



AGENDA

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

**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6 p.m.**

Citizens may access the meeting at the following YouTube address:

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1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Presentation
 - a. Representative Mark Willis honoring Fire Chief, Russell Alexander
 - b. Chad Beam honoring Fire Chief, Russell Alexander
 - c. Autism Acceptance Month Proclamation
4. Introduce New Employees
 - a. Mya Gilbert, Public Works
Marina Rodriguez, Police Department
5. Appointment
 - a. Appointment of Taylor Jones the Mayor's At Large Seat on the Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2029
6. 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.
7. 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.

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

- a. Minutes from the Special Called City Council Meeting/Annual Council Retreat on March 7, 2026
 - b. Minutes from the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on March 12, 2026
 - c. Financials, February 2026
8. City Administrator's Report - Shawn M. Bell
 - a. Department Reports
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-03, confirming, ratifying, and approving acceptance of the dedication of Parsons Street and any associated rights of way and easements, and providing for related matters.
 - b. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-04, an ordinance disclaiming any right, title, interest, and/or control of "Cherry Street" along with any associated rights of way and/or easements; and providing for other related matters.
 - c. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-05, an ordinance to amend the City of Fountain Inn Flood Damage Prevention ordinance.
 - d. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-06, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding seven million, one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$7,150,000) City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, series 2026; and other matters relating thereto.
10. New Business
 - a. Approval to Authorize the City Administrator to Execute an Engagement Agreement with Love Bailey, LLC to provide auditing services for the City of Fountain Inn for fiscal years 2026-2028.
11. Executive Session -After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.
12. Adjourn

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PROCLAMATION

Fountain Inn City Council recognizes

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum condition" that affects people differently and to varying degrees. While there is currently no known single cause of autism, early diagnosis helps a person receive the support and services that they need, which can lead to a quality life filled with opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, the Autism Society launched an ongoing nationwide effort to promote autism awareness and assure that all affected by autism are able to receive the highest quality of life possible; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Autism Society launched the first annual National Autistic Children's week, which evolved into National Autism Awareness Month (NAAM); and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the United Nations General Assembly decided to declare April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Autism Self-Advocacy Network began referring to April as Autism Acceptance Month, promoting education and awareness, understanding and respect for people with the autism spectrum disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I George Patrick McLeer, Jr, Mayor of the City of Fountain Inn, along with the citizens of Fountain Inn, will focus on embracing those with autism spectrum disorder as people capable of living full and meaningful lives.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this
seal to be affixed

George Patrick McLeer, Jr.
Mayor

Witness

April 9, 2026
Date



MINUTES

**Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 9 a.m.
435 Telfair Street Fountain Inn, SC 29644**

1. Call to Order

Mayor McLeer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following members of City Council were in attendance: GP McLeer, Jay Thomason, Phil Clemmer, Mack Blackstone, Jason Sanders, John Don, and AJ Dearybury

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

Motion by Mayor McLeer, seconded by Councilman Thomason to go into Executive Session.

The motion carried unanimously 7/0.

Mayor McLeer made a motion to come out of Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

- a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee related to the Administration, Finance, Human Resources, Public Works, Judicial, Community Relations, Natural Gas, Recreation, Police, Fire, and Planning & Development Departments.**
- b. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services, encouraging the location or expansion of industries or other businesses related to providing updates on economic development projects throughout the City of Fountain Inn.**
- c. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to financial statement preparation and audit services.**

3. New Business

- a. **Finances and Budget Planning**
- b. **Project Updates**
- c. **March Council Meeting Agenda Preview**

4. Adjourn

Mayor McLeer adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.



MINUTES FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 12, 2026 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, Jay Thomason, Phil Clemmer, Mack Blackstone, John Don, and AJ Dearybury.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Hearing on CDBG and Home Funds

No one signed up to speak.

4. Presentations

a. 2026 GCRA Annual Action Plan Budget and Activities

Francisco Arnaiz from GCRA presented the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

5. Introduce New Employees

Eduardo Noreiga introduced their new employee.

a. Owen Smith, Natural Gas

6. 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.

Brian Gerrin spoke in reference to the intersection of Hwy 418 and Durbin Road.

7. 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, seconded by Councilman Thomason to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- a. **Minutes from the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting February 12, 2026**
- b. **Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting, Annual Council Retreat, March 7, 2026**
- c. **Financials, January 2026**

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

Mr. Bell covered the following information: Main Street streetscape pavement marking and paving will be completed. Mac Arnold Cornbread and Collard Greens is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. Chief Alexander was awarded Fire Fighter of the Year. The Police Department's Annual Citizens Police Academy is starting in March, their Superhero 5k is April 18 at 8:30am, and the annual Golf Tournament is May 20 at Carolina Springs Golf Course. In Recreation, spring youth baseball and softball opening day will be held on March 28 from 9am-2pm. Recreation also has the adult softball registration from April 30 to May 31. The Younts Center presents HIS Life, the musical, and Chamber annual membership luncheon on April 17 and the annual golf cart parade on May 23.

Mr. Bell also clarified and provided more context for the fiscal year 2025 Audit presentation that took place during the January Council meeting: The City outperformed the budgeted deficit by over \$570,000, and when you account for the other financing sources, we outperformed the budget by \$1.3million. General fund revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$300,000, budgeted expenditures by \$273,000 below budget. We budgeted for a \$2.4 million decrease but it was only \$472,000 decrease, therefore we outperformed the budget by \$1.9 million. We also have a FEMA reimbursement of \$475,000 coming after Hurricane Helene. Natural Gas fund: revenues exceeded budget by \$55,000, expenditures were 14% under budget and the sewer fund revenues exceeded budget by less than \$10,000 but expenditures were about 17% less than budgeted.

Councilman Clemmer asked about the details of the paving project on Main Street.

Mayor McLeer asked GPATS transportation plan about Hwy 418/Durbin Road. Mayor McLeer stated GPATS covers a portion of Laurens County and hasn't completed a project in Laurens in a long time.

Councilman Don questioned the Auditor's process and Mr. Bell reiterated that staff received the auditors' draft the morning of the Council meeting and the final audit is on our website. Councilman Don stated the draft audit had many mistakes and he was disappointed in what was presented to the public and to Council and expects the information to be accurate which it was not.

a. Department Reports

9. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

10. New Business

- a. ~~First Reading of AXZ 2026-02, an ordinance to provide for the annexation of the property described herein to the City limits of the City of Fountain Inn; to establish a zoning classification therefore; to assign the annexed property to a Council Ward; and other related matters (generally located between White Drive, E. Georgia Road, and Lee Vaughn Road.)~~ WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT**

Mayor McLeer stated, item A was withdrawn by the applicant, so there is no action on the table and not up for consideration.

- b. Appoint Melissa Woods for a two-year term as a Judge.**

Motion by Councilmember Dearybury, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to appoint Melissa Woods for a two-year term as a Municipal Judge.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- c. First and Final Reading of Resolution 2026-03, allocation of Greenville County CDBG and Home Funds for Program Year 2026.**

Motion by Councilman Blackstone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Don to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution 2026-03, allocation of Greenville County CDBG and Home Funds for Program Year 2026.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- d. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-03, confirming, ratifying, and approving acceptance of the dedication of Parsons Street and any associated rights of way and easements, and providing for related matters.**

Motion by Councilman Blackstone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Don to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2026-03, confirming, ratifying, and approving acceptance of the dedication of Parsons Street and any associated rights of way and easements, and providing for related

matters.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- e. **First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04, an ordinance disclaiming any right, title, interest, and/or control of "Cherry Street" along with any associated rights of way and/or easements; and providing for other related matters.**

Motion by Councilman Thomason, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Don to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2026-04, an ordinance disclaiming any right, title, interest, and/or control of "Cherry Street" along with any associated rights of way and/or easements; and providing for other related matters.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- f. **First Reading of Ordinance 2026-05, an ordinance to amend the City of Fountain Inn Flood Damage Prevention ordinance.**

Motion by Councilmember Dearybury, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2026-05, an ordinance to amend the City of Fountain Inn Flood Damage Prevention ordinance.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- g. **First Reading of Ordinance 2026-06, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding seven million, one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$7,150,000) City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, series 2026; and other matters relating thereto.**

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, seconded by Councilmember Dearybury to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2026-06, an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding seven million, one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$7,150,000) City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, series 2026; and other matters relating thereto.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

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

No Executive Session

- 12. **Adjourn**

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, seconded by Councilmember Dearybury to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Fiscal Year 2026 -2027

Budget Process and Timeline

- ***January 2026***
 - Finance staff begin collecting and analyzing five years of historical data.
 - Each department's budget worksheet is updated with historical revenue and expenditure data along with current fiscal year actuals, which provide insight into year-to-date performance by line item and serve as a guide for developing accurate budget projections.

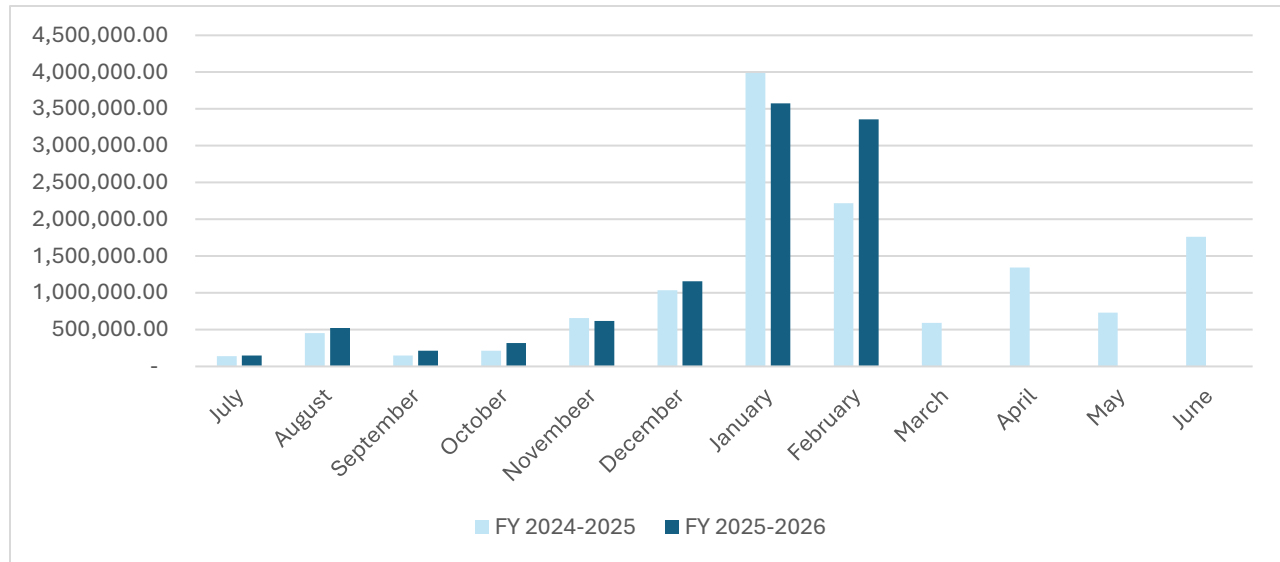
- ***February 2026***
 - Each department starts to prepare its proposed budget including:
 - Staffing needs (headcount, raises, benefits)
 - Operating expenses (supplies, software, travel)
 - Revenue estimates (if applicable)
 - Capital needs are reviewed:
 - Departments assess operational needs and identify potential capital projects or equipment requirements.
 - Existing assets are reviewed for age, condition, and replacement schedules.
 - Departments obtain preliminary cost estimates, quotes, or pricing for proposed capital items.
 - Justification is developed for each request, including operational impact, safety considerations, regulatory requirements, and service level improvements.
 - Projects are prioritized based on urgency, need, and alignment with organizational goals.
 - Completed capital requests are submitted to Finance for review and incorporated into the initial proposed budget.

- ***March 2026***
 - The Finance Department reviews, compiles, and consolidates all departmental budget submissions and capital requests into a comprehensive proposed budget document for internal review.
 - Budget reviews start with City Administration to review the consolidated budget, including an evaluation of revenue sources and departmental requests

- **April 2026**
 - Final meetings are conducted with department heads to clarify and refine budget requests.
 - Ongoing meetings with City Administration are being held to review expenditures and implement necessary reductions to ensure a balanced budget.
 - The proposed balanced budget is presented to City Council during two scheduled budget workshops for review and discussion.
 - **Budget Workshop #1 - Tuesday April 28th**
 - Revenue & Other Financing Sources
 - General Government
 - Administration
 - Judicial Department
 - Mayor and Council
 - Community Relations
 - Finance
 - Human Resources
 - Police Department
 - Fire Department
 - Public Works Department
 - Planning and Development
 - Streets and Grounds
 - Recreation Department
 - Facilities Maintenance
 - **Budget Workshop #2 - Thursday April 30th**
 - Hospitality
 - Local Options Sales Tax
 - Solid Waste Department
 - Natural Gas Department
 - Sewer Department
 - Victims Services Fund
 - **First Reading – 2026-2027 Budget - Thursday May 14th**
 - **Second Reading – 2026-2027 Budget - Thursday June 11th**

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GENERAL FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$139,462.24	July 2025	\$149,610.04
August 2024	\$454,594.25	August 2025	\$520,144.73
September 2024	\$146,204.88	September 2025	\$211,468.47
October 2024	\$214,149.24	October 2025	\$333,503.18
November 2024	\$658,884.69	November 2025	\$616,687.45
December 2024	\$1,033,738.22	December 2025	\$1,156,404.01
January 2025	\$3,988,534.88	January 2026	\$3,575,279.01
February 2025	\$2,217,082.30	February 2026	\$3,356,225.80
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	\$6,733,610.05
YTD Revenue	\$17,166,680.03	YTD Revenue	\$16,652,932.74
% of Budget	106%	% of Budget	97%
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 2025A – Annual	\$639,000.00	\$852,000.00
GO Bond Proceeds 2025B	\$0.00	\$1,964,508.32
Transfer In – Local Option Sales Tax	\$372,317.00	\$248,211.36
Transfer In – Gas Fund	\$1,235,269.00	\$1,039,311.14
Transfer In – Sewer Fund	\$110,038.00	\$116,518.34
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Christmas)	\$450,000.00	\$375,000.00
Transfer In – Gas Fund (Special Events)	\$100,000.00	\$66,666.64
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Special Events)	\$50,000.00	\$73,952.85
Transfer In – ARPA	\$0.00	\$757,260.19
Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$5,465.95
Proceeds on Disposal of Capital Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund	\$0.00	\$98,715.32
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Street & Grounds)	\$220,000.00	\$183,333.30
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Community Relations Grant)	\$100,000.00	\$66,666.64
Total FY 2024-2025	\$3,276,624.00	\$5,847,610.05

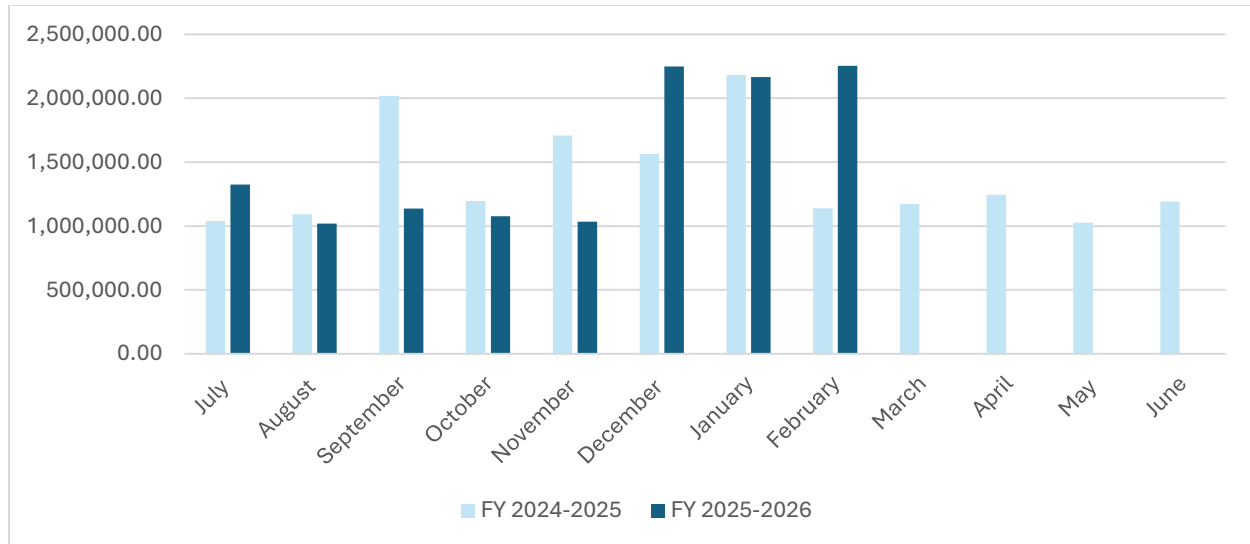
GENERAL FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2019 IPRB Woodside Park Recreation	6/30/2039	\$4,349,000.00	\$3,591,000.00	\$325,221.20 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2019 IPRB Ladder Truck Fire	6/30/2039	\$1,391,000.00	\$602,000.00	\$162,986.40 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

General Fund - Cash on hand as of 3/27/26: \$3,552,538.31

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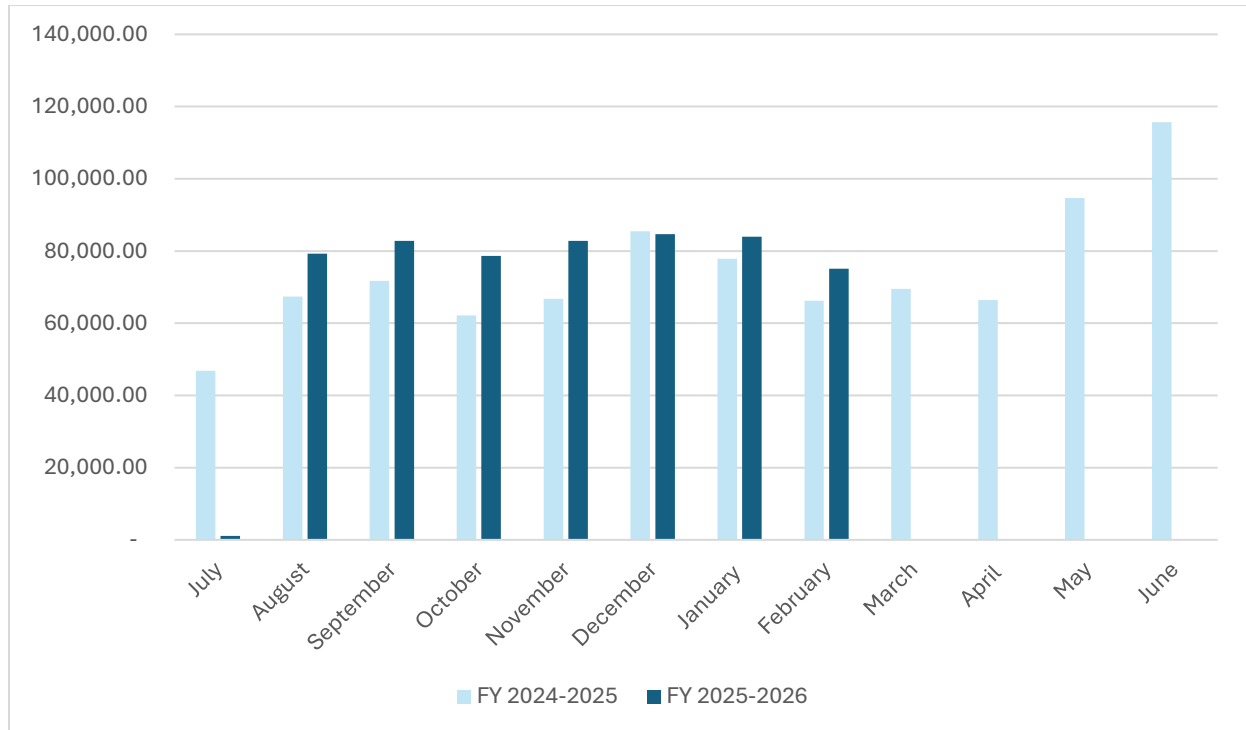
GENERAL FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$1,038,038.44	July 2025	\$1,267,980.97
August 2024	\$1,092,057.09	August 2025	\$1,123,947.35
September 2024	\$2,017,417.90	September 2025	\$1,133,818.53
October 2024	\$1,196,473.90	October 2025	\$1,189,441.79
November 2024	\$1,708,730.24	November 2025	\$1,143,671.09
December 2024	\$1,565,277.49	December 2025	\$2,248,084.27
January 2025	\$2,179,860.31	January 2026	\$2,166,707.04
February 2025	\$1,139,916.62	February 2026	\$2,253,607.43
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	\$89,243.52
Year to Date	\$16,648,217.57	Year to Date	\$12,616,501.99
% of Budget	105%	% of Budget	75%
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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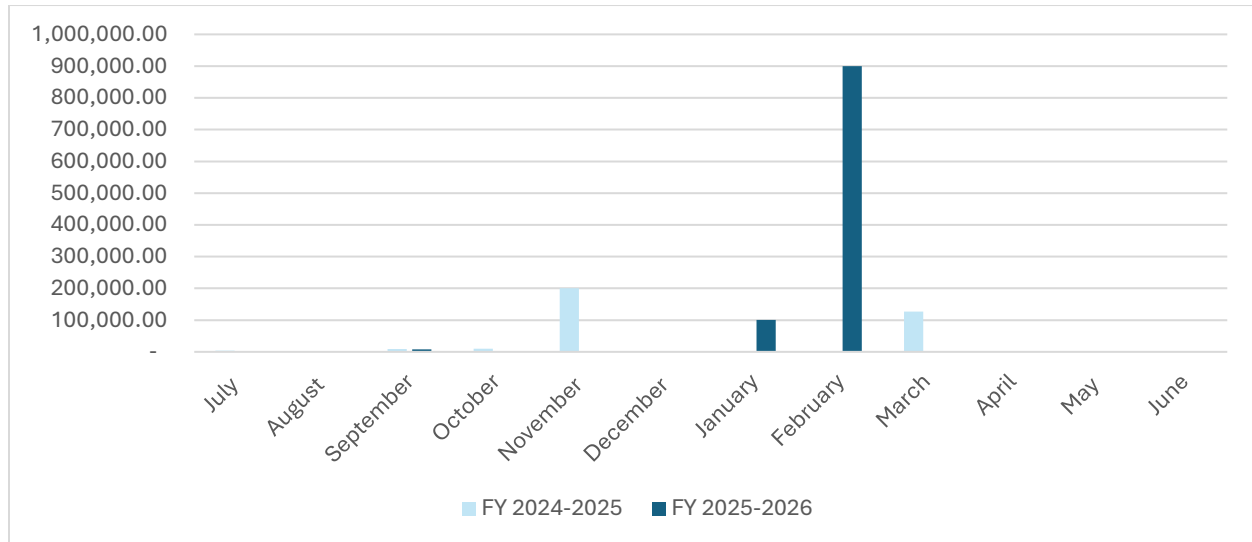
HOSPITALITY FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$46,855.02	July 2025	\$8,468.87
August 2024	\$67,354.35	August 2025	\$79,266.38
September 2024	\$71,696.16	September 2025	\$82,770.25
October 2024	\$62,168.82	October 2025	\$78,666.04
November 2024	\$66,778.83	November 2025	\$82,780.48
December 2024	\$85,454.91	December 2025	\$84,672.18
January 2025	\$77,803.03	January 2026	\$83,925.35
February 2025	\$66,237.36	February 2026	\$75,050.17
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	\$575,599.72
% of Budget	94%	% of Budget	57%
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	\$893.43
August 2024	\$1,490.46	August 2025	\$631.59
September 2024	\$8,468.94	September 2025	\$7,668.57
October 2024	\$10,139.05	October 2025	\$616.59
November 2024	\$200,139.05	November 2025	\$670.59
December 2024	\$550.95	December 2025	\$258.24
January 2025	\$1,939.05	January 2026	\$100,154.59
February 2025	\$1,159.95	February 2026	\$900,000.00
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	\$797,668.11
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$853,462.88	Year to Date	\$1,808,561.71
% of Budget	90%	% of Budget	81%
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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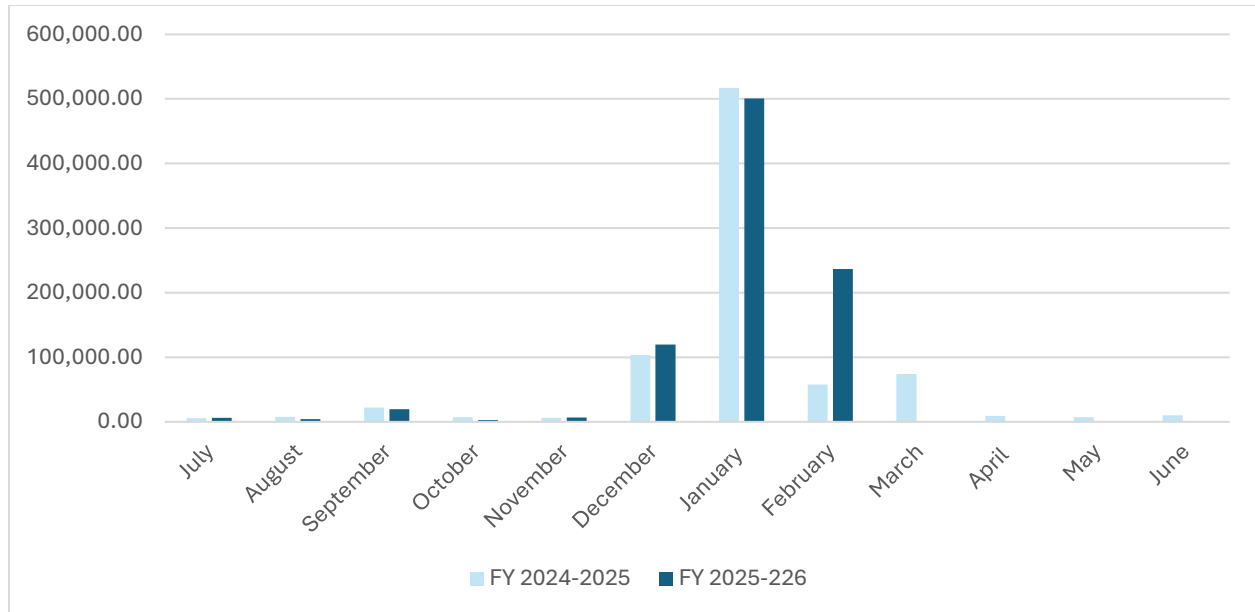
HOSPITALITY FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2013A A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2029	\$914,833.33	\$270,603.72	\$3,720.80 Principal & Interest	\$68,235.16
2013B A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2028	\$785,000.00	\$181,900.00	\$2,410.18 Principal & Interest	\$61,510.18

