recreational Vehicles.

- (a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section, each capitalized term listed below has the meaning ascribed to that term.
 - (i) “Golf Cart” means a motorized vehicle described in Chapter 2 of Title 56 of the South Carolina State Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, and is designed and/or manufactured for typical operation on a golf course and/or sporting and/or other recreational purposes, and that are generally not designed to exceed a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - (ii) “Night” means from 11:00 p.m. until one-half hour after sunrise.
 - (iii) “Recreational Vehicle” means a motorized vehicle that is designed and/or manufactured for off-road operation and is not eligible to be registered by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Some examples of these vehicles are All Terrain Vehicles, Side-by-Sides, and Utility Terrain Vehicles.
- (b) Golf Cart Use. Subject to regulations provided by State law, the City Code, generally, and as provided in this Section []-[],
 - (i) a Golf Cart shall not be operated:
 - a. except in accordance with the provisions of the City Code, including this Section, and

applicable State law;

- b. unless and until, an individual or business owner of the Golf Cart first obtains a permit decal and registration from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the Golf Cart and upon payment of a registration fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles and affixes the permit decal to the Golf Cart, and otherwise complies with all applicable registration requirements;
- c. except by a person who is at least 16 years of age and holds a current, valid driver's license, which the operator must have in the operator's possession while operating the Golf Cart;
- d. until and unless each passenger under the age of twelve years old is wearing a fastened safety belt or is otherwise properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat;
- e. until and unless each Golf Cart occupant is compliant with all provisions of the City Code, including this Section, and applicable State law;
- f. if any occupant possesses an open alcoholic beverage;
- g. if the Golf Cart is over-occupancy, that is, each occupant must be able to sit directly on a seat designed by the manufacturer for that purpose;
- h. on any roadway on which the speed limit is more than thirty-five miles an hour, except that a Golf Cart is permitted to be operated to cross such a highway at an intersection;
- i. without the operator's using: (i) proper hand/arm signals to signal a stop and/or turn, (ii) illuminated headlights, taillights, and turn signals, as provided by South Carolina law, or (iii) both, and a Golf Cart shall not be operated at Night until and unless the Golf Cart is equipped with operable, illuminated headlights, taillights, and turn signals that are in compliance with South Carolina Code Annotated section 56-5-4490 and/or section 56-5-4510, as applicable, and are not so bright or positioned as to impact the driver of an oncoming vehicle as provided by South Carolina Code Annotated section 56-5-4780; and
- j. until and unless the Golf Cart is equipped with working taillights or taillamps that comply with South Carolina Code Annotated section 56-5-4510.

Notwithstanding the provisions of South Carolina Code Annotated section 56-2-90(D)(3), a Golf Cart may be operated in the City limits more than four miles of the address on the registration certificate described in Section []-[](b)(i)(b), and/or more than four miles from a point of ingress and egress of a gated community if the address on such registration certificate is within a gated community.

- (c) Recreational Vehicle Use. In addition to other regulations provided by State law and the City Code, a Recreational Vehicle is prohibited from traveling on the roads, bike paths, sidewalks, and pathways in the City.
- (d) Parking. A Recreational Vehicle shall not park in any public parking space or on any public property. A Golf Cart shall not park in violation of applicable State law, in violation of applicable provision of the City Code, or in violation of the restrictions provided below:
 - (i) Park only in a legal parking space or other location designed for motor vehicle parking, including a metered parking space, but must then comply with all parking fees and/or fines.
 - (ii) Shall not park in any space designed for motorcycle or moped parking.
 - (iii) May park more than one Golf Cart per space, subject to the following additional conditions:
 - a. Each Golf Cart does not block any other Golf Cart from leaving;

- b. Each Golf Cart parked in the parking space does impede the ability of vehicles parked next to the space from being accessed;
 - c. A Golf Cart does not extend beyond the length of the parking space to the extent that it impedes the regular traffic flow of the street
- (e) Enforcement. Any violation of this Section constitutes a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of violating this Section is punishable by a fine of not more than [] dollars (\$) or by imprisonment for not more than [] () days, or both. Further, a Golf Cart and/or a Recreational Vehicle operating and/or parking in violation of this Section may be impounded for the safety of the operator and the public.
2. **Codification.** The City shall codify the contents of this Ordinance as Chapter 19, Article IV, Section [], through and including, Section, of the City Code, as and if so amended, online as soon as practicable and in print as part of the City's next, regular, re-codification.
3. **Reservation of Code Sections.** The remaining available Sections of the City Code, including specifically, Section 19-60, through and including Section 19-100, remain reserved for future use.
4. **Reservation to City.** The City reserves the right to repeal or amend this Ordinance at any time, from time to time, as often as the City, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.
5. **Severability.** If any part of this Ordinance is unenforceable for any reason, then the remainder of this Ordinance remains in full force and effect.
6. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance takes effect immediately at second reading.

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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 Root Law LLC

First Reading: August 14, 2025
Second Reading / Final Approval: September 11, 2025