Hospitality Fund - Cash on hand as of 3/27/26: \$289,952.09

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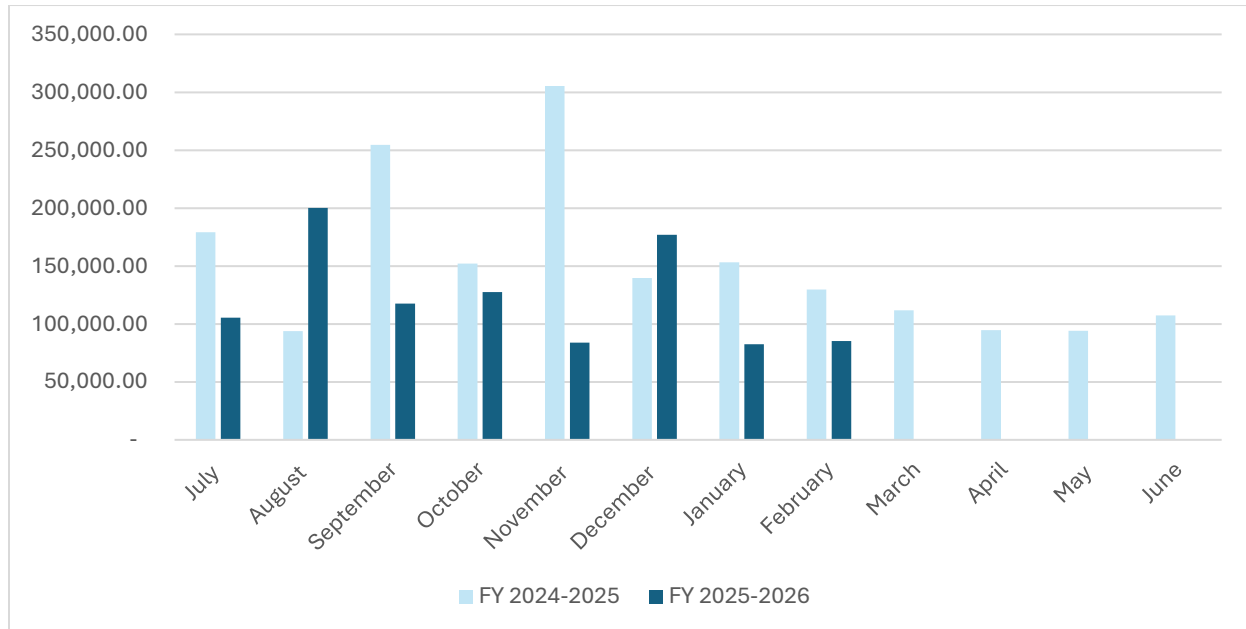
SOLID WASTE FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$5,780.00	July 2025	\$6,328.00
August 2024	\$7,472.00	August 2025	\$4,376.00
September 2024	\$22,296.00	September 2025	\$20,056.00
October 2024	\$7,448.00	October 2025	\$2,900.00
November 2024	\$6,120.00	November 2025	\$6,907.00
December 2024	\$103,348.00	December 2025	\$119,908.00
January 2025	\$517,221.00	January 2026	\$500,556.00
February 2025	\$57,942.07	February 2026	\$236,531.19
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	\$897,562.19
% of Budget	74%	% of Budget	74%
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	\$105,566.03
August 2024	\$93,862.34	August 2025	\$206,246.46
September 2024	\$254,605.27	September 2025	\$117,623.41
October 2024	\$152,219.68	October 2025	\$133,675.37
November 2024	\$305,293.76	November 2025	\$90,018.18
December 2024	\$139,582.17	December 2025	\$176,894.22
January 2025	\$153,237.69	January 2026	\$82,507.63
February 2025	\$129,820.19	February 2026	\$85,171.16
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	\$997,702.46
% of Budget	120%	% of Budget	66%
Budget FYE 25	\$1,516,190.00	Budget FYE 26	\$1,510,985.00

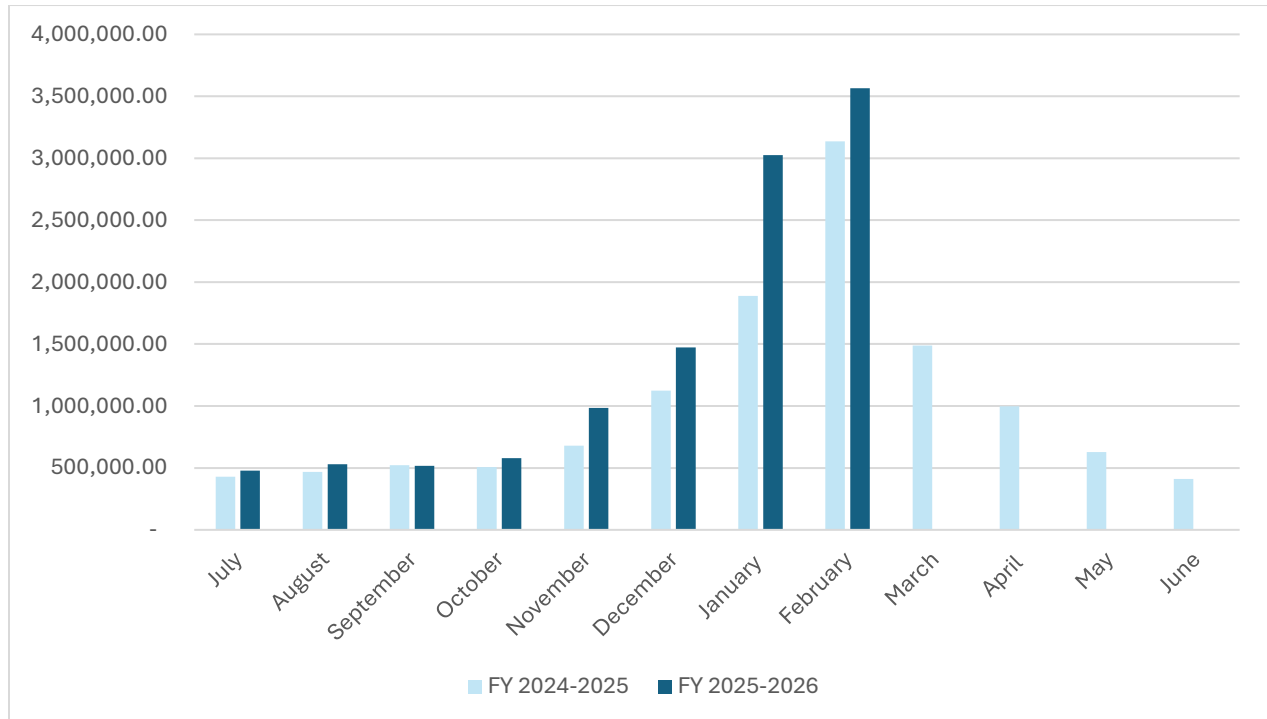


SOLID WASTE FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2019 IPRB (Debris Truck)	6/30/2026	\$459,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$73,357.20 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2020 Master Lease (Sanitation Vehicle)	6/30/2026	\$443,000.00	\$91,000.00	\$92,292.18 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2021 Master Lease	6/30/2027	\$113,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$23,616.40 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

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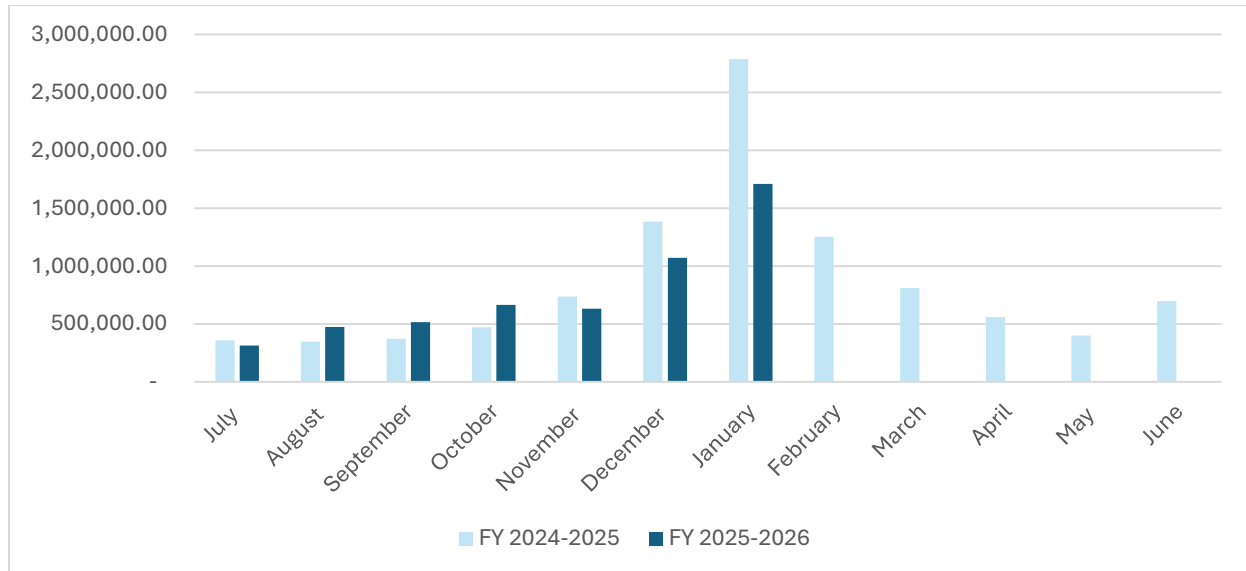
NATURAL GAS – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$429,142.59	July 2025	\$478,603.07
August 2024	\$468,134.26	August 2025	\$529,781.21
September 2024	\$521,699.86	September 2025	\$517,879.47
October 2024	\$506,817.73	October 2025	\$577,622.62
November 2024	\$680,417.38	November 2025	\$983,662.92
December 2024	\$1,123,258.56	December 2025	\$1,473,220.72
January 2025	\$1,889,426.67	January 2026	\$2,411,351.22
February 2025	\$3,136,973.81	February 2026	\$3,565,552.10
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	\$10,537,673.43
% of Budget	101%	% of Budget	84%
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	\$314,783.38
August 2024	\$346,953.46	August 2025	\$474,450.88
September 2024	\$371,132.65	September 2025	\$519,546.07
October 2024	\$470,885.40	October 2025	\$668,409.97
November 2024	\$735,065.16	November 2025	\$661,656.75
December 2024	\$1,381,965.87	December 2025	\$1,071,017.16
January 2025	\$2,785,048.79	January 2026	\$1,709,092.15
February 2025	\$1,253,630.37	February 2026	\$3,339,605.16
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	\$1,105,977.78
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$11,569,471.68	Year to Date	\$9,864,539.30
% of Budget	95%	% of Budget	79%
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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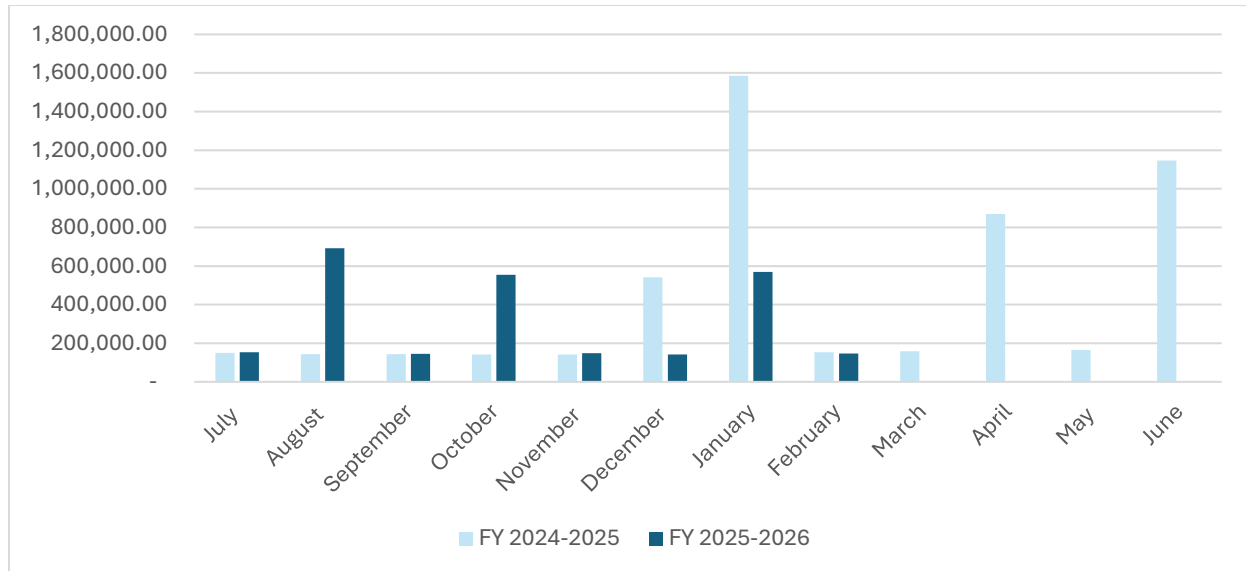
NATURAL GAS FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2015A Gas Bond	10/01/2030	\$3,465,000	\$2,419,000.00	\$410,43.10 Principal & Interest	\$30,470.50
2021 IPRB	6/30/2041	\$3,562,500	\$2,917,000.00	\$215,798.50 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

Natural Gas Fund - Cash on hand as of 3/27/26: \$2,242,841.74

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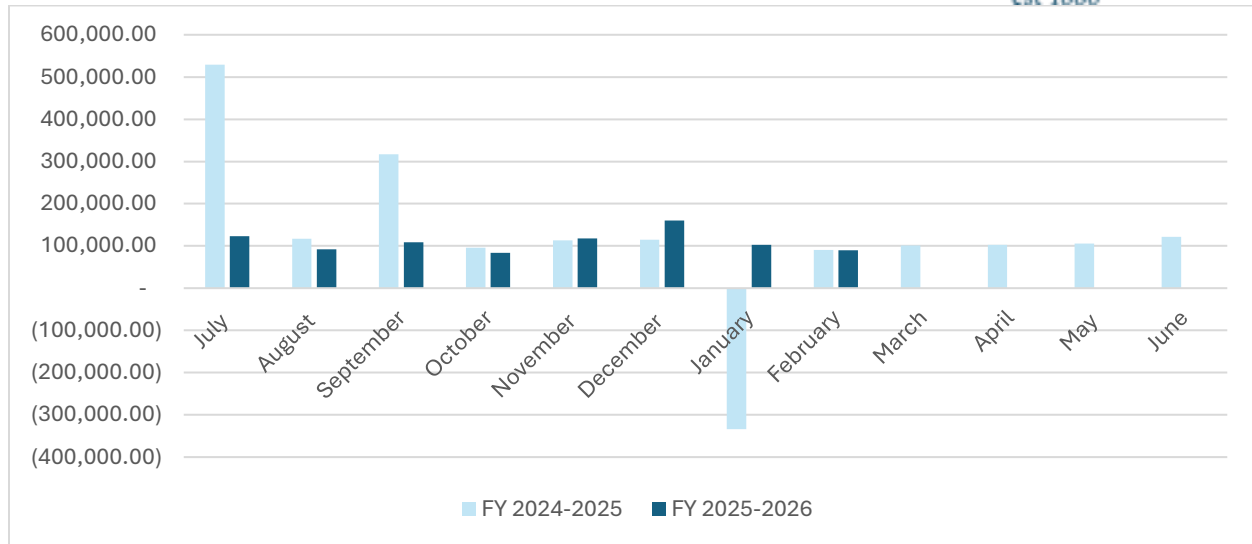
SEWER FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$149,385.05	July 2025	\$153,605.50
August 2024	\$143,835.25	August 2025	\$691,559.72
September 2024	\$143,455.50	September 2025	\$144,776.27
October 2024	\$141,274.70	October 2025	\$555,271.17
November 2024	\$141,172.77	November 2025	\$148,239.43
December 2024	\$541,384.20	December 2025	\$142,555.65
January 2025	\$1,585,647.79	January 2026	\$570,208.78
February 2025	\$152,742.54	February 2026	\$146,355.04
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	\$2,552,571.56
% of Budget	253%	% of Budget	39%
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,	\$123,095.43
August 2024	\$117,384.39	August 2025	\$92,151.86
September 2024	\$317,143.32	September 2025	\$108,634.48
October 2024	\$95,686.23	October 2025	\$100,371.74
November 2024	\$113,242.20	November 2025	\$125,466.46
December 2024	\$114,809.91	December 2025	\$160,611.31
January 2025	-\$333,593.22	January 2026	\$106,844.94
February 2025	\$90,876.07	February 2026	\$89,826.22
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	\$116,518.34
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$1,742,893.83	Year to Date	\$1,023,520.78
% of Budget	82%	% of Budget	16%
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



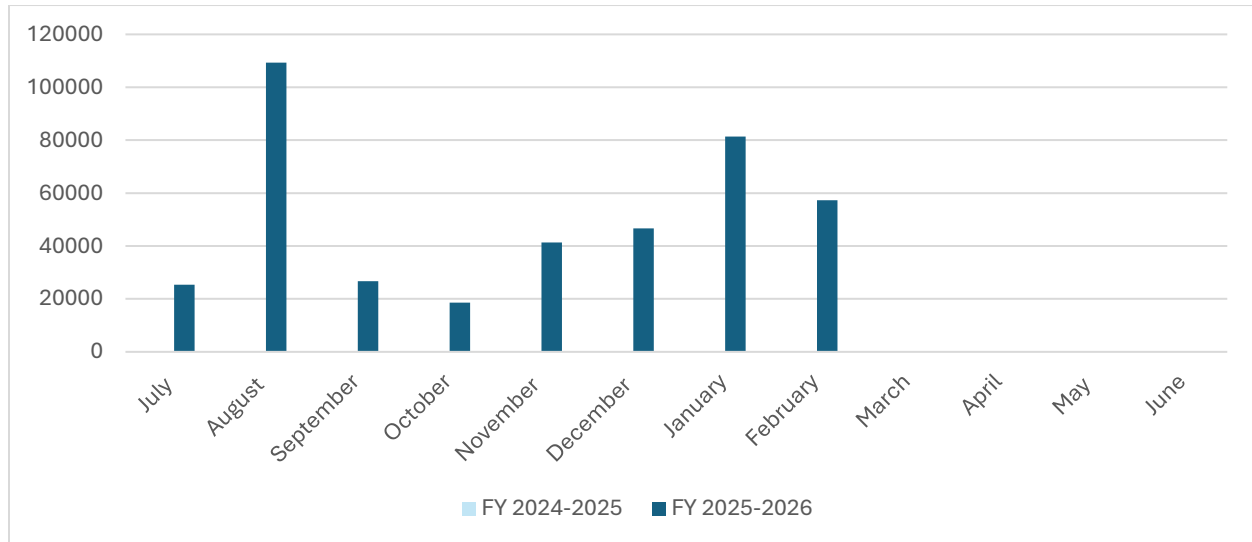
SEWER FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2012 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$3,706,981.57	\$1,063,817.34	\$14,201.96 Principal & Interest	\$280,393.26
2014 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$1,118,000.00	\$378,000.00	\$5,821.20 Principal & Interest	\$99,982.20
2021 IPRB	6/30/2041	\$712,500.00	\$583,400.00	\$43,159.70 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2024 SRF Loan	2/1/2046	\$1,337,883.00	\$1,337,883.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

Sewer Fund - Cash on hand as of 3/27/26: \$464,537.11

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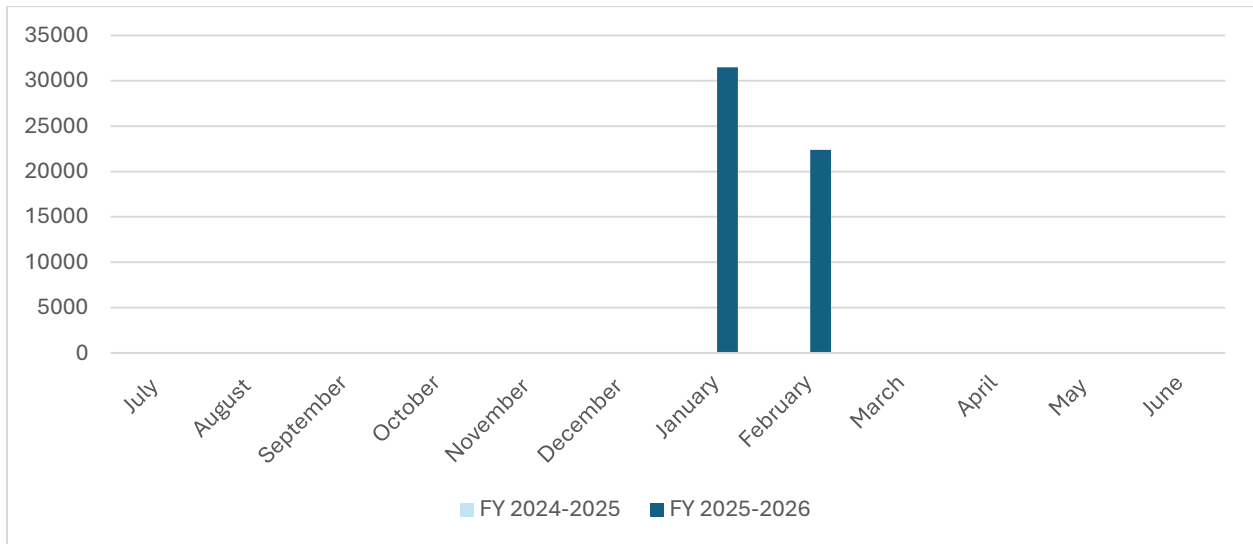
Impact Fees – Parks & Recreation – Revenue Overview



FY 2025- 2026		Revenues
	July 2025,	\$25,327.00
	August 2025	\$109,306.00
	September 2025	\$26,660.00
	October 2025	\$18,662.00
	November 2025	\$41,323.00
	December 2025	\$46,655.00
	January 2026	\$81,313.00
	February 2026	\$57,319.00
	March 2026	\$0.00
	April 2026	\$0.00
	May 2026	\$0.00
	June 2026	\$0.00
	Year to Date	\$406,565.00

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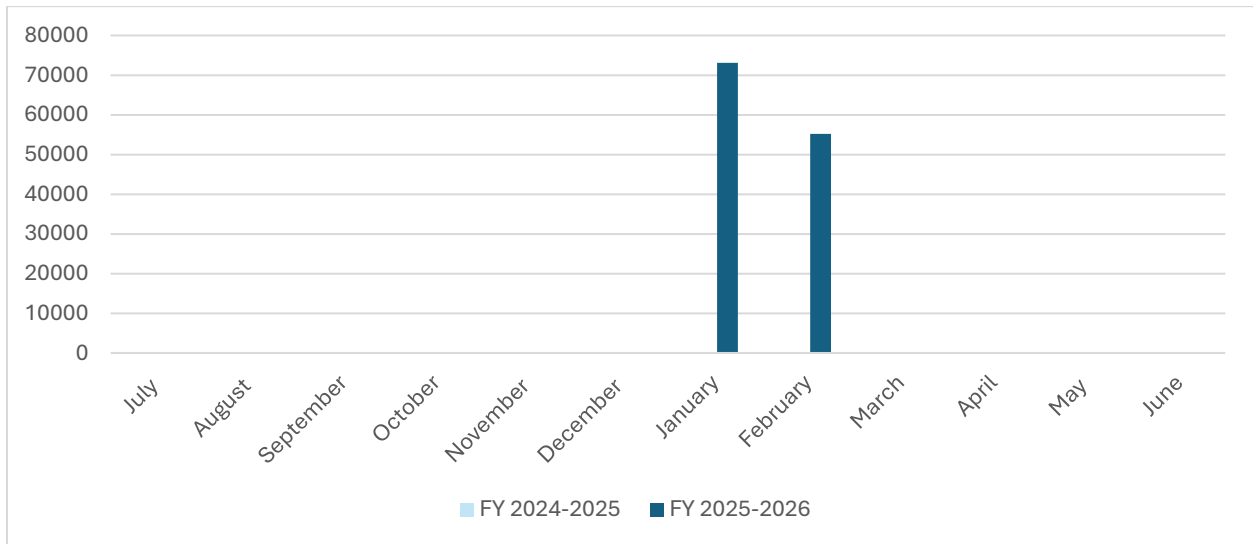
Impact Fees – Police Department – Revenue Overview



FY 2025- 2026		Revenues
	July 2025,	\$0.00
	August 2025	\$0.00
	September 2025	\$0.00
	October 2025	\$0.00
	November 2025	\$0.00
	December 2025	\$0.00
	January 2026	\$31,501.00
	February 2026	\$22,403.00
	March 2026	\$0.00
	April 2026	\$0.00
	May 2026	\$0.00
	June 2026	\$0.00
	Year to Date	\$53,904.00

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Impact Fees – Fire Department – Revenue Overview



	FY 2025- 2026	Revenues
	July 2025,	\$0.00
	August 2025	\$0.00
	September 2025	\$0.00
	October 2025	\$0.00
	November 2025	\$0.00
	December 2025	\$0.00
	January 2026	\$73,131.00
	February 2026	\$55,169.00
	March 2026	\$0.00
	April 2026	\$0.00
	May 2026	\$0.00
	June 2026	\$0.00
	Year to Date	\$128,300.00

Preliminary Budget Update—February 2026

(Ideal Percentage Remaining 34%)



Department	Budgeted Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Encumbrance	Remaining Balance	Percent Remaining
City	\$1,474,073.00	\$1,698,433.75	\$0.00	-\$224,360.75	-15%*
Administration	\$361,448.00	\$239,970.27	\$0.00	\$121,477.73	34%
Court	\$446,262.00	\$268,414.20	\$0.00	\$177,847.80	40%
Mayor/Council	\$169,851.00	\$112,666.61	\$0.00	\$57,184.39	34%
Community Relations	\$836,978.00	\$482,239.31	\$623.28	\$354,115.41	42%
Finance	\$395,284.00	\$245,881.65	\$0.00	\$149,402.35	38%
Human Resources	\$209,704.00	\$124,767.73	\$0.00	\$84,936.27	41%
Police Dept.	\$5,912,622.00	\$3,377,415.96	\$635.99	\$2,534,570.05	43%
Fire Dept.	\$3,694,073.00	\$3,620,689.38	\$11,870.05	\$61,513.57	2%**
Public Works	\$311,606.00	\$228,701.49	\$574.91	\$82,329.60	26%
Planning & Development	\$605,125.00	\$350,103.82	\$0.00	\$255,021.18	42%
Streets & Grounds	\$965,592.00	\$645,969.29	\$69,973.73	\$249,648.98	26%
Recreation	\$1,526,740.00	\$1,078,020.99	\$8,762.28	\$439,956.73	29%
Facility Maintenance	\$195,165.00	\$143,227.54	\$559.15	\$51,378.31	26%
Hospitality	\$2,066,000.00	\$1,808,561.71	\$0.00	\$257,438.29	12%
Solid Waste	\$1,510,985.00	\$997,702.46	\$12,417.28	\$500,865.26	33%
Natural Gas	\$12,553,048.00	\$9,864,539.30	\$92,621.57	\$2,595,887.13	21%
Sewer	\$6,505,751.00	\$1,023,520.78	\$22,590.47	\$5,459,639.75	84%

*The city budget overage was attributable to costs associated with the 2025B bond issuance and the annual GO bond exceeding initial projections.

**The fire budget overage was attributed to the cost of the new fire truck purchased.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Agenda Date: April 9, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

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

Administration

- Main Street Streetscape
 - CoTransCo and SCDOT reviewed the paving and determined that the joints cannot be properly repaired and recommend milling & repaving
 - A revised timeline is not yet available
- Sewer Rehabilitation Project
 - Scheduled for completion by 5/1
 - 76,489 linear feet of sewer main have been cleaned and inspected
 - 59,687 linear feet of vitrified clay pipe (VCP) have been lined
 - 97 point repairs have been completed
 - 84 manholes have been rehabilitated
- Annual May Spring Clean from 5/4 - 5/21
 - Residents must schedule a time for pickup

Community Relations

- Upcoming Events
 - 20th Annual Mac Arnold Cornbread & Collard Greens Blues Festival on 4/11 from noon - 6:00 p.m.
 - Community Earth Day Cleanup on April 22 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 - Meet at Garrett's Golf Cart Parking Lot
 - Farmers Market kicks off 5/2 from 8:00 a.m. - noon and runs through 8/8
 - Sounds of Summer (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.) begins on 5/22 and runs through 8/14
 - 5/22 - Harvest Moon
 - 5/29 - Kendall Langford
 - 6/5 - Randomonium
 - 6/12 - David Locke
 - 6/19 - Soultown Revue
 - 6/26 - Concealed Damage
 - 7/2 - Six One Five Collective
 - 7/10 - Kids in America
 - 7/17 - Turn Up the Monster
 - 7/24 - Pandora's Box

- 7/31 - The Entertainers
- 8/7 - Rhythm Jab
- 8/14 - Away Team
- Juneteenth Soul Food Festival on June 19 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Civics Academy from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on 9/22, 9/24, and 9/29

Fire

- March 2026
 - 215 calls for service
 - 117 were medical incidents (54%)
 - 59 overlapping incidents (27%)
 - 37 inspections completed
- The new engine has been placed in service
- The Fountain Inn Fire Department has received the 2025 Fire Safe South Carolina Community designation

Judicial

- March 2026
 - 289 total cases
 - 65 criminal and 224 traffic
 - 20 pending cases
 - 234 disposed cases

Human Resources

- Human Resources
 - City Hall Customer Service Representative - One vacancy; job posted
- Natural Gas
 - Gas Technician I-IV - One vacancy; job posted
- Police
 - Certified Uniform Patrol Officer - Two vacancies; candidates in process
 - Community Police Officer - One vacancy; candidate in process
 - Police Officer (Recruit) - One vacancy; job posted
 - Police/Fire Dispatcher - One vacancy; job posted
- Public Works
 - Sewer/Stormwater Technician I-III - Two vacancies; job posted
 - Sanitation CDL Driver - Three vacancies; candidates in process

Natural Gas

- Gas Supply
 - Deliveries for March 2026
 - Gas volume of 87,202 Dekatherms
 - Gas consumption was 12.6% lower than March 2025 and 12.5% lower than the March three-year average
- Gas Prices/Rates
 - The price of natural gas for April 2026 settled at \$3.095 per Dekatherm, representing a \$0.126 increase from March's price
- Operations
 - March 2026 Key Indicators
 - 9,066 feet of new main lines installed
 - 11,361 installed Y-T-D
 - 4,305 feet of new service lines installed (109)
 - 10,992 installed Y-T-D (266)
 - 13,395 active customers

Planning & Development

- March 2026 Building & Codes
 - Inspections & Permits
 - 82 permits issued with a total valuation of \$17,760,592
 - 620 inspections
 - 62 residential plan reviews and two commercial plan reviews
 - 48 certificates of occupancy issued
 - Code Compliance Complaints
 - 4 vehicle/other
 - 0 building - unsafe conditions
 - 11 property maintenance
- Impact Fees collected through the end of February 2026
 - Parks & Recreation: \$406,565
 - Police: \$53,904
 - Fire: \$128,300

Police

- Annual Superhero 5K on April 18 at 8:30 a.m.
- 27th Annual Golf Tournament on May 20 at Carolina Springs Golf Course with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start
- Key Indicators for March 2026
 - 2,618 calls for service

- 464 inbound 911 calls
- 212 citations issued
- 197 warnings issued
- 24 collisions
- Animal Control
 - 14 calls for service
 - 1 incident report
 - 6 intakes
 - 3 transferred to Greenville County Animal Control
 - 2 returned to owner
 - 0 quarantined
 - 77% kennel usage

Recreation

- Adult Co-ed Softball registration runs from 4/30 to 5/31
- 55+ Program
 - Spring Bingo on 4/14 with games starting at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at noon
 - Bunny Hop on 4/16 at Conestee Nature Preserve at 9:00 a.m.
 - Financial Education Workshop on 4/22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Activities Center

Younts Center for Performing Arts

- Disney's Moana, Jr. from 4/17 - 5/2
- Slippery When Wet: Bon Jovi Tribute on 6/5

Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce

- Annual Membership Luncheon on 4/17 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Activities Center
- 3rd Annual Golf Cart Parade on 5/23 at 4:00 p.m.



Attention Fountain Inn Residents

May 4 – 21

No pickups
on Fridays.

Spring Cleaning Time



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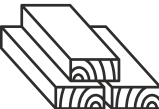
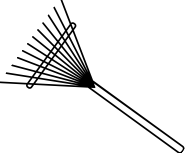
Sign Up Here



Only one pickup
scheduled per
household.



Scan the QR
Code for
information
about waste
management
throughout the
year.

 ALLOWED	 NOT Allowed
 Metal Items	 Construction Materials
 Furniture & Household Items	 Auto Parts
 Paint Cans Paint must be dry. Paint may be poured onto newspaper to dry or place kitty litter into the cans to dry up the paint.	 E-Waste No Tube TVs
 Refrigerators Doors must be removed or strapped closed.	 Chemicals
 Tires Limit 4 per household, no rims	 Yard Debris

For questions, contact Fountain Inn Public Works at 864-531-0644



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Details....

May Spring Clean Household Pick Ups

You MUST Schedule a time for collection
May 4-May 21, Monday-Thursday

- One pickup per household
- Items must be curbside by 7:00 AM on your assigned day
- City staff cannot assist with moving items
- Only approved items will be collected
- Items need to be placed at least 3 feet away from parked vehicles, mailboxes and poles, and garbage containers.
- Missed pickups will NOT be rescheduled

YES ITEMS

Furniture & Household

Box Springs
Carpet (Rolls)
Chairs
Couches
Cribs
Dressers
Lamps
Mattresses
Playhouses
Tables
Similar Items

Metal Items

Washers
Dryer
Stoves
Hot water tanks
Bicycles
Bed frames
Similar items

YES ITEMS

Refrigerators - Doors
must be removed or
strapped closed.

Paint Cans – Paint must
be dry. Paint may be
poured onto
newspaper to dry or
place kitty litter into the
cans to dry up the
paint.

Tires - Up to four per
household - rims will
not be collected, must
be removed from tires.

NO

Loose/small items

Auto parts

Construction/demolition waste

Lumber
Shingles
Similar items

Yard Debris

Leaves
Shrubbery
Trimming
Tree stumps
Similar items

Hazardous materials

Antifreeze
Batteries
Chemicals
Gasoline
Kerosene
Lightbulbs
Oil
Wet Paint
Similar items

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Assistant City Administrator – April 2026

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Main Street Streetscape:

COTRANSCO and an SCDOT engineer reviewed the paving and determined that the joints cannot be properly repaired. They recommend milling and repaving the roadway. It is unclear whether the previous contractor, Byrd, will participate in this process. Due to this development, a revised project timeline is not yet available. Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

Parking Lot Revitalization Project:

The project has been advertised for bid with a bid closing date of Monday, August 11. Due to scheduling considerations, construction is anticipated to begin around June 1, 2026.

Municipal Complex:

The schematic design phase has been completed. The project is currently on hold.

Fire Station #3:

The construction team is reviewing the value engineering items and updating the cost estimate. The annexation process will begin at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026. A coordination meeting was held on March 12, 2026, with Stewart Cooper Newell Architects and Cloverleaf Construction to identify next steps. Design Development plans are expected to be delivered to the construction team by mid-April.

SCIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Project:

The project is scheduled for completion by May 1. To date, approximately \$7.5 million of the \$10 million budget has been expended. Work completed includes cleaning and inspection of 76,489 linear feet of sewer main, lining of 59,687 of 61,608 linear feet of vitrified clay pipe, completion of 97 of 101 point repairs, and rehabilitation of 84 of 248 manholes.



20th Annual Mac Arnold Cornbread & Collard Greens Blues Festival

Fountain Inn, SC

APRIL 11 12:00 - 6:00PM

What to expect...

mainstreetfountaininn.com



Jeep Jam!

55+ Jeeps
Vote for
Best Inn Show!



All the Details!



SPRING Market



33 Vendors + Outside
Amazing Downtown Businesses
Open for Shopping



Live Music:
Jaguar 4
King Bees
Song Band
Marvin King Review
Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues



Kid Zone
Face Painting
Splash Pad Open
Downtown In-Store Duck Hunt



11 Food Trucks
Local Businesses serving
Drinks on Depot
& Tons of Cornbread & Collards

8600 Attendees in 2025



Know Before You Go

What to Bring:
Chairs and/or blankets to enjoy
entertainment
Payment method (cash or card)

What NOT TO Bring:
Pets
Pop-up tents
Personal coolers or alcohol

Reminders:
No Smoking

What's Free:
Live music
Face-painting
Duck Hunt

What Costs Money:
Food
Drinks

DUCK HUNT CHALLENGE

April 11, 2026
Noon-6:00 PM





EVENTS INN FOUNTAIN INN est 1886 TOWN

Join Us for the COMMUNITY EARTH DAY CLEANUP

If you can't meet this day/time, feel free to choose any City spot, every piece collected makes a difference!

"Help Us Make Our Community Cleaner and Greener"

	WED, APRIL 22, 2026 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	
	MEET AT GARRETT'S GOLF CARS PARKING LOT 604 N WOODS DR, FOUNTAIN INN, CLEANUP FOCUS - PUTMAN ROAD FOUNTAIN INN	

PLEASE REGISTER!
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST
SIGN A WAIVER AT CHECK IN.



We are excited to bring our community together for Earth Day in a hands-on way that truly makes a difference. This cleanup is about more than picking up litter—it's about building pride in our neighborhoods and working together to keep Fountain Inn beautiful for everyone.

www.FountainInn.org

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As of 4/5/26, we have 88 residents registered.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 • 8:30 AM

Hosted by the FIPD: The Superhero 5K for Autism is a fun, family-friendly event that brings the community together to support autism awareness and advocacy. Participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superheroes while running or walking to help make a difference for individuals and families affected by autism. Join us for an inspiring day of fitness, costumes, and community spirit.



As of 4/5/26, 148 participants registered!

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 • 3 - 9 PM

Note the new day & time this year! Traditionally held on a Saturday, 12-6 pm, we are trying something new.

The Fountain Inn Juneteenth Festival is a vibrant celebration of freedom, culture, and community. Held downtown, this annual event honors Juneteenth with live music, local vendors, great food, and family-friendly activities. Join us as we celebrate with unity, joy, and reflection — all are welcome!





Kicks off Saturday, May 2

We have tons of vendors, activities, and fun planned for this year's Farmers Market! Mark your calendar to come Saturday mornings through August 8.

WATCH FOR MAY HIGHLIGHTS:



& Special Mother's Day Wknd Treats (May 9)



Kicks off Friday, May 22

Live Music
Food & Fun
Every Friday Night

Know Before You Go

What to Bring:
Chairs and/or blankets to enjoy entertainment
Payment method (cash or card)

What NOT TO Bring:
Pets
Pop-up tents
Personal coolers or alcohol

Reminders:
No Smoking

What's Free:
Live Music
Kid Activities

What Costs Money:
Food
Drinks

Sounds of Summer FRIDAYS

6:00 PM
9:00 PM
FOUNTAIN INN THE PAVILION

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AUG 14	Away Team



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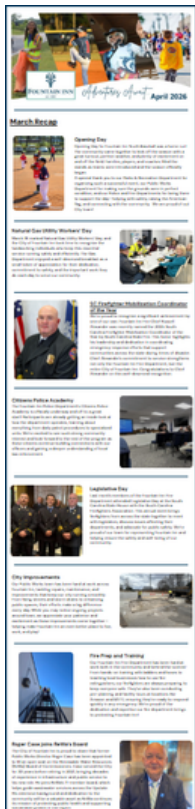
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FOUNTAIN INN CIVICS ACADEMY

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of your City! Civics Academy brings you face-to-face with the people, places, and services that keep our community running.

Tuesday, September 22 · 5:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, September 24 · 5:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, September 29 · 5:00-8:00 pm

Registration opens in August.



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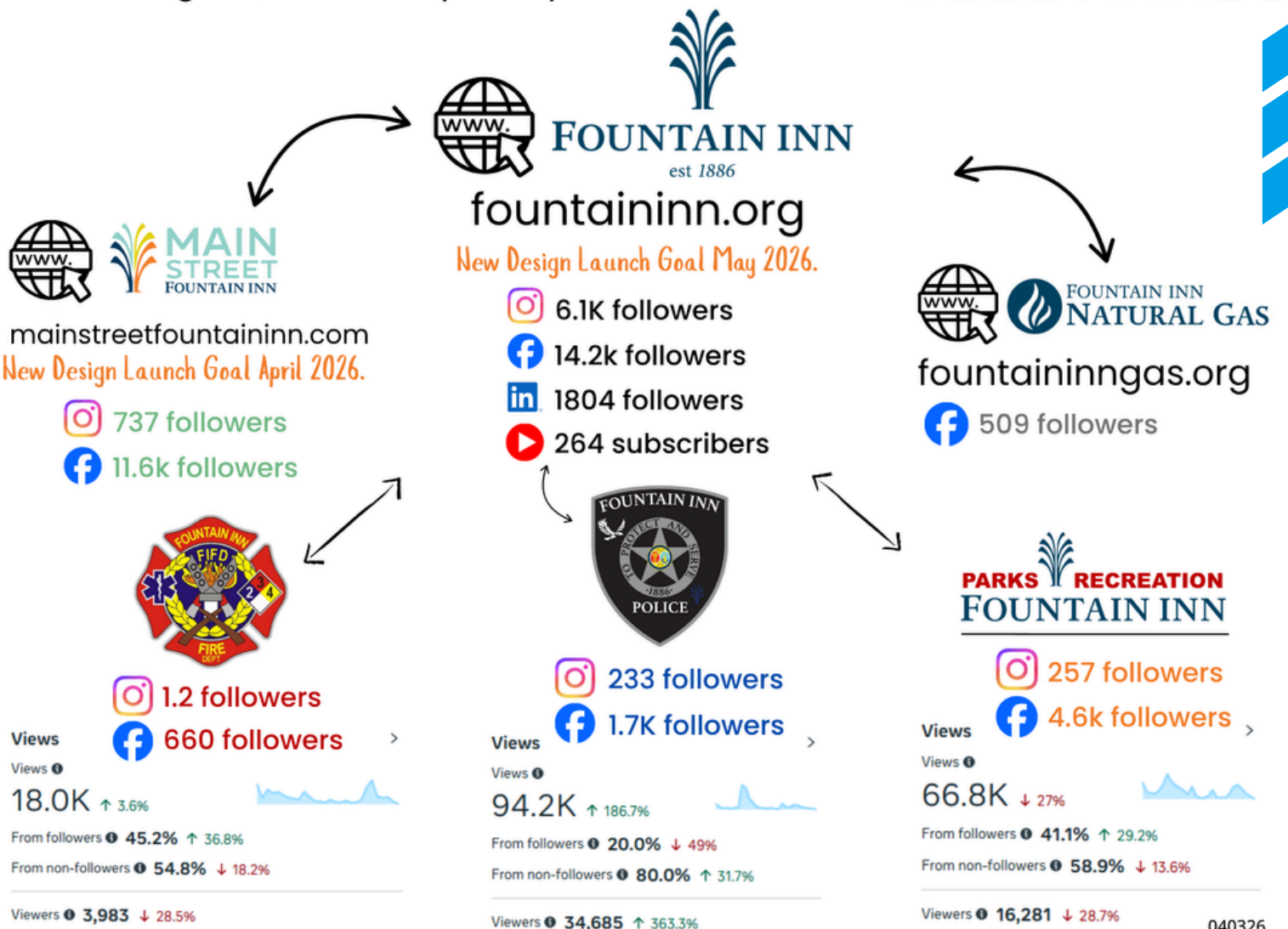


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FIRE – FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

Monthly Department Report

During the reporting period, the department maintained a high level of operational readiness while advancing training, administrative priorities, and community engagement efforts.

Apparatus Update

The new engine has been placed in service as of the middle of March after completion of driver training and familiarization of the new apparatus.

Training and Compliance

A structured training plan for the first half of the year has been established. Several department members participated in a multi-state drill held in Charlotte. This was a simulated apartment building collapse. Crews had to breach and break concrete and tunnel to victims while also shoring to prevent further collapse. Multiple trainings are scheduled for April with our Auto-Aid partners. [Charlotte Fire, SC Task Force Prepare for Major Disaster Response - City of Charlotte](#)

Budget and Administrative Activities

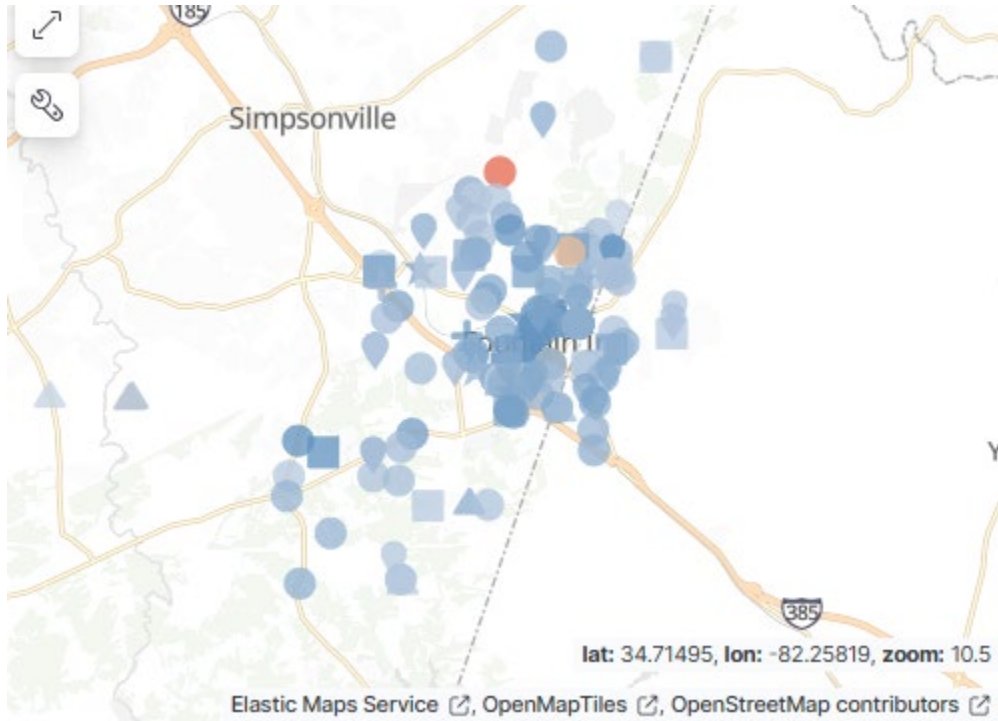
The department continues budget preparation efforts to support current operations, training needs, and long-term planning objectives.

Professional Development and Community Outreach

We were notified that we have been awarded as a Fire Safe Community by SC State Fire. This is done through hard work from our Fire Marshal Crenshaw and our crews. 6 members assisted Gantt FD with a large commercial fire by sending command staff and TL29 for a 12 hour operational period.

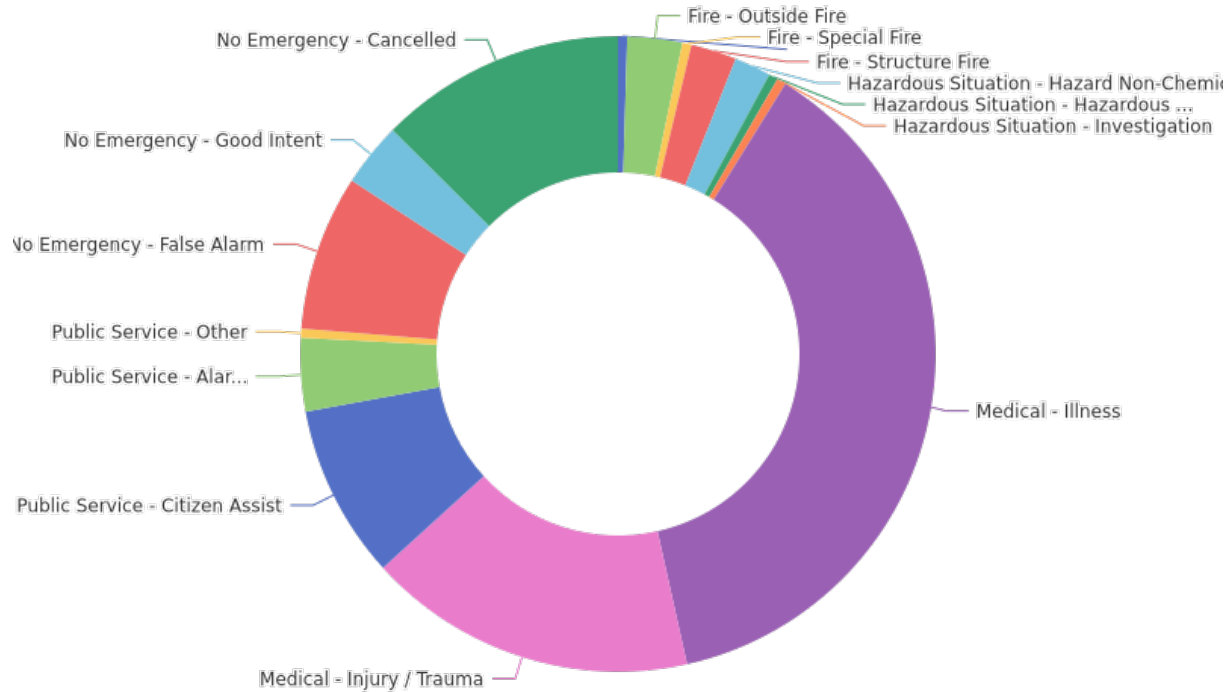
Operational

- Inspections Completed: 37
- Overlapping Incidents: 59
- Total Calls for Service 215





FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Sub Group



PRIMARY INCIDENT GROUP / PRIMARY INCIDENT SUB GROUP	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fire	12	5.58%
Fire - Outside Fire	6	2.79%
Fire - Special Fire	1	0.47%
Fire - Structure Fire	5	2.33%
Hazardous Situation	6	2.79%
Hazardous Situation - Hazard Non-Chemical	4	1.86%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials	1	0.47%

FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Sub Group

Fountain Inn FD
Address: 200 N Main St, Fountain Inn, SC, 29644



PRIMARY INCIDENT GROUP / PRIMARY INCIDENT SUB GROUP	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Hazardous Situation - Investigation	1	0.47%
Medical	117	54.42%
Medical - Illness	81	37.67%
Medical - Injury / Trauma	36	16.74%
Public Service	28	13.02%
Public Service - Citizen Assist	19	8.84%
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical)	8	3.72%
Public Service - Other	1	0.47%
No Emergency	51	23.72%
No Emergency - False Alarm	17	7.91%
No Emergency - Good Intent	7	3.26%
No Emergency - Cancelled	27	12.56%
Law Enforcement Support	1	0.47%
	1	0.47%
Total	215	100.00%



City of Fountain Inn - Human Resources Monthly Report - March 2026

Home Department	February Headcount	March Hires	March Terms	March Headcount	DIVERSITY					
					Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	White	Pacific Islander	One or More
000411 / Administration	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
000412 / Judicial	5	0	0	5	0	1	0	4	0	0
000413 / Council	8	0	0	8	0	0	1	7	0	0
000414 / Community Relations	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0
000416 / Finance	9	0	0	9	0	3	0	6	0	0
000417 / Human Resources	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
000421 / Police	43	1	2	42	0	2	3	34	0	3
000422 / Fire	32	0	0	32	0	1	2	29	0	0
000424 / Public Works	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0
000425 / Planning & Development	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
000431 / Parks/Grounds Maintenance	8	0	0	8	0	1	0	7	0	0
000432 / Sanitation	6	0	0	6	0	2	0	4	0	0
000434 / Sewer	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
000451 / Recreation	26	0	1	25	0	7	1	17	0	0
000453 / Facilities Maintenance	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
000510 / Gas Field	20	0	1	19	0	0	1	18	0	0
Totals:	178	1	4	175	0	18	9	145	0	3

Recruitment Status for Open Positions - AS OF 03/31/2026

417 Human Resources: City Hall CSR (1) Vacancy

421 Police: Certified UPO (2) Vacancy; candidate in process

421 Police: Community Police Officer (1); candidate in process

421 Police: Police Officer - Recruit (1) Vacancy

421 Police: Police/Fire Dispatcher (1) Vacancy

431 Sanitation: CDL Drivers (3) Vacancy; candidates in process

434 Sewer/Stormwater: Technician I-III (2) Vacancy

451 Recreation: Support Staff (5) Vacancy; candidates in process

510 GAS: Gas Tech I-IV (1) Vacancy

New Hires - March 2026

Marina Rodriquez

Department

Police

Title

Records Tech

*Offers Accepted as of 03/31/2026

Community Relations - Main Street Coordinator

Fountain Inn Natural Gas

GAS SUPPLY

- **March Gas Volume:** 87,202Dths.
- **March Consumption:** 12.6% lower than March 2025 and 12.5% lower than the 3-year average for March.
- **Natural Gas Pricing:**
 - **April Gas Price:** \$3.095 per Dekatherm
 - **Change from March:** an increase of \$0.126 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

- **Customer Base:** Currently we serve **13,395 customers in total.**
- Fountain Inn Natural Gas has partnered with *Utility Financial Solutions* to perform a comprehensive review of FING's cost of service, rate structure, reserve funding, and meter charges. This analysis is intended to ensure that rates are properly aligned with the true cost of providing service, that adequate reserves are maintained for system reliability and growth, and that the utility is positioned to meet future capital, operational, and regulatory requirements in a financially responsible way. The study is progressing very well, and a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Bell in early April.
- **System Improvement:** The planned 3 miles of 6" high pressure steel job to serve the North end of our system will start in the first week in May and should be completed by December 1st, 2026.
- **Williams/Transco City Gate:**
FING and Williams have reached an agreement on the upgrade of the existing city gate. Estimated project cost \$2.3 million to \$3.1 million.
Williams has submitted the contract agreement for City's review and approval and is currently being reviewed by operations and legal.

KEY INDICATORS

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CURRENT	Y-T-D
NEW MAIN LINES INSTALLED	9,066 ft.	11,361 ft.
NEW SERVICE LINES INSTALLED	109 SL; 4,305 ft.	266 SL; 10,992 ft.
AVERAGE HOURS OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING	0	Avg. 0 hrs./EE

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL GAS RATES

Rate Comparison Notice

Below are the names and rates of other natural gas providers in South Carolina for reference. Please note that each utility operates under a different rate structure, cost-recovery methodology, and set of fixed charges, which makes direct, one-to-one comparisons difficult. These figures are provided for general context only and should not be interpreted as equivalent or directly comparable rates.

SOUTH CAROLINA GAS RATE COMPARISONS					
March 2026 Gas Rates (April Billing)					
COMPANY	SERVICE CLASS	METER CHARGE PER MONTH	AVEWRAGE RATE PER THERM	EST.AVG. USAGE THERMS	TOTAL COST PER MONTH
YORK NATURAL GAS, SC	Residential	\$9.25	\$1.15375	125.00	\$153.47
LANCASTER COUNTY, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.18000	125.00	\$157.50
GREENWOOD CPW, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.18100	125.00	\$157.63
CITY OF ORANGEBURG, SC	Residential	\$13.00	\$1.21870	125.00	\$165.34
CHESTER COUNTY, SC	Residential	\$6.50	\$1.28899	125.00	\$167.62
GREER CPW, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.29494	125.00	\$171.87
CLINTON-NEWBERRY, SC	Residential	\$18.00	\$1.24500	125.00	\$173.63
FORT HILL NATURAL GAS, SC	Residential	\$10.75	\$1.36000	125.00	\$180.75
FOUNTAIN INN, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.40380	125.00	\$185.48
PIEDMONT, SC	Residential	\$10.00	\$1.54189	125.00	\$202.74
DOMINION, SC	Residential	\$10.90	\$1.83671	125.00	\$240.49
Laurens CPW*	Residential	\$11.00*		200.00	\$402.00*



Police Department *March 2026 Monthly Report*



5K SUPER HERO

FOR AUTISM

**April 18, 2026
8:30 AM**

Sponsored and hosted by the Fountain Inn Police Department. Proceeds support The Little White House!



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**START LINE LOCATED AT THE
FOUNTAIN INN FIRE DEPARTMENT**





WEDNESDAY
MAY 20

Carolina Springs
10:00 am Shotgun Start



27th ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Scan the QR Code
to Register
Team Sponsorships Available
Team Fee • \$400
Mulligans • \$20 each



FOUNTAIN INN POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Proceeds benefit our Community Programs:

- Youth Summer Camp
- Senior Watch Program
- Citizen's Police Academy
- Neighborhood Watch Programs
- FIPD Santa Toy Drive

What to expect:

- ✓ Great Food
- ✓ Awards
- ✓ Tons of Fun



Website:
www.fountaininn.org



Location:
Carolina Springs Golf Course
1680 Scuffletown Road



Cpl. Taylor Teaching Class at FIHS



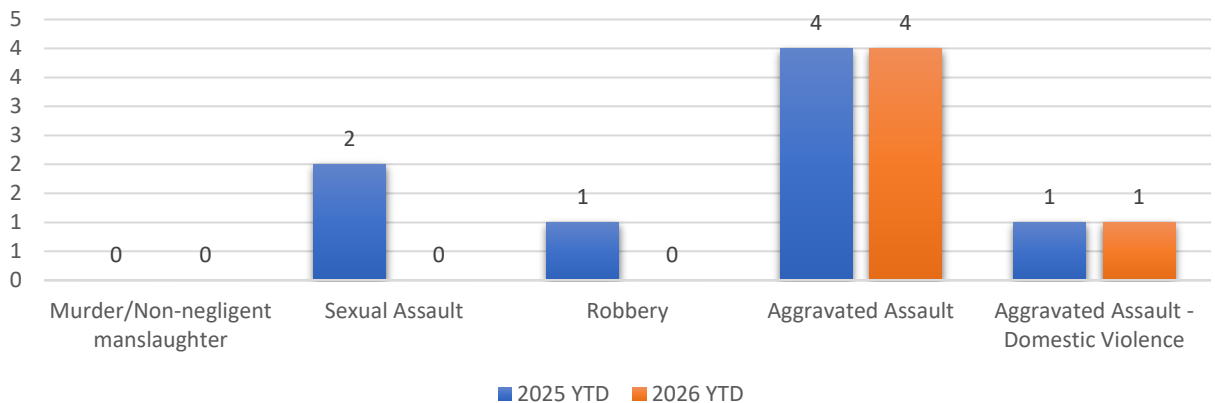
Citizens Police Academy



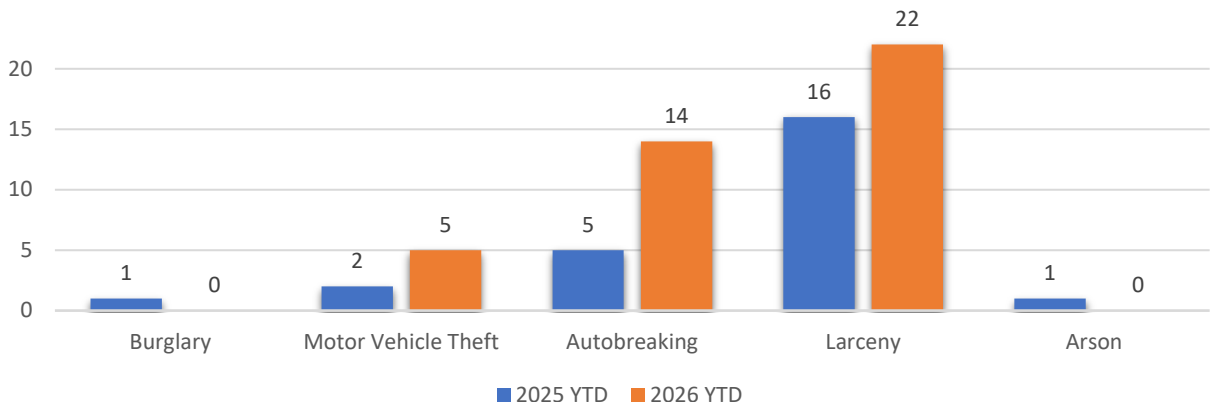
Violent Crime						
Crime Type	Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Difference	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	Difference
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	2	0	-2
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Aggravated Assault	2	1	-1	4	4	0
Aggravated Assault - Domestic Violence	1	0	-1	1	1	0
Total Violent Crime	3	1	-2	8	5	-3
Property Crime						
Crime Type	Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Difference	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	Difference
Burglary	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	0	2	5	3
Autobreaking	5	3	-2	5	14	9
Larceny	8	8	0	16	22	6
Arson	1	0	-1	1	0	-1
Total Property Crime	15	12	-3	25	41	16
Total Part I Crime	18	13	-5	33	46	13

Unfounded Cases Removed / Source: VConnect

Violent Crime - 2025/2026 Comparison

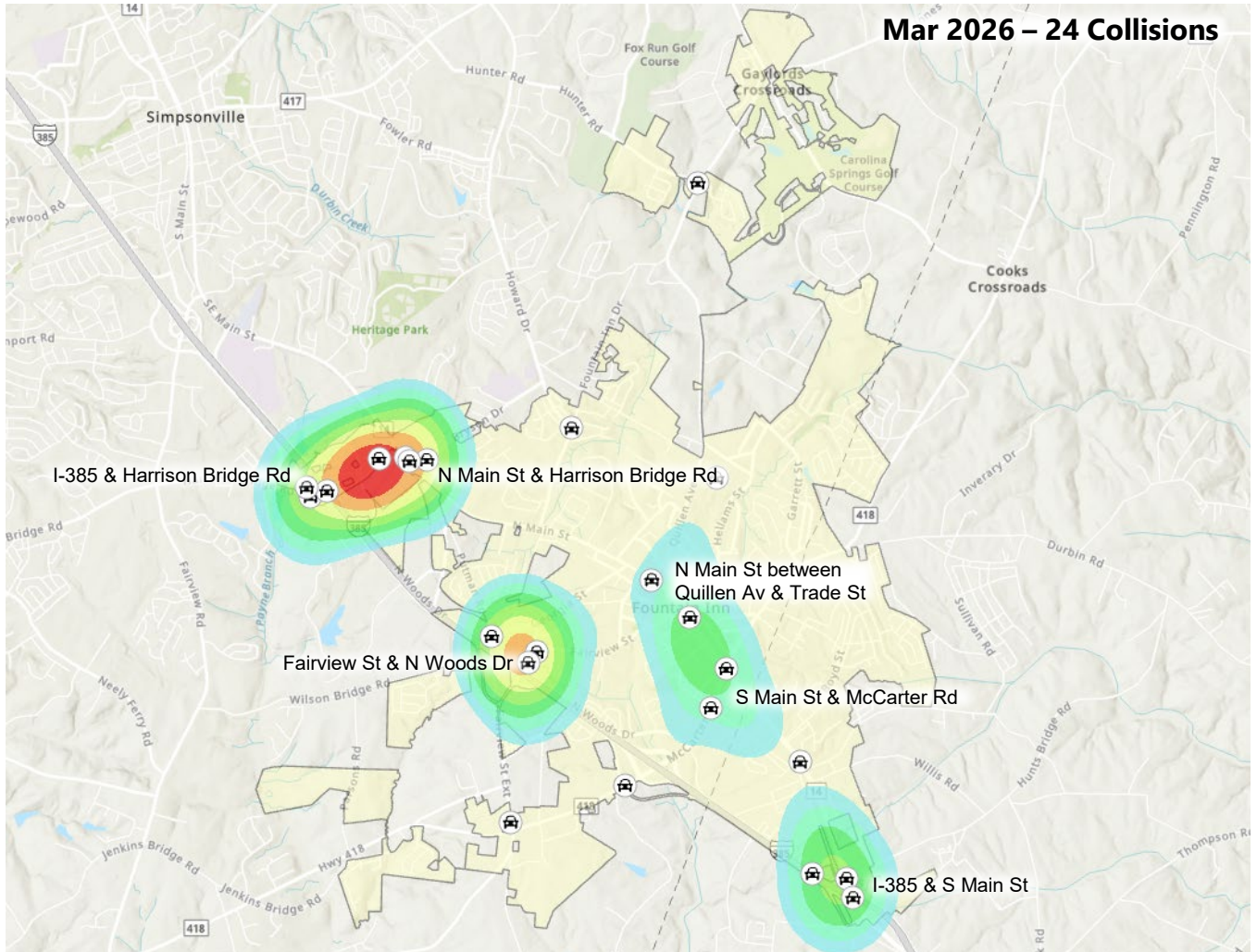


Property Crime - 2025/2026 Comparison

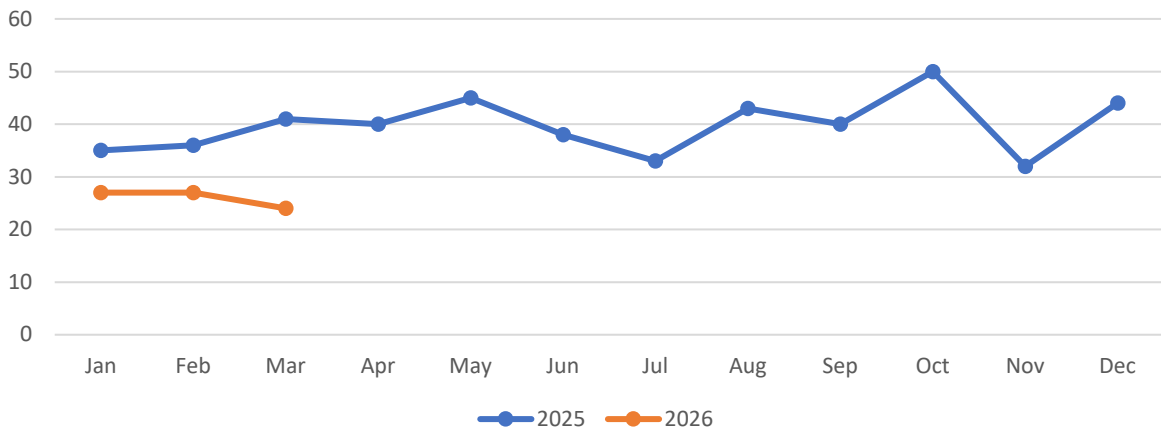




Collisions	Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Difference
Count	41	24	-17	112	78	-34



Collisions by Month - 2025/2026





March 2026 Collisions by Day of Week and Hour								
Time Range	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
0000-0059			1					1
0600-0659				2	1			3
0700-0759				1				1
0800-0859			1	1				2
0900-0959	1			1				2
1400-1459		1						1
1500-1559			1					1
1600-1659				2	1			3
1700-1759		1				1		2
1800-1859							1	1
2000-2059				1				1
2100-2159				1	1	4		6
Grand Total	1	2	3	9	3	5	1	24

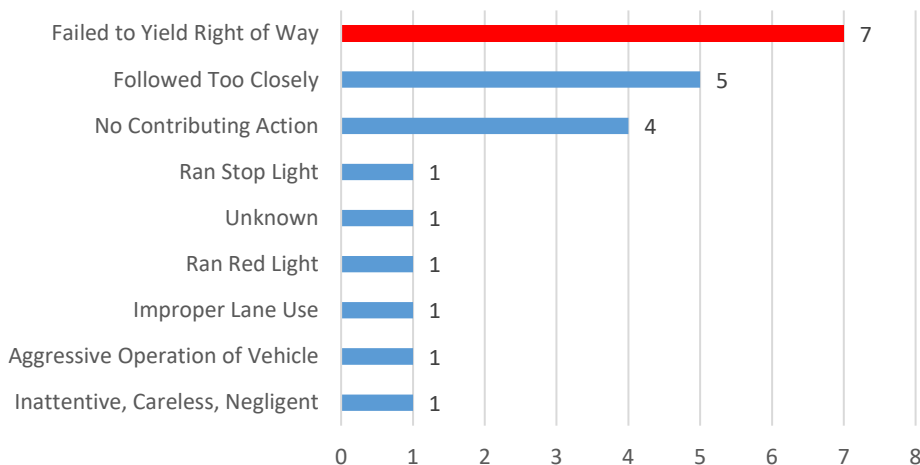
Hot Day for Collisions in March

Wednesdays – 9 collisions

Hot Hour for Collisions in March

2100-2159 – 6 collisions

March 2026 Contributing Factors



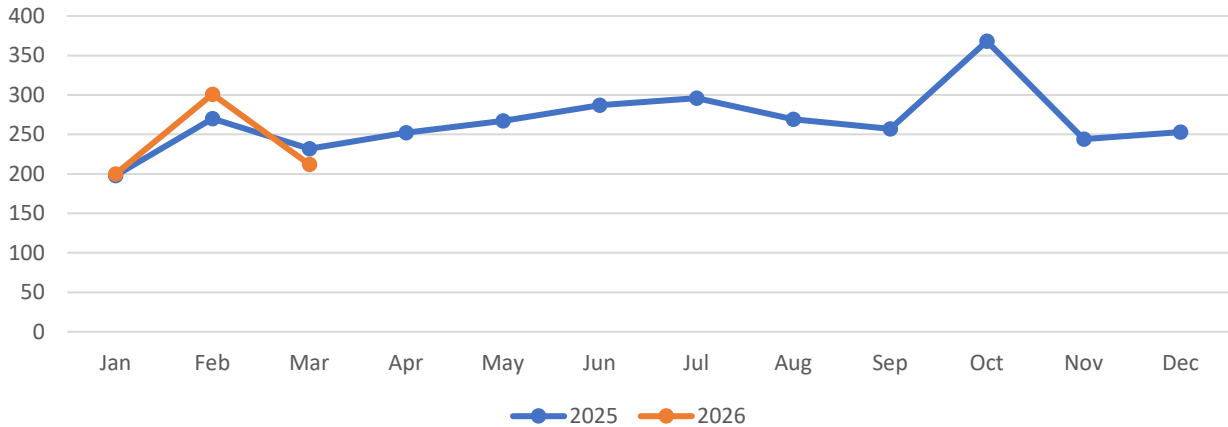
Does not include 2 private property collisions



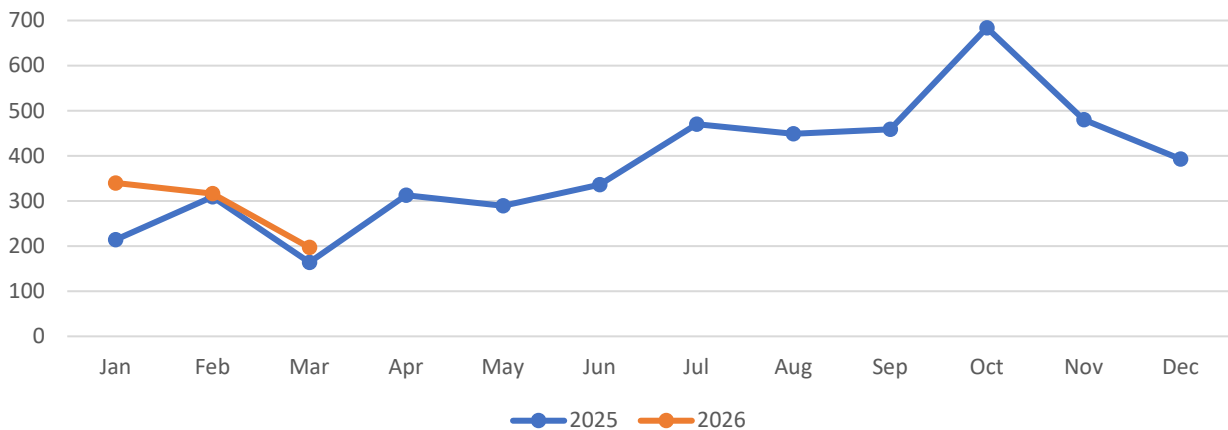
Citation/Warning Statistics

Contact Type	Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Difference
Citations	232	212	-20	700	713	13
Warnings	164	197	33	687	853	166

Citation Comparison - 2025 - 2026



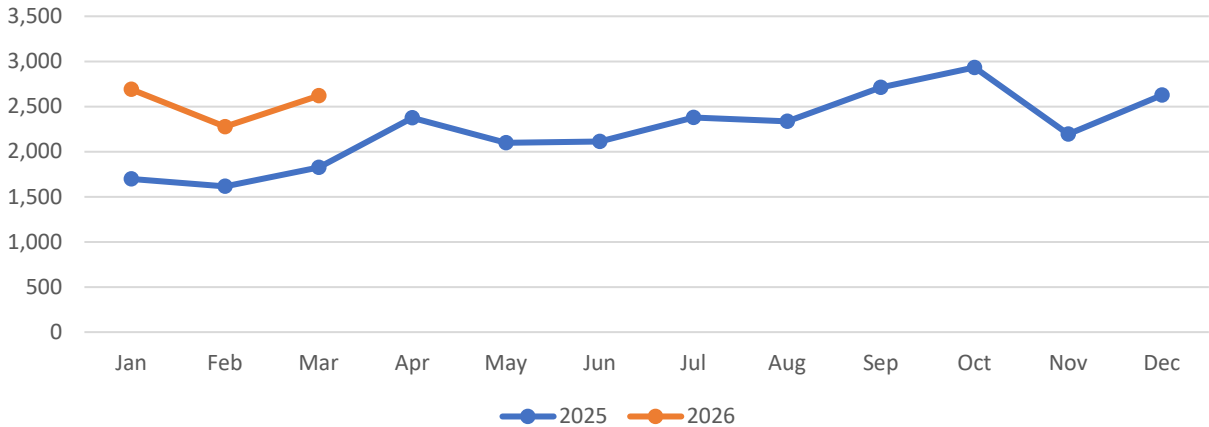
Warning Comparison - 2025 - 2026





CFS	Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Difference
Count	1,824	2,618	794	5,136	7,585	2,449

Calls for Service by Month - 2025/2026

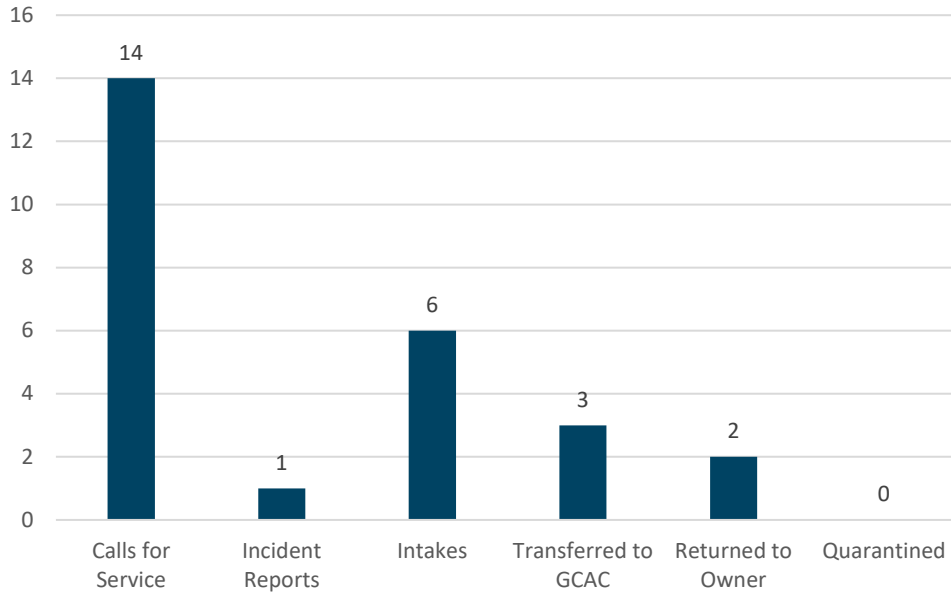


Communications Call Summary Report

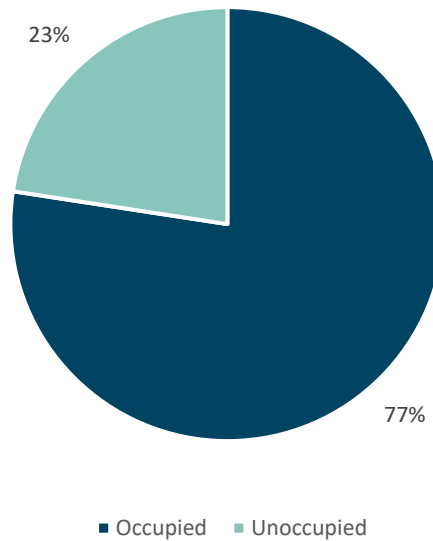
March Call Summary				
Call Type		Mar 2025	Mar 2026	% Change
911	Inbound	452	464	2.7%
	Inbound	1,725	1,356	-21.4%
	Outbound	680	685	0.7%



March 2026 Animal Control Activity



March 2026 Kennel Usage



A. Boards & Commissions

Planning Commission (March 19th)

- SP-2026-01
Request: Major Change to an FRD
TMS: 0354000100308
Location: Speedway Drive
Existing Zoning: FRD, Flexible Review District
Vote: Item was moved to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting as a quorum was not established.

Board of Zoning Appeals (April 2nd)

- There were no items on the agenda.

B. Code Enforcement

- Grass is starting to grow and will be a focus of code enforcement.

BUILDING AND CODES

INSPECTIONS	MARCH	FEBRUARY
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	620	571
PERMITS ISSUED	82	71
SUBMITTED PERMITS	73	81
NEW SINGLE FAMILY	50	45
NEW MULTI-FAMILY (UNITS)	0	0
NEW COMMERCIAL	0	3
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-ISSUED	48	24
REMODEL/ADD. RESIDENTIAL	6	6
REMODEL/ADD. COMMERCIAL	1	1
SIGN/ROOFING/SOLAR/MISC TRADE	16	26
COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEWS	2	9
RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEWS	62	51

CODE COMPLIANCE

BUILDING CODE COMPLAINTS	MARCH	FEBRUARY
VEHICLES/OTHER	4	4
BUILDING – UNSAFE CONDITIONS	0	0
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	11	11
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	15	15

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL STATISTICS	MARCH	FEBRUARY
TOTAL VALUATION	\$17,760,592	\$14,926,893
TOTAL PERMIT FEES COLLECTED	\$68,318.50	\$57,931.50
TOTAL PLAN REVIEW REVENUE	\$33,330	\$28,480

Opening Day 2026: A Grand Slam for Fountain Inn

The fields of the Emanuel Sullivan Sports Complex were alive with energy this past Saturday, March 28th, as the City of Fountain Inn Parks and Recreation Department officially launched the 2026 Spring Baseball and Softball season. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the atmosphere was one of celebration, community pride, and the unmistakable excitement of a new season with over

The event served as a powerful reminder of the impact of our youth sports programs. This year, we are proud to support nearly 500 players and more than 40 dedicated coaches, all of whom took center stage during the day's festivities. As the first pitches were thrown and games got underway, it was clear that the months of preparation had culminated in a truly special experience for our athletes.

Beyond the diamonds, the park was transformed into a family-friendly festival. Children enjoyed a variety of inflatable attractions, face painting, balloon art, music, and field games while families gathered to cheer on their teams in a warm, welcoming environment. These activities did more than just provide entertainment; they strengthened the bonds between our neighbors and highlighted the City's commitment to providing high-quality recreational opportunities for all residents. Special thanks to Chick-Fil-A for providing food to all youth and coaches!

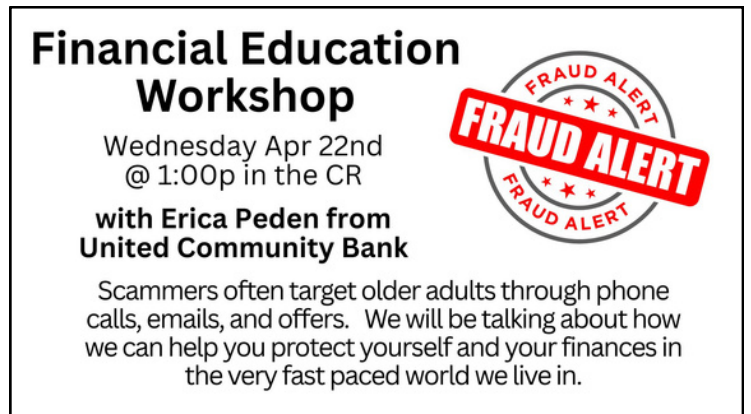
Opening Day 2026 was more than just a kickoff to our Spring season, it was a celebration of the community spirit that makes Fountain Inn unique.

Likewise, we carried this momentum forward as our teams took the fields on Monday, March 30th for the start of the season for what promises to be an incredible season of competition and growth.

Upcoming Registrations: Adult Coed Softball registration opens April 30 and runs through May 31. The registration fee is \$350 per team. All games will be played at PD Terry City Park. Gather your team and get ready for a great season or come out and support the teams from the stands!

Events:

- 4/6 - **Digital Drop-In**
- 4/9 - **55+ Night Out** in the Boondocks
- 4/14 - **BINGO** - sponsored by Evita Bailey with EEI Homes
- 4/16 - **Bunny Hop** at Conestee Nature Preserve
- 4/21 - **Birthday Celebration** sponsored by Geneva Miller with Equipped Hydration
- 4/22 - **Financial Education Workshop** with Erica Peden & United Community Bank
- 4/23 - **Lunch & Learn** with Dear Retirement
- 4/30 - **Ask a CPT**
- 4/30 - **Movin' & Groovin'**



 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	April 9, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting
☐ Ordinance/First Reading ☒ Ordinance/Second Reading ☐ Resolution/First & Final Reading		
Agenda Date Requested: April 9, 2026 Ordinance/Resolution Caption: Ordinance 2026-03 An ordinance confirming, ratifying, and approving acceptance of the dedication of Parsons Street and any associated rights of way and easements; and providing for related matters. Summary Background: Civil Action No. 2024-CP-23-00002 was commenced by and among various parties to determine the ownership, dominion, and/or control of Parsons Street. As a result of the parties’ good faith efforts, the Civil Action has been resolved and dismissed. As part of the resolution of Civil Action, the parties have determined to confirm the dedication of Parsons Street as a public way, as indicated in a Statement of Ownership filed on January 16, 2026. Impact If Approved: The City of Fountain Inn confirms, ratifies, and approves the acceptance of Parsons Street, which is placed into the City’s street inventory. The City has sole discretion to make whatever future changes and/or improvements it deems appropriate, as Parsons Street is a City way for public use. Financial Impact: N/A		

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE NO-2026-03**

**CONFIRMING, RATIFYING, AND APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF
THE DEDICATION OF PARSONS STREET AND ANY ASSOCIATED
RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR
RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, Parsons Street is located in the City limits;

WHEREAS, Civil Action No. 2024-CP-23-00002, was commenced by and among various parties to determine ownership, dominion, and/or control of Parsons Street (“Civil Action”);

WHEREAS, as a result of the parties good faith efforts, the Civil Action has been resolved and dismissed;

WHEREAS, as part of the resolution of the Civil Action, the parties determined to confirm the dedication of Parsons Street as a public way as indicated on a Statement of Ownership, filed January 16, 2026, a copy of which is attached Exhibit A (“Statement of Ownership”);

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Annotated section 5-7-30 authorizes municipalities to exercise powers in relation to roads and streets, as appears necessary and proper;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, duly assembled and with a quorum present, by majority vote, that:

1. The City hereby confirms, ratifies, and approves the acceptance of the dedication as indicated on the attached Statement of Ownership
2. By accepting such dedication, the City has sole discretion to make whatever future changes and/or improvements it deems appropriate as and if Parsons Street is a City way for public use, including, but not limited to, altering direction of traffic, prohibiting on-street parking, and/or determining appropriate signage, as well as changes to size and/or construction and construction materials that may be deemed appropriate;
3. Such road is placed in the City street inventory; and
4. The City Administrator is authorized to take whatever other and further action is the City Administrator deems appropriate to implement to intent of this Ordinance.

[ONE SIGNATURE PAGE AND ONE EXHIBIT FOLLOW]
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Enacted: April [], 2026.

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.
Kozlarek Root Law LLC

First Reading: March [], 2026
Second Reading: / Final Approval: April [], 2026

EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP
[FILED JANUARY 16, 2026]

*Timothy J. Hanney*

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND CONSENT TO DEDICATE STREETS AND
ROADS TO THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN FOR PUBLIC USE**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned owners in fee simple of the real property described below, do hereby consent to and affirmatively dedicate said property to the City of Fountain Inn for public use as a municipal street.

We freely offer, grant, and dedicate to the general public and to the City of Fountain Inn, including the obligation to maintain, repair, and manage the dedicated area, the use and control of the street described below for public use:

All that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land lying and being situate in Greenville County, South Carolina, consisting of approximately 7,655 square feet, being shown, delineated, and identified as "REMAINING PORTION OF PARSONS STREET" on that certain Recombination Survey for City of Fountain Inn, prepared by Freeland & Associates, Inc., dated March 4, 2025 and last revised July 7, 2025, recorded August 7th, 2025 in Plat Book 1523 at Page 0068 in the Office of the Greenville County Register of Deeds, having the metes and bounds set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Katrin A. Owings by deed of Cecil Cox, dated October 17, 2005 and recorded in Book 2170 at page 1823 in the Office of the Greenville County Register of Deeds; also being a portion of the property conveyed to Donald Boyd Owings and Lorine Lee Owings as Trustees of the Owings Revocable Trust dated September 1, 2016 by deed of Donald Owings and Lorine Owings, dated September 1, 2016 and recorded September 21, 2016 in Book 2496 at Page 4013 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greenville County; also being a portion of the property conveyed to Judy O. Stewart and her late husband, Billy J. Stewart by deed of Thomas Henry Taylor and Gladys B. Taylor, dated March 12, 1979 and recorded in Deed Book 1098 at Page 426 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greenville County.

TMS No.: Portion of 0344000301401, 0344000301402, and 0344000301700

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned owners have set their hands and seals this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

GRANTORS:

Madison Leathem

Witness 1:

Joel Burick

Witness 2:

Donald B. Owings

Donald B. Owings, Trustee

Owings Revocable Trust dated September 1, 2016

Lorine L. Owings

Lorine L. Owings, Trustee

Owings Revocable Trust dated September 1, 2016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF Greenville)

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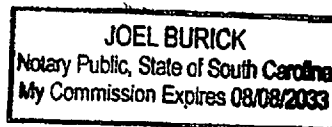
PERSONALLY appeared before me Donald B. Owings and Lorine L. Owings, as Trustees of the Owings Revocable Trust dated September 1, 2016, the above signed grantors, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged his/her signatures to the foregoing dedication document.

SWORN to before me this 19th
day of September, 2025.

Joel Burick

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 08/04/2033



[Remaining signatures on subsequent pages.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

[Signature]

Witness 1:

[Signature]

Witness 2:

GRANTOR:

[Signature]

Katrin A. Owings

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF Greenville)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

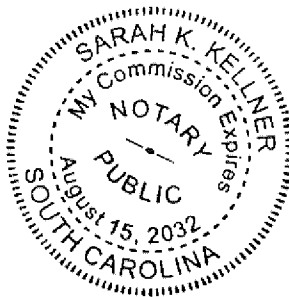
PERSONALLY appeared before me Katrin A. Owings, the above signed grantor, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged her signature to the foregoing dedication document.

SWORN to before me this 23rd
day of September, 2025.

[Signature]

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 8/15/2032



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Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

GRANTOR:

Maddison Leatherwood

Witness 1:

Judy O. Stewart
Judy O. Stewart

Sarah K. Kellner

Witness 2:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF Greenville)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PERSONALLY appeared before me Judy O. Stewart, the above signed grantor, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged her signature to the foregoing dedication document.

SWORN to before me this 23rd
day of September, 20 25.

Sarah K. Kellner

Notary Public for South Carolina

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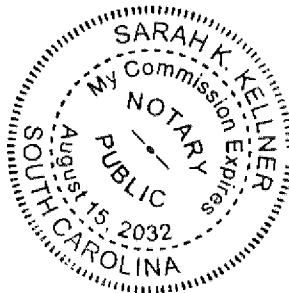


EXHIBIT A

BEGINNING at the northwestern corner of the within-described property at an IPF 3/4" Open Top on the easterly side of Craig Street, thence turning and running counterclockwise along a curve having a radius of 15.79 feet, an arc length of 11.57 feet, a chord length of 11.31 feet, chord bearing of S 65° 21' 45" E, and a delta of 41° 59' 39" to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 77° 17' 59" E a distance of 36.08 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 76° 04' 07" E a distance of 49.5 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 73° 16' 49" E for a distance of 38.93 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 73° 15' 04" E for a distance of 47.84 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 74° 14' 15" E for a distance of 61.52 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 74° 14' 15" E for a distance of 41.82 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 75° 28' 52" E for a distance of 1.97 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 75° 28' 52" E for a distance of 33.33 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 74° 07' 40" E for a distance of 40.66 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 75° 52' 41" E for a distance of 27.64 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 75° 52' 41" E for a distance of 73.46 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 72° 27' 07" E for a distance of 8.00 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 72° 27' 07" E for a distance of 14.97 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 70° 23' 20" E for a distance of 16.42 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 74° 53' 15" E for a distance of 14.07 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 35° 43' 16" W for a distance of 8.36 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 17° 05' 42" W for a distance of 6.64 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 73° 53' 53" W for a distance of 20.13 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 74° 24' 48" W for a distance of 79.20 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 74° 13' 39" W for a distance of 24.16 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 77° 18' 36" W for a distance of 69.44 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 73° 38' 53" W for a distance of 69.44 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 77° 11' 08" W for a distance of 19.30 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 73° 45' 57" W for a distance of 31.31 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 73° 14' 27" W for a distance of 54.91 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 73° 14' 34" W for a distance of 47.29 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 74° 17' 15" W for a distance of 39.76 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 76° 04' 50" W for a distance of 49.27 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 79° 52' 05" W for a distance of 34.75 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom S 13° 14' 34" W for a distance of 1.67 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running counterclockwise along a curve having a radius of 12.71 feet, an arc length of 8.89 feet, a chord length of 8.71 feet, chord bearing of N 75° 51' 50" W, and a delta of 40° 03' 12" to an IPS (5/8" rebar); thence turning and running therefrom N 5° 24' 45" E for a distance of 20.16 feet to an IPS (5/8" rebar), said point BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

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

April 9, 2026

Regular City Council Meeting

☐ Ordinance/First Reading☒ Ordinance/Second Reading☐ Resolution/First & Final Reading**Agenda Date Requested: April 9, 2026 Ordinance/Resolution****Caption: Ordinance 2026-04**

An ordinance disclaiming any right, title, interest, and/or control of “Cherry Street” along with any associated rights of way and/or easements; and providing for other related matters.

Summary Background:

The City of Fountain Inn has been approached by one or more landowners requesting that the City create and/or acknowledge the existence of “Cherry Street.” The City has investigated such claims and has been unable to determine whether the requested street was ever dedicated to the City and/or whether the City has ever accepted the dedication of the requested street as part of the City system of public ways.

Impact If Approved:

The City disclaims any right, title, interest, and/or control in or to “Cherry Street”; and confirms that the requested street is not part of the City system of public ways.

The City Administrator would be authorized to take appropriate further action to implement the intent of Ordinance 2026-04.

Financial Impact:

N/A

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE NO-2026-04**

**DISCLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST, AND/OR CONTROL
OF “CHERRY STREET” ALONG WITH ANY ASSOCIATED RIGHTS OF
WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED
MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina (“City”) has been approached by one or more landowners requesting the City to create and/or acknowledge the existence of “Cherry Street,” depictions of the suggested location of which are attached as composite Exhibit A (“Requested Street”);

WHEREAS, the City has investigated such claims and has been unable to determine that the Requested Street was ever dedicated to the City and/or that the City has ever accepted the dedication of the Requested Street as part of the City system of public ways;

WHEREAS, the City intends to, and by this Ordinance does, disclaim any right, title, interest, and/or control in or to “Cherry Street” as more fully depicted on composite Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Annotated section 5-7-30 and section 5-7-260 authorizes municipalities to exercise powers in relation to roads and streets, as appears necessary and proper;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, duly assembled and with a quorum present, by majority vote, that:

1. The City intends to, and does, disclaim any right, title, interest, and/or control in or to the Requested Street as more fully depicted on composite Exhibit A;
2. The City confirms the Requested Street is not part the City system of public ways; and
3. The City Administrator is authorized to take whatever other and further action is the City Administrator deems appropriate to implement to intent of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, for example, executing one or more quit claim deeds or other such similar document evincing no interest in the Requested Street in favor of the rightful owner of such areas as may be substantiated by sufficient evidence of ownership.

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Enacted: April 9, 2026.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

George Patrick McLeer, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST:

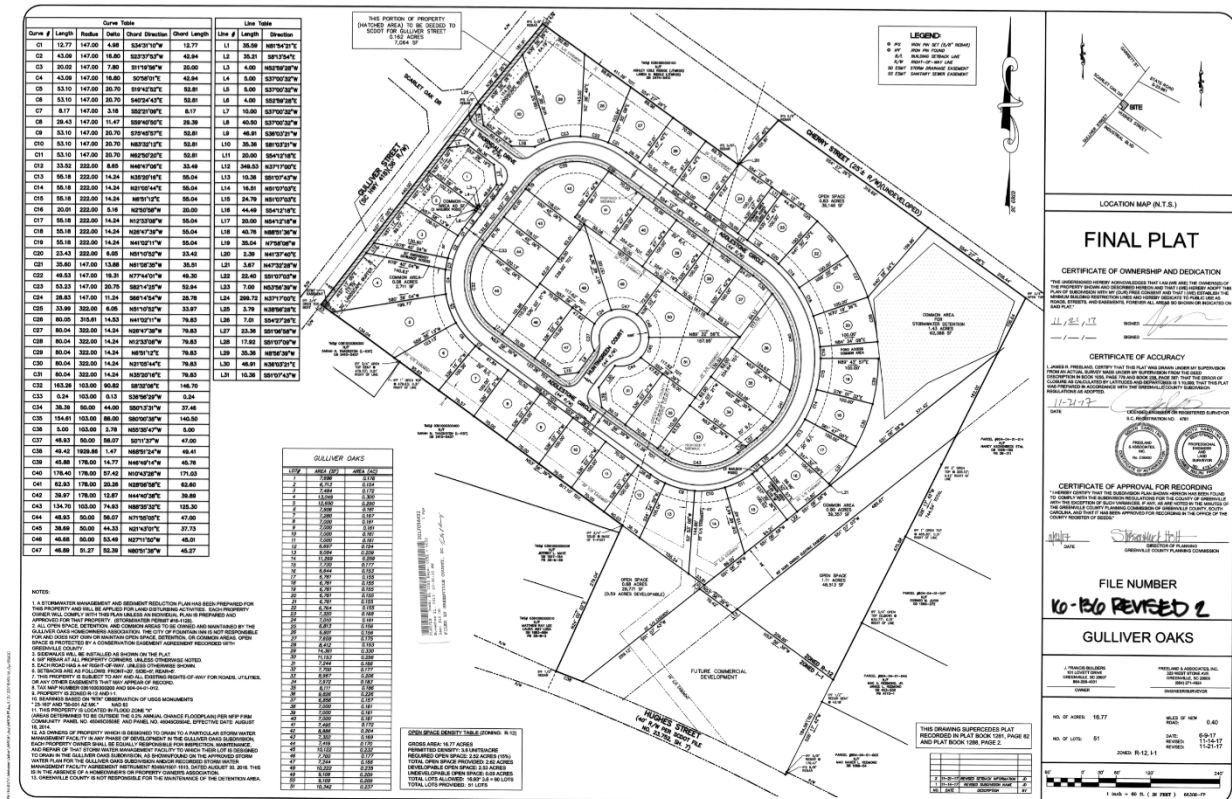
Elizabeth Adams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael E. Kozlarek, Esq.
Kozlarek Root Law LLC

First Reading: March 12, 2026
Second Reading: / Final Approval: April 9, 2026

EXHIBIT A DEPICTION OF PROPOSED ROAD



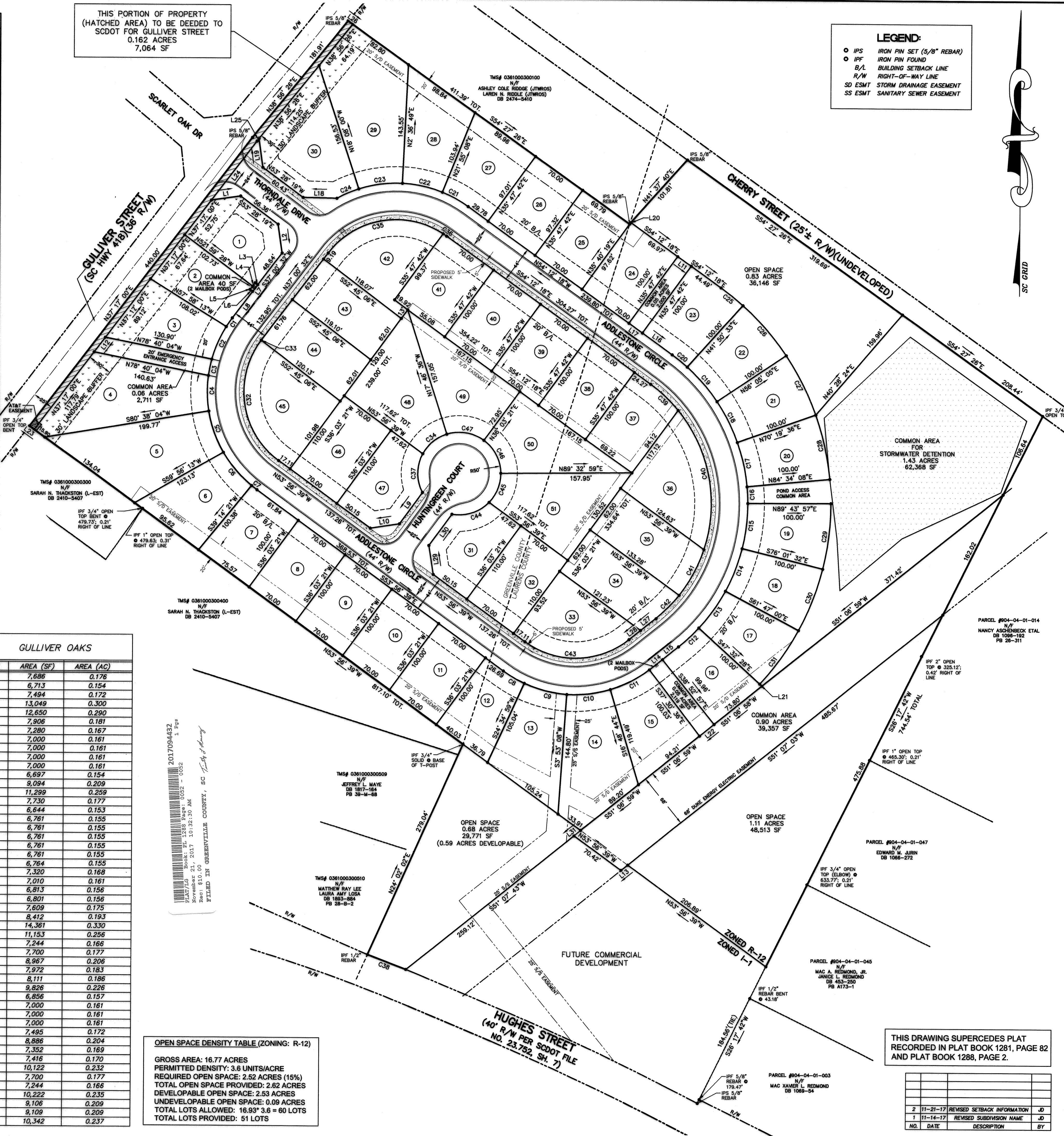
Curve Table					
Curve #	Length	Radius	Delta	Chord Direction	Chord Length
C1	12.77	147.00	4.98	S34°31'10"W	12.77
C2	43.09	147.00	16.80	S23°37'53"W	42.94
C3	20.02	147.00	7.80	S11°19'56"W	20.00
C4	43.09	147.00	16.80	S0°58'01"E	42.94
C5	53.10	147.00	20.70	S19°42'52"E	52.81
C6	53.10	147.00	20.70	S40°24'43"E	52.81
C7	8.17	147.00	3.18	S52°21'09"E	8.17
C8	29.43	147.00	11.47	S59°40'50"E	29.39
C9	53.10	147.00	20.70	S75°45'57"E	52.81
C10	53.10	147.00	20.70	N83°32'12"E	52.81
C11	53.10	147.00	20.70	N62°50'20"E	52.81
C12	33.52	222.00	8.65	N46°47'06"E	33.49
C13	55.18	222.00	14.24	N35°20'16"E	55.04
C14	55.18	222.00	14.24	N21°05'44"E	55.04
C15	55.18	222.00	14.24	N6°51'12"E	55.04
C16	20.01	222.00	5.16	N2°50'58"W	20.00
C17	55.18	222.00	14.24	N12°33'08"W	55.04
C18	55.18	222.00	14.24	N26°47'39"W	55.04
C19	55.18	222.00	14.24	N41°02'11"W	55.04
C20	23.43	222.00	6.05	N51°10'52"W	23.42
C21	35.60	147.00	13.88	N61°08'35"W	35.51
C22	49.53	147.00	19.31	N77°44'01"W	49.30
C23	53.23	147.00	20.75	S82°14'25"W	52.94
C24	28.83	147.00	11.24	S66°14'54"W	28.78
C25	33.99	322.00	6.05	N51°10'52"W	33.97
C26	80.05	315.61	14.53	N41°02'11"W	79.83
C27	80.04	322.00	14.24	N26°47'39"W	79.83
C28	80.04	322.00	14.24	N12°33'08"W	79.83
C29	80.04	322.00	14.24	N6°51'12"E	79.83
C30	80.04	322.00	14.24	N21°05'44"E	79.83
C31	80.04	322.00	14.24	N35°20'16"E	79.83
C32	163.26	103.00	90.82	S8°32'06"E	146.70
C33	0.24	103.00	0.13	S36°56'29"W	0.24
C34	38.39	50.00	44.00	S50°13'31"W	37.46
C35	154.61	103.00	86.00	S80°00'38"W	140.50
C36	5.00	103.00	2.78	N55°35'47"W	5.00
C37	48.93	50.00	56.07	S01°13'37"W	47.00
C38	49.42	1929.86	1.47	N68°51'24"W	49.41
C39	45.88	178.00	14.77	N46°48'14"W	45.76
C40	178.40	178.00	57.42	N10°43'26"W	171.03
C41	62.93	178.00	20.26	N28°06'58"E	62.60
C42	39.97	178.00	12.87	N44°40'38"E	39.89
C43	134.70	103.00	74.93	N88°35'32"E	125.30
C44	48.93	50.00	56.07	N71°55'05"E	47.00
C45	38.69	50.00	44.33	N21°43'01"E	37.73
C46	46.68	50.00	53.49	N27°11'50"W	45.01
C47	46.89	51.27	52.39	N80°51'38"W	45.27

Line Table		
Line #	Length	Direction
L1	35.59	N81°54'21"E
L2	35.21	S81°3'54"E
L3	4.00	N52°59'28"W
L4	5.00	S37°00'32"W
L5	5.00	S37°00'32"W
L6	4.00	S52°59'28"E
L7	10.00	S37°00'32"W
L8	40.50	S37°00'32"W
L9	46.91	S36°03'21"W
L10	35.36	S81°03'21"W
L11	20.00	S54°12'18"E
L12	349.53	N37°17'00"E
L13	10.38	S51°07'43"W
L14	16.51	N51°07'03"E
L15	24.79	N51°07'03"E
L16	44.49	S54°12'18"E
L17	20.00	N54°12'18"W
L18	40.76	N88°51'36"W
L19	35.04	N7°58'08"W
L20	2.39	N41°37'40"E
L21	3.67	N47°32'28"W
L22	22.40	S51°07'03"W
L23	7.00	N53°56'39"W
L24	299.72	N37°17'00"E
L25	3.79	N38°56'26"E
L26	7.01	S54°27'26"E
L27	23.36	S51°06'58"W
L28	17.92	S51°07'09"W
L29	35.36	N8°56'39"W
L30	46.91	N36°03'21"E
L31	10.36	S51°07'43"W

GULLIVER OAKS		
LOT#	AREA (SF)	AREA (AC)
1	7,686	0.176
2	6,713	0.154
3	7,494	0.172
4	13,049	0.300
5	12,650	0.290
6	7,906	0.181
7	7,280	0.167
8	7,000	0.161
9	7,000	0.161
10	7,000	0.161
11	7,000	0.161
12	6,697	0.154
13	9,094	0.209
14	11,299	0.259
15	7,730	0.177
16	6,644	0.153
17	6,761	0.155
18	6,761	0.155
19	6,761	0.155
20	6,761	0.155
21	6,761	0.155
22	6,764	0.155
23	7,320	0.168
24	7,010	0.161
25	6,813	0.156
26	6,801	0.156
27	7,609	0.175
28	8,412	0.193
29	14,361	0.330
30	11,153	0.256
31	7,243	0.166
32	7,700	0.177
33	8,967	0.206
34	7,972	0.183
35	8,111	0.186
36	9,826	0.226
37	6,856	0.157
38	7,000	0.161
39	7,000	0.161
40	7,000	0.161
41	7,495	0.172
42	8,886	0.204
43	7,352	0.169
44	7,416	0.170
45	10,122	0.232
46	7,700	0.177
47	7,244	0.166
48	10,222	0.235
49	9,106	0.209
50	9,109	0.209
51	10,342	0.237

OPEN SPACE DENSITY TABLE (ZONING: R-12)	
GROSS AREA: 16.77 ACRES	
PERMITTED DENSITY: 3.6 UNITS/ACRE	
REQUIRED OPEN SPACE: 2.52 ACRES (15%)	
TOTAL OPEN SPACE PROVIDED: 2.62 ACRES	
DEVELOPABLE OPEN SPACE: 2.53 ACRES	
UNDEVELOPABLE OPEN SPACE: 0.09 ACRES	
TOTAL LOTS ALLOWED: 16.93* 3.6 = 60 LOTS	
TOTAL LOTS PROVIDED: 51 LOTS	

THIS PORTION OF PROPERTY
(HATCHED AREA) TO BE DEEDED TO
SCDOT FOR GULLIVER STREET
0.162 ACRES
7,064 SF



NOTES:

- A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS PROPERTY AND WILL BE APPLIED FOR LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES. EACH PROPERTY OWNER WILL COMPLY WITH THIS PLAN UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN IS PREPARED AND APPROVED FOR THAT PROPERTY. (STORMWATER PERMIT #16-1128).
- ALL OPEN SPACE, DETENTION, AND COMMON AREAS TO BE OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY THE GULLIVER OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN OR MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE, DETENTION AREAS, COMMON AREAS. OPEN SPACE IS PROTECTED BY A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT RECORDED WITH GREENVILLE COUNTY.
- SIDEWALKS WILL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT.
- 5/8" REBAR AT ALL PROPERTY CORNERS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- EACH ROAD HAS A 44' RIGHT-OF-WAY, UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN.
- SETBACKS ARE AS FOLLOWS: FRONT=20'; SIDE=5'; REAR=5'.
- THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR ROADS, UTILITIES, OR ANY OTHER EASEMENTS THAT MAY APPEAR OF RECORD.
- TAX MAP NUMBER 0361000300200 AND 904-04-01-012.
- PROPERTY IS ZONED R-12 AND I-1.
- BEARINGS BASED ON "RTK" OBSERVATION OF USGS MONUMENTS "23-160" AND "30-001 AZ MK." NAD 83
- THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE "X" (AREAS DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOODPLAIN) PER NFIP FIRM COMMUNITY PANEL NO. 45045C0608E AND PANEL NO. 45045C0604E, EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 18, 2014.
- AS OWNERS OF PROPERTY WHICH IS DESIGNED TO DRAIN TO A PARTICULAR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN ANY PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE GULLIVER OAKS SUBDIVISION, EACH PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THAT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY TO WHICH THEIR LOT IS DESIGNED TO DRAIN IN THE GULLIVER OAKS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN/FOUND ON THE APPROVED STORM WATER PLAN FOR THE GULLIVER OAKS SUBDIVISION AND/OR RECORDED STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY AGREEMENT INSTRUMENT #2499/1507-1513, DATED AUGUST 30, 2016. THIS IS IN THE ABSENCE OF A HOMEOWNER'S OR PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION.
- GREENVILLE COUNTY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE DETENTION AREA.

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND DEDICATION

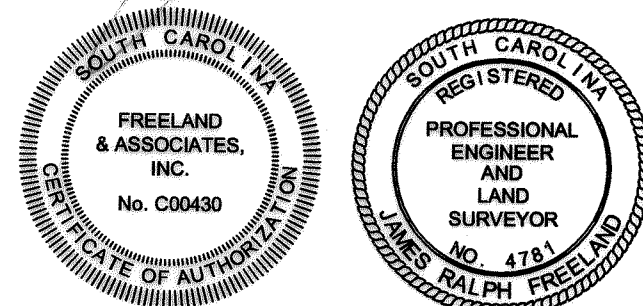
"THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I AM (WE ARE) THE OWNERS(S) OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREON AND THAT I (WE) HEREBY ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION WITH MY (OUR) FREE CONSENT AND THAT I (WE) ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM BUILDING RESTRICTION LINES AND HEREBY DEDICATE TO PUBLIC USE AS ROADS, STREETS, AND EASEMENTS, FOREVER ALL AREAS SO SHOWN OR INDICATED ON SAID PLAT."

11/21/17 SIGNED _____
/ / / SIGNED _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY

I, JAMES R. FREELAND, CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT WAS DRAWN UNDER MY SUPERVISION FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION FROM THE DEED DESCRIPTION IN BOOK 1056, PAGE 778 AND BOOK 288, PAGE 387; THAT THE ERROR OF CLOSURE AS CALCULATED BY LATITUDES AND DEPARTURES IS 1:10,000; THAT THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED.

11-21-17 SIGNED _____
DATE LICENSED ENGINEER OR REGISTERED SURVEYOR
S.C. REGISTRATION NO. 4781



CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR RECORDING

"I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SUBDIVISION PLAN SHOWN HEREON HAS BEEN FOUND TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUCH VARIANCES, IF ANY, AS ARE NOTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GREENVILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND THAT IT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR RECORDING IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS."

11/21/17 SIGNED _____
DATE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
GREENVILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

FILE NUMBER

10-130 REVISED 2

GULLIVER OAKS

J. FRANCIS BUILDERS
101 LOVETT DRIVE
GREENVILLE, SC 29607
864-288-4001
OWNER

FREELAND & ASSOCIATES, INC.
323 WEST STONE AVE.
GREENVILLE, SC 29609
(864) 271-4924
ENGINEER/SURVEYOR

NO. OF ACRES: 16.77 MILES OF NEW ROAD: 0.40
NO. OF LOTS: 51 DATE: 6-9-17
REVISED: 11-14-17
REVISED: 11-21-17
ZONED: R-12, I-1



THIS DRAWING SUPERCEDES PLAT
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1281, PAGE 82
AND PLAT BOOK 1288, PAGE 2.

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY
2	11-21-17	REVISED SETBACK INFORMATION	JD
1	11-14-17	REVISED SUBDIVISION NAME	JD



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

April 9, 2026

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: April 9, 2026

Ordinance/Resolution Caption: Ordinance 2026-05

An ordinance to amend the City of Fountain Inn's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Summary Background:

The City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Chapter 21) establishes standards designed to reduce the risk of loss of life, property damage, and public expenditures attributable to flooding. The ordinance incorporates applicable federal and state floodplain management requirements and enables the City of Fountain Inn to maintain eligibility and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Its provisions apply to all FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) within the municipal limits, including any areas that may be annexed.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has requested that the City insert the following into Section 21-11, "21-11. **Reasonably Safe from Flooding** - Review all permit applications to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding."

Impact If Denied:

The City may forfeit eligibility to participate in the NFIP, thereby eliminating access to flood insurance, disaster relief, and certain state and federal assistance programs. Premiums for existing policyholders may increase. In addition, real estate transactions within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) may be adversely affected, as lenders generally require flood insurance as a condition of loan closing, and new policies would be unavailable. Policyholders with expiring coverage may be unable to renew during any period of ineligibility, and prospective purchasers may be unable to obtain coverage. Although FEMA may continue to process existing claims, an extended lapse could constrain available funds and delay claim payments.

The City may also become ineligible for certain federal grant programs (e.g., the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program), face potential repayment obligations associated with active projects, and create compliance challenges for lenders subject to mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements.

Impact If Approved:

Approval will support the City's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and will ensure that residents and businesses retain uninterrupted access to federally backed flood insurance. This action will prevent coverage lapses, allow new and renewal policies to be issued without interruption, and enable FEMA to continue paying claims and providing flood mitigation assistance.

Financial Impact:

N/A

ORDINANCE 2026-05

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Enacted: April 9, 2026.

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.
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First Reading: March 12, 2026
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Regular City Council Meeting

☐ Ordinance/First Reading ☒ Ordinance/Second Reading ☐ Resolution/First & Final Reading**Agenda Date Requested: April 9, 2026****Ordinance/Resolution Caption: Ordinance 2026-06**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding seven million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$7,150,000) City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2026; and other matters relating thereto.

Summary Background:

Natural gas enters the Fountain Inn Natural Gas (FING) system at a single point along Transco's line called the "City Gate." It was first constructed in 1954 and was designed to handle 5,176 Dth/day. FING exceeded this limit 10 times in 2008, but exceeded it 46 times in 2025. On January 31, 2026, FING burned 12,675 Dth, a 145% increase over design capacity. While some components have been upgraded over the decades, the FING City Gate remains largely original. Williams-Transco now requires a complete replacement of the City Gate. If it is not replaced, Transco will severely restrict FING's supply, reducing the gas available to the system, regardless of demand. The cost to replace the City Gate is approximately \$3,300,000.

When our region experiences sustained, intense cold temperatures, FING customers at the far ends of our service area are more susceptible to pressure decreases and service interruptions. To help alleviate these issues, in 2023, FING installed 1,750 feet of 6" plastic pipe inside a subdivision on the northern end, adding a direct feed to that side of the system. We also installed 1,100 feet of 8" plastic pipe across Durbin Creek along Jones Mill Road, tying two dead ends together to feed gas more directly to the North End. However, to reduce (if not eliminate) any pressure concerns during extreme low temperature weather events, FING must install approximately three miles of 6" high-pressure steel pipeline to connect the northern end of our service area, along with an additional regulator. The total cost of this project is \$1,200,000.

The remaining \$2,650,000 of the bond proceeds will be used for the installation of plastic pipe (gas mains, service lines, and meters) to serve new residential subdivisions and ongoing growth; additional system improvements to replace aging infrastructure and maintain safety and reliability; and costs associated with issuance.

Impact If Approved:

The City's financial advisors issued a request for proposals (RFP) to banks on March 13, with bids due by noon on April 7, 2026. The bond closing is currently scheduled for April 30. The planned three miles of 6" high-pressure steel project will commence the first week of May.

Financial Impact:

The City's financial policies and Natural Gas Revenue Bond covenants require that net operating revenues equal 1.30x annual debt service obligations. These same bond covenants also require an *Additional Bonds Test* to show that net earnings are at least equal to 130% of the average annual debt service on the bonds outstanding, plus the additional bonds proposed to be issued.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,150,000) CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA NATURAL GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2026; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

SERIES ORDINANCE

Enacted April 9, 2026

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**BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA,
IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

**ARTICLE I
FINDINGS OF FACT**

Section 1.1 Findings and Determinations.

As an incident to the enactment of this ordinance, and the issuance of the bond provided for herein, the City Council of the City of Fountain Inn (the “**City Council**”), the governing body of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina (the “**City**”), finds that the facts set forth in this Article I exist and the following statements are in all respects true and correct:

(a) The City has made general provision for the issuance from time to time of Natural Gas System Revenue Bonds (“**Bonds**”) of the City through the enactment of an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NATURAL GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” (“**Bond Ordinance**”) on November 13, 2008;

(b) The Bonds are payable solely from and secured by a pledge of the Gross Revenues (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) remaining after payment of costs of operation and maintenance of the natural gas system of the City (the “**System**”) and such pledge at all times and in all respects is superior to pledges made and given to secure other obligations payable from the revenues of the System;

(c) It is provided in and by the Bond Ordinance that, upon enactment of a “Series Ordinance” there may be issued one or more series of parity Bonds for the purpose of (i) obtaining funds for the expansion, improvement, repair and replacement of the System; (ii) providing funds for the payment of any bond anticipation note or notes that may have been issued in anticipation of the issuance and sale of Bonds; (iii) refunding Bonds or other obligations issued to provide land or facilities that are or are to become a part of the System or that are or were payable in whole or in part from revenues of the System, including any redemption premium related thereto; (iv) providing funds for the payment of interest due on such Bonds; (v) funding a debt service reserve fund established for the benefit of the holders of a particular Series of Bonds or restoring such funds to their required funding level; and (v) paying the cost of issuance of Bonds, including the cost of any credit enhancement therefor;

(d) Pursuant to the terms of the Bond Ordinance, the City has previously issued its \$3,465,000 Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2015, dated November 23, 2015 (“**Bonds Outstanding**”), the proceeds of which were used to (i) defray the costs the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation, furnishing and equipping of various capital improvements to the System and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds Outstanding;

(e) The City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the customers to undertake the further expansion, improvement, repair and replacement of the System, as more particularly described on Exhibit A hereto (collectively, “**Project**”); and

(f) By reason of the foregoing, the City has determined to enact this ordinance as a “Series Ordinance” in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bond Ordinance in order to effect the issuance of a Series of Bonds on parity with the Bonds Outstanding in an amount not exceeding \$7,150,000; for the purpose of (i) defraying the costs of the Project and (ii) paying the cost of issuance of the Series of Bonds.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS; AUTHORITY

Section 2.1 Definitions.

Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning or another definition is provided for in this 2026 Series Ordinance, as defined below, (i) the terms defined in Section 2.02 of the Bond Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed thereto therein for all purposes of this 2026 Series Ordinance and of any resolution, certificate, opinion, instrument or other document herein or therein mentioned and (ii) the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“Bond Counsel” shall mean an attorney or a firm of attorneys which is nationally recognized as being experienced in matters relating to the validity of, and the state and federal income tax treatment of interest on, obligations of states and their political subdivisions and whose opinions are generally accepted by purchasers of municipal bonds, as selected by the City.

“Bond Ordinance” shall mean the Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NATURAL GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” enacted November 13, 2008, by the City Council.

“Initial Expenditures” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 8.2 hereof.

“Project” shall mean the projects identified on Exhibit A hereto.

“Qualified Investor” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 7.2 hereof.

“Requisition” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 6.1 hereof.

“Series 2026 Bond” shall mean the not exceeding \$7,150,000 in aggregate principal amount Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2026 of the City, authorized by this 2026 Series Ordinance.

“Trustee” shall mean U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, its successors and assigns.

“2026 Construction Fund” shall mean the Fund established pursuant to Section 6.1 hereof with respect to payments of the costs of the Project.

“2026 Debt Service Fund” shall mean the fund established with the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof to provide for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2026 Bond.

“2026 Series Ordinance” shall mean this Series Ordinance.

Section 2.2 Authority for 2026 Series Ordinance.

This 2026 Series Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Ordinance.

ARTICLE III USEFUL LIFE

Section 3.1 Determination of the Useful Life of the System.

The period of usefulness of the System is hereby determined to be not less than forty (40) years from the date hereof.

ARTICLE IV AUTHORIZATION AND TERMS OF THE SERIES 2026 BOND

Section 4.1 Authorization and Issuance of Series 2026 Bond.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act and the Bond Ordinance, City Council authorizes the issuance of Series 2026 Bond entitled to the benefits, protection and security of the provisions of the Bond Ordinance. The Series 2026 Bond shall be issued as a single bond in the denomination of not exceeding the principal amount thereof, be dated its date of delivery, as determined by the City Administrator, and designated "City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2026." The Series 2026 Bond shall not be issued in book-entry form.

(b) The Series 2026 Bond is issued for the purposes of providing funds to defray the costs of the Project and to pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2026 Bond pursuant to the terms of the Enabling Act.

(c) The principal amount of the Series 2026 Bond shall not exceed \$7,150,000.

(d) The Series 2026 Bond shall constitute a Term Bond under the Bond Ordinance and shall be on parity in all respects with all Bonds previously or hereafter issued thereunder, and shall be entitled to the same protections and benefits set forth therein.

(e) The Series 2026 Bond shall bear interest at the rate per annum (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) as named by the successful purchaser thereof and shall be payable as to interest semiannually on each April 1 and October 1 commencing October 1, 2026. Principal of the Series 2026 Bond will be payable in annual installments on each October 1 in the years and principal amount as determined by the City Administrator. The final payment date of the Series 2026 Bond is expected to be not later than October 1, 2045.

(f) The Series 2026 Bond will be subject to redemption prior to maturity on such terms as determined by the City Administrator and agreed to by the successful purchaser thereof.

(g) The Series 2026 Bond is the sole instrument authorized hereby, and the City and the Trustee agree that no special numbering thereof shall be required.

(h) The Series 2026 Bond together with the Certificate of Authentication and Assignment to appear thereon, are to be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with necessary and appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as permitted or required by the Bond Ordinance or this 2026 Series Ordinance.

(i) Principal of and interest on the Series 2026 Bond shall be payable by check or draft mailed from the office of the Trustee to the person in whole name the Series 2026 Bond is registered at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 4.2 Creation of 2026 Debt Service Fund; No Debt Service Reserve Fund for Series 2026 Bond.

(a) There is hereby authorized to be created a fund titled the “*2026 Debt Service Fund*” which shall be established to provide for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2026 Bond as the same become due and for no other purpose. The City shall make deposits to the 2026 Debt Service Fund as prescribed by the Bond Ordinance. The 2026 Debt Service Fund shall be held in the complete custody and control of the Trustee, and withdrawals shall be made by the Trustee for the purposes provided in the Bond Ordinance.

(b) There is no Reserve Requirement for the Series 2026 Bond and there will be no Debt Service Reserve Fund established for the Series 2026 Bond.

Section 4.3 Appointment of Registrar, Paying Agent and Trustee; Authentication.

(a) U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association is hereby appointed to act as Registrar, Paying Agent and Trustee under this 2026 Series Ordinance.

(b) The Series 2026 Bond shall be presented for authentication by the Registrar in the form attached as Exhibit B to this 2026 Series Ordinance.

(c) The Series 2026 Bond shall be presented for registration of transfers and exchanges, and notices and demands in respect of the Series 2026 Bond may be served upon the Trustee.

(d) In connection with any transfers of the Series 2026 Bond, the Trustee has no duty or obligation to confirm that the transfer restrictions set forth in Section 7.2 hereof are satisfied or whether or not such transferee is a Qualified Investor.

**ARTICLE V
EXECUTION OF BONDS; NO RECOURSE**

Section 5.1 Execution.

The Series 2026 Bond shall be executed on behalf of and in the name of the City by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk of the City or City Administrator and authenticated in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bond Ordinance.

Section 5.2 No Recourse.

All covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the City contained in the Bond Ordinance or in this 2026 Series Ordinance shall be deemed to be the covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the City and not those of any officer or employee of the City in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or redemption price of or interest on the Series 2026 Bond or for any claim based thereon or on the Bond Ordinance or on this 2026 Series Ordinance, either jointly or severally, against any officer or employee of the City or any person executing the Series 2026 Bond.

ARTICLE VI
2026 CONSTRUCTION FUND; APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF SERIES 2026 BOND

Section 6.1 Creation of 2026 Construction Fund.

There is hereby created a fund to be known as the “**2026 Construction Fund.**” There shall be paid into the 2026 Construction Fund the sums prescribed under Section 6.2 hereof. The 2026 Construction Fund shall be held and maintained by the Trustee.

Section 6.2 Use, Disposition and Investment of Series 2026 Bond Proceeds.

(a) On delivery of the Series 2026 Bond and receipt of the proceeds thereof, the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bond less those used to pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2026 Bond shall be deposited into the 2026 Construction Fund to be utilized to pay costs of the Project.

(b) Withdrawals from the 2026 Construction Fund may be made on delivery of a requisition in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C (“**Requisition**”) executed by the City Administrator or the Finance Director or such other person that may be designated an authorized representative of the City in a written certificate executed by the City Administrator or the Mayor. Except as set forth in paragraph (e) below, the Trustee is authorized to disburse the moneys in the 2026 Construction Fund in accordance with the instruction set forth in the Requisition for the purpose of paying costs of the Project.

(c) In making any payment from the 2026 Construction Fund, the Trustee may rely on the directions and certifications of the City in each Requisition and the Trustee shall not have any liability with respect to making payments in accordance with the directions and certifications in each Requisition. The Trustee shall be liable only for its own negligent and willful misconduct.

(d) Promptly after the completion of the Project, the City shall deliver a written certificate to the Trustee directing the transfer of any remaining moneys held in the 2026 Construction Fund not needed to pay the costs of the Project to the 2026 Debt Service Fund and shall be used only to (i) pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2026 Bond; or (ii) apply to other lawful purposes with respect to the System provided an Opinion of Bond Counsel is provided to the Trustee that such disposition will not jeopardize the tax status of interest on the Series 2026 Bond.

(e) Moneys in the 2026 Construction Fund shall be invested and reinvested in Authorized Investments at the written direction of the City. All earnings shall be added to and become a part of the 2026 Construction Fund. If the Trustee is not provided with written investment directions from the City such amounts shall be held uninvested in cash, without liability for interest. The Trustee shall be fully protected in relying on any such investment directions it receives as to the legality and the suitability of such directed investments and that such investments are Authorized Investments.

The City acknowledges that regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency grant the City the right to receive brokerage confirmations of security transactions as they occur. The City specifically waives such right to notification to the extent permitted by law and acknowledges that it will receive periodic transaction statements that will detail all investment transactions.

ARTICLE VII
SALE AND AWARD OF SERIES 2026 BOND; RESTRICTED TRANSFER

Section 7.1 Sale and Award of Series 2026 Bond.

The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed (a) to either negotiate directly with one or more financial institutions for the sale of the Series 2026 Bond or distribute a request for proposals to one or more financial institutions, (b) to determine the final principal amount and maturity date of the Series 2026 Bond and (c) to accept the proposal from such financial institution that provides the most advantageous offer to the City, without further action required of the City Council. The City Administrator, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to execute the commitment letter or term sheet, as the case may be, of the successful purchaser, which terms thereof are consistent with Article IV hereof.

Section 7.2 Restricted Transfer.

The Series 2026 Bond may be sold or transferred by the initial purchaser only to purchasers who execute an investment letter delivered to the City ("*Qualified Investors*"), in form satisfactory to the City, containing certain representations, warranties and covenants as to the suitability of such purchasers to purchase and hold the Series 2026 Bond. Such restriction shall be set forth on the face of the Series 2026 Bond and shall be complied with by each transferee of the Series 2026 Bond.

ARTICLE VIII
TAX AND SECURITIES LAWS COVENANTS;
BANK QUALIFICATION; REIMBURSEMENT

Section 8.1 Tax and Securities Law Covenants.

(a) The following covenants shall be applicable to the Series 2026 Bond sold on a tax-exempt basis:

(i) The City covenants that it will take no action (or fail to take any action) which will cause the interest on the Series 2026 Bond, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, to fail to be exempt from federal taxation under Section 103 of the Code, and to that end, among other requirements, the City will comply with the limitations set forth in Section 148 of the Code and applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder so long as the Series 2026 Bond is outstanding.

(ii) The City further covenants to take all action necessary, including the payment of any rebate amount, to comply with Section 148(f) of the Code and applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder for the Series 2026 Bond if issued on a tax-exempt basis.

(iii) The City covenants to file IRS Form 8038-G at the time and in the place required therefor under the Code for Series 2026 Bond if issued on a tax-exempt basis.

(b) The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the requirements of Section 11-1-85 of the South Carolina Code. The only remedy for failure by the City to comply with the covenant in this Section 8.5 is an action for specific performance of the covenant. The City specifically reserves the right to amend or delete the covenant to reflect any change in (or repeal of) Section 11-1-85, without the consent of any holder of the Series 2026 Bond.

Section 8.2 Designation of the Series 2026 Bond as Bank Qualified.

The City reasonably expects that the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2026 Bond, together with the original principal amount of all other tax-exempt obligations of the City issued in calendar year 2026 will, in the aggregate, not exceed \$10 million. The Series 2026 Bond is hereby accordingly designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

Section 8.3 Reimbursement From Bond Proceeds.

The City is authorized to and has paid or may pay for certain costs and expenditures relating to the Project from its general fund or the enterprise fund relating to the System, in an amount not exceeding \$7,150,000, prior to the issuance of the Series 2026 Bond (collectively, “*Initial Expenditures*”). Such Initial Expenditures are (a) properly chargeable to a capital account (or would be so chargeable with a proper election or with the application of the definition of “placed in service” under Treasury Regulation §1-150-2) under general federal income tax principles; or (b) certain de minimis or preliminary expenditures satisfying the requirements of Treasury Regulation §1.150-2(f).

The City may reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bond for the Initial Expenditures. To the extent the City reimburses itself from the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bond, pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.150-2, this 2026 Series Ordinance is an official declaration by the City of its intent with respect to the repayment of the Initial Expenditures incurred and paid on or after the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance, from the proceeds the Series 2026 Bond.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1 Severability.

If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this 2026 Series Ordinance on the part of the City to be performed should be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants or agreement or agreements shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this 2026 Series Ordinance.

Section 9.2 Headings Not Controlling.

The Table of Contents and the Headings of the several Articles and Sections of this 2026 Series Ordinance have been prepared for convenience of reference only and shall not control, affect the meaning of, or be taken as an interpretation of any provision of this 2026 Series Ordinance.

Section 9.3 Additional Documents and Other Actions.

The Mayor, the City Administrator, the Finance Director and the City Clerk are fully authorized and empowered to take any further action and to execute and deliver any closing documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the delivery of the Series 2026 Bond in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinabove set forth, and the action of the officers or any one or more of them in executing and delivering any documents, in the form as he, she or they shall approve, is hereby fully authorized.

City Council hereby further authorizes and directs all of the officers and employees of the City to carry out or cause to be carried out all obligations of the City hereunder and under the Bond Ordinance and the Loan Agreement and to perform all other actions as they shall consider necessary or advisable in connection with the issuance of the Series 2026 Bond and the undertaking of the Project.

Section 9.4 Notices.

All notices, certificates or other communications hereunder or under the Bond Ordinance shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when mailed by registered mail, postage prepaid addressed as follows:

If to the City: City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina
200 North Main Street
Fountain Inn, South Carolina 29644
Attention: City Administrator

If to the Trustee: U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
1441 Main Street, Suite 775
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Attention: Natalie Charles, VP

The City and the Trustee may, by notice given to the other parties, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notice, certificates or other communications shall be sent.

Section 9.5 Additional Provisions.

(a) *Extraordinary Expenses of Trustee.* The City shall pay the Trustee for any extraordinary services or expenses performed or incurred by the Trustee in connection with its duties hereunder or under the Bond Ordinance if notified in writing prior to the performance of those services or the incurring of those expenses and if the incurring of such services and expenses are approved in writing by the City.

(b) *Petition to Court by Trustee for Successor Upon Resignation.* If the Trustee resigns under Section 14.07 of the Bond Ordinance and no successor Trustee shall have been so appointed and accepted appointment within sixty (60) days of such resignation under Section 14.09 of the Bond Ordinance, the Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee until a successor shall have been appointed.

(c) *Trustee Reliance.* The Trustee shall have the right to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this 2026 Series Ordinance, or any other document reasonably relating to the Series 2026 Bond sent by the City by unsecured e-mail, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods, provided, however, that the City shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing designated persons with the authority to provide such instructions and containing specimen signatures of such designated persons, which incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the City elects to give the Trustee e-mail or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The City agrees: (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting instructions to the Trustee and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting instructions than the method(s) selected by it and (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances

[Signature Page Follows]

This Ordinance shall be effective on the date of final reading by Council.

DONE AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of April, 2026

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

First Reading: March 12, 2026
Second Reading: April 9, 2026

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City will use the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bond to pay for expansions, improvements, repairs and replacements of the System including the following:

- construction of a new transfer point (meter station and pressure control regulator) between Fountain Inn Natural Gas (FING) and Williams-Transco;
- installation of approximately three miles of 6-inch high-pressure steel pipeline to the north end of the System and a pressure control regulator station to enhance gas supply and System reliability;
- installation of plastic pipe (gas mains, service lines, and meters) to serve new residential subdivisions and ongoing growth; and
- additional system improvements to be replace aging System infrastructure to maintain safety and reliability.

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF SERIES 2026 BOND

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA
NATURAL GAS SYSTEM REVENUE BOND
SERIES 2026**

<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
[]	[]	[]%

The **CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA** (the “*City*”) acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay, solely from the sources and as hereinafter provided, to **[REGISTERED OWNER]** or its registered assigns, the principal amount of [] DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$[]) on the payment dates set forth below, unless this Bond shall have been redeemed prior thereto as hereinafter provided and to pay interest on such principal amount at the rate of set forth above (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months), until the obligation of the City with respect to the payment of such principal amount shall be discharged. Interest on the Bond will be payable semiannually each April 1 and October 1 (each, a “*Bond Payment Date*”), commencing October 1, 2026. Principal of the Bond will be payable in annual installments on each October 1 in each of the years and in the amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
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†Final Maturity

The principal and interest so payable will be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month immediately preceding such Bond Payment Date (the “*Record Date*”).

The principal of this Bond and interest hereon shall be payable by check or draft mailed at the times provided herein from the office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in Columbia, South Carolina (the “*Trustee*”), to the person in whose name this Bond is registered on the Record Date at the address shown on the registration books, provided that the final payment of principal of and interest on this Bond shall be made without presentment or surrender of the Bond. The principal of and interest on this Bond is payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

[This Bond shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City at any time, as a whole or in part, at the redemption price of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, together, in each case, with the interest accrued on the principal amount of the Bond to the date fixed for redemption.]

This Bond is issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of South Carolina (the “**State**”), Title 6, Chapter 21, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and a Bond Ordinance (the “**Bond Ordinance**”) duly enacted by the City Council on November 13, 2008, and a Series Ordinance (the “**Series Ordinance**”) duly enacted by the City Council on April 9, 2026 (the Bond Ordinance and the Series Ordinance are hereinafter together referred to as the “**Ordinances**”). Certain capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Ordinances. Certified copies of the Ordinances are on file in the office of the City Clerk and in the office of the Clerks of Court for Greenville County and Laurens County. This Bond is issued for the purpose of obtaining funds to defray the costs of the Project and to pay costs and expenses relating to the issuance of this Bond.

Both the principal of and interest on this Bond, as the same shall become due, are payable solely from the portion of Gross Revenues remaining after payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the natural gas system of the City (the “**System**”). As security for the payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond, under the Bond Ordinance, the City has irrevocably pledged the portion of Gross Revenues of the System remaining after payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the System. In order to further secure the payment of the principal of and interest due on the Bond, a statutory lien is placed on the System as provided and authorized by the Enabling Act.

The Bond shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any provision, limitation or restriction of the Constitution or the laws of the State, other than those provisions authorizing indebtedness payable solely from a revenue-producing project not involving revenues from any tax or license; and the faith, credit and taxing power of the City are expressly not pledged therefor. The City is not obligated to pay this Bond, or the interest hereon, save and except from the portion of Gross Revenues of the System remaining after payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the System.

The Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of additional Bonds secured by a pledge of the Gross Revenues of the System remaining after payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the System which upon the issuance thereof will rank equally and be secured by the pledge of the portion of Gross Revenues remaining after payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the System and a statutory lien on the System, all on a parity with the pledge and liens given to secure this Bond and Bonds currently outstanding.

The City has covenanted to continuously operate and maintain the System and fix and maintain such rates for the services and facilities furnished by the System as shall at all times be sufficient (a) to provide for the payment of the expenses of the administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as may be necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, (b) to provide for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond and any additional Series of Bonds, (c) to maintain any debt service reserve fund as may be established for any Series of Bonds in the manner therein prescribed, (d) to build and maintain a reserve for depreciation of the System, for contingencies and for improvements, betterments and extensions to the System other than those necessary to maintain the same in good repair and working order, (e) to discharge all obligations imposed by the Enabling Act and the Ordinances, and (f) to provide for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all Junior Lien Bonds that may from time to time be Outstanding.

This Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, county, school district, municipal and all other taxes or assessments of the State, except inheritance, estate, transfer or certain franchise taxes.

This Bond is transferable, as provided in the Bond Ordinance, only upon the registration books of the City kept for that purpose and maintained by the Registrar, by the Holder hereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon (a) surrender of this Bond and an assignment with a written instrument of transfer duly executed in blank with signature guaranteed satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the Holder hereof or his duly authorized attorney and (b) payment of the charges, if any, prescribed in the Bond Ordinance. Thereupon a new Bond in the principal amount then due and owing hereon but in all other respects identical hereto, shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Bond Ordinance. The City may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes.

For every exchange or transfer of this Bond, the City may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution and statutes of the State to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond, exist, have been performed and have happened, and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the City, does not exceed any limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

This Bond shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been duly executed by the Registrar.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this Bond to be signed by the Mayor of the City, its corporate seal to be impressed hereon, and the same to be attested by the City Clerk of the City.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is the issue described in the within mentioned Ordinances.

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Registrar

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date of Authentication: _____

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common
TEN ENT - as tenants in entirety
JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship
and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - _____
(Cust)

Custodian _____
(Minor)

under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act _____
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used, though not in the above list.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ (Social Security No. or other Identifying Number of Assignee _____) the within Bond of the City of Fountain, South Carolina, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

DATED: _____

Signature Guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: Signature must be guaranteed by an institution who is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("**STAMP**") or similar program.

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

EXHIBIT C
FORM OF REQUISITION

\$[]

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina Natural Gas System Revenue Bond Series 2026

Requisition No.: _____

Total Requisition Amount: \$ _____

With regard to the Bond Ordinance enacted on November 13, 2008, and the Series Ordinance enacted on April 9, 2026 (collectively the “**Ordinance**”), by the City Council of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina (the “**City**”), authorizing the issuance of \$[] Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2026, of the City, the City hereby requests a withdrawal from the 2026 Construction Fund and the following information is submitted with respect to the costs of the Project (all as defined in the Ordinance) or the costs of issuance:

- (a) The amount to be paid: \$ _____
- (b) The nature or purpose of the obligation for which this payment is requested is: []
- (c) The name and address of the person, firm or corporation to whom such obligation is owed or to whom a reimbursable advance has been made and the manner of payment of such obligation or reimbursable advance: []
- (d) This obligation has been properly incurred and is a proper charge against the 2026 Construction Fund and has not been the basis of any previous withdrawal.
- (e) The City has not received notice of any mechanic’s, materialmen’s or other liens or right to liens or other obligations (other than those being contested in good faith) which should be satisfied or discharged before payment of such obligation is made.
- (f) This payment does not include any amount which is currently entitled to be retained under any holdbacks or retainages provided for in any agreement.

With respect to a cost of the Project, this obligation was incurred for work, material or supplies in connection with the acquisition, construction or installation of the Project, and such work was actually performed in a satisfactory manner, and such materials or supplies were actually used in or for such acquisition, construction or installation or delivered to the Project for that purpose in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

Attached is the written bill, invoice or statement for all expenses for which the disbursement is requested from the party providing the items or services for which payment is to be made.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Dated: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE) **CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDINANCE**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina (the “**City**”) **DO HEREBY CERTIFY:**

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of a Series Ordinance enacted by the City Council of the City (the “**City Council**”) on April 9, 2026. The Series Ordinance was read at two public meetings of the City Council on two separate days, March 12 2026, and April 9, 2026. An interval of at least six (6) days occurred between each reading of the Series Ordinance. At each such meeting, a quorum of the City Council was present and remained present throughout the meeting.

The meetings held on March 12, 2026, and April 9, 2026, were regular meetings of the City Council for which notice had been previously given pursuant to and in conformity with Chapter 4, Title 30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended,

The original of the Series Ordinance is duly entered in the permanent records of the City, in my custody as City Clerk.

The Series Ordinance is now of full force and effect, and has not been modified, amended or repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand, this _____ day of April, 2026.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

City Clerk
City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

First Reading: March 12, 2026
Second Reading: April 9, 2026

Request for Proposals

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina \$7,150,000* Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2026

Bids due by: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.

The City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina (the “City”) is requesting proposals from financial institutions with respect to a commercial loan to be evidenced by a \$7,150,000* Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2026 (the “Bond”). Your response to this Request for Proposals (this “RFP”) would be greatly appreciated. The following key assumptions are to be utilized in preparing your proposal:

Issuer: City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

The System: The City’s Natural Gas System (the “System”) provides natural gas service to over 13,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers. The System includes approximately 400 miles of natural gas pipeline. The System’s service area covers the cities of Fountain Inn and Simpsonville, as well as parts of Greenville and Laurens Counties.

Use of Proceeds: Proceeds of the Bond will be used to provide funds: (i) to pay for expansions, improvements, repairs and replacements of the System (the “Projects”), and (ii) to pay certain costs and expenses relating to the issuance of the Bond.

The Projects consist of (1) construction of a new transfer point (meter station and pressure control regulator) between Fountain Inn Natural Gas and Williams-Transco; (2) installation of approximately three miles of 6-inch high-pressure steel pipeline to the north end of the System and a pressure control regulator station to enhance gas supply and System reliability; (3) installation of plastic pipe (gas mains, service lines, and meters) to serve new residential subdivisions and ongoing growth; and (4) additional system improvements to replace aging System infrastructure to maintain safety and reliability.

Tax Treatment: Tax-Exempt.

Bank Qualified: Yes.

Rating: No rating will be obtained for the Bond.

Authorization: The Bond will be issued under the authority of the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, including Title 6, Chapter 21 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and pursuant to the provisions of a bond ordinance (the “Bond Ordinance”) enacted by the City Council on November 13, 2008 providing for the issuance of Natural Gas System Revenue Bonds and a series ordinance expected to be enacted by the City Council on April 9, 2026 providing for the issuance of the Bond (the “Series Ordinance”). The Bond Ordinance and a draft of the Series Ordinance are provided by separate attachment. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the Bond Ordinance.

Security: The Bond, together with interest thereon, is secured by and payable solely from the receipts and revenues derived from the operation of the System (the “Gross Revenues”) remaining the payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the System. In addition, a statutory lien on the System is provided.

*Not-to-Exceed

The Bond shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any provision, limitation or restriction of the Constitution or the laws of the State, other than those provisions authorizing indebtedness payable solely from a revenue producing project not involving revenues from any tax or license; and the faith, credit and taxing power of the City are expressly not pledged therefor. The City is not obligated to pay the Bond or the interest thereon except from the revenues of the System.

The winning bidder will be the holder of the Bond and therefore a Bondholder under the Bond Ordinance. The City will not grant the winning bidder any special or additional rights that are not otherwise provided to Bondholders in the Bond Ordinance and the Series Ordinance.

The City's Natural Gas System Revenue Bond, Series 2015A, which is currently outstanding in the amount of \$2,045,000, is currently the only other Bond Outstanding.

Rate Covenant. The City has covenanted pursuant to the terms of the Bond Ordinance to prescribe and maintain and thereafter collect rates and charges for the services and facilities furnished by the System that, together with other income, are reasonably expected to yield annual Net Earnings in the current Fiscal Year equal to at least the sum of (i) one hundred thirty percent (130%) the Annual Principal and Interest Requirement for all Series of Bonds Outstanding in such Fiscal Year, plus (ii) one hundred percent (100%) of the principal and interest on Junior Lien Bonds, or the capital costs pursuant to the provisions of long-term contracts that the City Council has entered into in order to provide natural gas services to the areas included within its service area, due in such Fiscal Year, plus (iii) one hundred percent (100%) of any required payment into a Debt Service Reserve Fund due in such Fiscal Year, if any. Please see Section 5.01 of the Bond Ordinance for a full description of the rate covenant.

A Debt Service Reserve Fund will not be established or funded for the Bond.

The following provides a historical summary of the Net Earnings and resulting debt service coverage.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gross Revenues	\$ 9,199,452	\$ 11,159,870	\$ 13,544,831	\$ 11,435,923	\$ 12,320,107
Less: Operation and Maintenance Expenses ¹	6,322,841	8,582,428	12,396,175	9,249,288	9,947,465
Net Earnings	\$ 2,876,611	\$ 2,577,442	\$ 1,148,656	\$ 2,186,635	\$ 2,372,642
Total debt service	\$ 424,194	\$ 425,590	\$ 433,262	\$ 433,875	\$ 440,495
Total debt service coverage	6.78x	6.06x	2.65x	5.04x	5.39x

¹ Excludes depreciation

Additional Bonds Test. From time to time, additional Bonds may be issued on parity with the Bond and the Outstanding Bonds provided that Net Earnings of the System for the Fiscal Year next preceding the Fiscal Year in which such additional Bonds are to be issued shall have been equal to at least one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the average annual debt service on all Bonds then Outstanding and the additional Bonds then proposed to be issued (with adjustments, if any, for any Bonds that will be discharged upon the issuance of such additional Bonds). For purposes of calculating Net Earnings, actual revenues shall be adjusted upward or downward so as to be stated on the basis of the rate schedule that has been adopted and will be

effective during the period starting on the date of issuance of such additional Bonds.

See Section 4.02 of the Bond Ordinance for a full description of the additional bonds test requirement.

Issue Size: \$7,150,000*.

Debt Structure: Two preliminary amortizations have been provided below and should be used in preparation of your bid. The City reserves the right to modify each amortization to achieve its desired level debt service structure. A single fixed rate for the entire term of each amortization provided below is required. Please note that bidders are not required to bid each amortization.

Maturity Date	Option 1*	Option 2*
10/1/2026	\$ 365,000	\$ 245,000
10/1/2027	356,000	229,000
10/1/2028	372,000	240,000
10/1/2029	389,000	252,000
10/1/2030	407,000	264,000
10/1/2031	426,000	277,000
10/1/2032	446,000	291,000
10/1/2033	466,000	305,000
10/1/2034	488,000	320,000
10/1/2035	510,000	335,000
10/1/2036	533,000	351,000
10/1/2037	558,000	369,000
10/1/2038	584,000	386,000
10/1/2039	611,000	405,000
10/1/2040	639,000	425,000
10/1/2041	-	446,000
10/1/2042	-	467,000
10/1/2043	-	490,000
10/1/2044	-	514,000
10/1/2045	-	539,000
Total	\$ 7,150,000	\$ 7,150,000
Average Life	8.227 Years	11.435 Years

Interest Payments: Semi-annual interest payments (calculated on a 30/360 basis) on April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2026.

Principal Payments: Annual principal payments on October 1, on commencing October 1, 2026.

Optional Prepayment: The City is interested in evaluating prepayment flexibility. Proposals with multiple redemption options are permitted.

*Not-to-Exceed

<i>Bond Counsel / Documentation:</i>	Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP will serve as bond counsel to the City in connection with the Bond and will prepare the necessary legal documentation, subject to the review and approval by the bank winning the bid on the Bond (the “Bank”) and its counsel. By submitting a proposal, the Bank waives any conflict of interest with respect to Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP serving as counsel to the City in connection with the Bond.
<i>Audit / Budgets:</i>	The City’s audited financial statements and other financial information are available on the City’s website at the following link: https://www.fountaininn.org/298/Finance
<i>Closing Costs:</i>	None anticipated to be paid to or on behalf of the Bank. Please specify any exceptions.
<i>Annual/Ongoing Costs:</i>	None anticipated to be paid to or on behalf of the Bank. Please specify any exceptions.
<i>Disqualification:</i>	The City will not consider any proposals that (i) include future interest rate adjustments relating to the Bank’s increased costs, changes in tax rate, capital adequacy, capital requirements, etc., (ii) request that the City waive sovereign immunity, or (iii) require the City to indemnify the bidder.
<i>Conditions:</i>	Please specify any conditions to the closing of the transaction (other than finalizing acceptable documents) and any rights reserved to withdraw the proposal.
<i>Ongoing Disclosure:</i>	In accordance with its customary practice, the City will post its annual financial statements to its website, when available. The City expects these filings will satisfy all financial reporting requirements. If additional information will be requested beyond these filings, describe the specific level, type and frequency.
<i>Award:</i>	The City will consider all proposals that conform to the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposals. Unless all proposals are rejected, the award will be made to the financial institution offering terms that are, in the sole discretion of the City, most advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals to request additional information from the bidders, to waive any irregularity in a bid, and to negotiate with any financial institution of its choosing.
<i>Closing / Delivery:</i>	Closing is anticipated to take place, and the Bond is expected to be delivered, on April 30, 2026. The interest rate bid must be held firm until at least this date. The purchase price then due must be paid in federal funds or other immediately available funds. All proceeds from the purchase of the Bond will be disbursed at closing (i) to Regions Bank, as Trustee, or (ii) as otherwise directed by the City.
<i>Representations:</i>	The Bank will be required to execute a letter to the City acknowledging, among other things, that (1) no official statement or other offering material has been furnished other than the Request for Proposals; (2) the Bank has an opportunity to make inquiries of, and receive answers from, such officials, employees, agents and attorneys of the City; (3) the Bank has knowledge and experience in financial and business matters and is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of making the loan to be evidenced by the Bond and is financially able to bear the economic risk of holding the Bond; (4) the Bank is acquiring the Bond as a vehicle for making a commercial loan and without a present view to the distribution or resale thereof (subject, nevertheless, to any requirement of law that the disposition of its property shall at all times be under its control) within the meaning of the Federal securities laws; and (5) the Bank is acquiring the Bond solely for its own account and no other person now has any direct or indirect beneficial ownership or interest therein.

*Not-to-Exceed

The Bank will also be required to covenant that it will not voluntarily dispose of all or any portion of the Bond unless it procures from each assignee thereof representations and covenants in form and content substantially the same as those made by the Bank.

Loan Treatment:

BY SUBMITTING A BID IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, EACH BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES AND REPRESENTS TO THE CITY AND ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR THAT (1) NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT OR OTHER OFFERING MATERIAL WILL BE FURNISHED OTHER THAN THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; (2) THE BIDDER HAS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS MATTERS AND THAT IT IS CAPABLE OF EVALUATING THE MERITS AND RISKS OF MAKING THE COMMERCIAL LOAN TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE BOND AND IS FINANCIALLY ABLE TO BEAR THE ECONOMIC RISK OF HOLDING THE BOND; (3) NO CUSIP NUMBER WILL BE OBTAINED FOR THE BOND; AND (4) THE BIDDER INTENDS TO ACQUIRE THE BOND SOLELY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT AS A VEHICLE FOR MAKING A COMMERCIAL LOAN AND WITH NO PRESENT INTENTION TO DISTRIBUTE OR RESALE THE BOND OR ANY PORTION THEREOF.

To be considered, a proposal must be received by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Email submission of the proposal to the following persons is required.

shawn.bell@fountaininn.org
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columbiabondteam@parkerpoe.com
michael@kozlarekroot.com
dcheatwood@firsttryon.com
chabliston@firsttryon.com

Questions may be addressed to the City through its bond counsel or municipal advisor:

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1221 Main Street, Suite 1100
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 253-8917 / (803) 253-6841
rayjones@parkerpoe.com /
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Charlotte, NC 28209
(704) 926-2447
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City of Fountain Inn, SC
FY2025 Debt Service Coverage Ratio

FY2025 Net Revenues / Coverage	2025 FTA	2025 ACFR
Natural Gas Sales	10,026,054	
Other Charges for Services	2,131,633	
<i>Operating Revenues</i>	<i>12,157,687</i>	
Investment Income	162,305	
Gain on Sale of Assets	115	
<i>Non-Operating Revenues</i>	<i>162,420</i>	
Total Revenues	12,320,107	12,320,142
Total Operating Expenses	10,642,037	
Depreciation	(694,572)	
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>9,947,465</i>	
Non-Operating Expenses	-	
Total Expenses	9,947,465	10,230,309
Net Earnings	2,372,642	2,089,833
FY2025 Revenue Bond DS		
2015A REV Principal	363,000	363,000
2015A REV Interest	77,495	77,495
2021 IPRB Principal	-	109,000
2021 IPRB Interest	-	44,957
Other Principal	-	44,000
Other Interest	-	17,979
Total FY2025 DS	440,495	656,430
FY2025 DSCR	5.39	3.18

City of Fountain Inn, SC
2026 Natural Gas Revenue Bond Estimated Debt Service and Coverage

20-Year Financing

Sources of Funds

Par Amount	7,150,000
Total Sources of Funds	7,150,000

Uses of Funds

FINC City gate done by Williams	3,300,000
3 miles of 6" HP steel	1,000,000
Two Pressure Reducing regulators	190,000
New Subdivisions/New Business (mains)	2,400,000
Cost of Issuance / Misc. (est.)	260,000
Total Uses of Funds	7,150,000

Interest Rate	4.75%
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Debt Service

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Existing DS</u>	<u>Combined DS</u>
2027	245,000	306,448	551,448	440,205	991,652
2028	229,000	322,549	551,549	440,553	992,101
2029	240,000	311,410	551,410	439,558	990,968
2030	252,000	299,725	551,725	439,221	990,946
2031	264,000	287,470	551,470	441,482	992,952
2032	277,000	274,621	551,621	-	551,621
2033	291,000	261,131	552,131	-	552,131
2034	305,000	246,976	551,976	-	551,976
2035	320,000	232,133	552,133	-	552,133
2036	335,000	216,576	551,576	-	551,576
2037	351,000	200,284	551,284	-	551,284
2038	369,000	183,184	552,184	-	552,184
2039	386,000	165,253	551,253	-	551,253
2040	405,000	146,466	551,466	-	551,466
2041	425,000	126,754	551,754	-	551,754
2042	446,000	106,068	552,068	-	552,068
2043	467,000	84,384	551,384	-	551,384
2044	490,000	61,655	551,655	-	551,655
2045	514,000	37,810	551,810	-	551,810
2046	539,000	12,801	551,801	-	551,801
Total	7,150,000	3,883,696	11,033,696	2,201,018	13,234,714
Combined MADS					992,952
Net Earnings (FY2025 ACFR)					2,089,833
Debt Service Coverage Ratio					2.10
Combined MADS					992,952
Net Earnings (FY2025 FTA)					2,372,642
Debt Service Coverage Ratio					2.39
Combined Avg. Ann. DS.					661,736

Note: Coverage noted above is shown per the City's Bond Ordinance and does not take into account below the line adjustments for non-Revenue Bond debt service, capital outlay, transfers to the General Fund, and the repayment of the Due to Liability owed to the General Fund

Assumptions

- Closing date of 4/30/26
- First interest payment date of 10/1/26
- First principal payment date of 10/1/26
- Level debt service amortization
- Estimated cost of issuance of \$150,000
- Estimated bank placed interest rate of 4.75%

City of Fountain Inn, SC
2026 Natural Gas Revenue Bond Additional Bonds Test

Additional Bonds Test

20-Year Financing

Net Earnings	2,089,833
Combined Average Annual Debt Service	661,736
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.16

Note: ABT requires FY2025 Net Earnings to be equal to at least 130% of average annual debt service.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

PLEDGED REVENUE COVERAGE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Revenue Bonds						
Natural Gas Fund						
Year	Operating and Non-Operating Revenues	Operating and Non-Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization)	Net Available Revenue	Debt Service Principal	Interest	Coverage
2016	\$ 6,583,562	\$ 5,089,445	\$ 1,494,117	\$ 199,901	\$ 103,627	492.0%
2017	6,592,551	5,375,546	1,217,005	242,131	139,293	319.0%
2018	9,042,515	7,519,312	1,523,203	291,209	134,214	358.0%
2019	9,303,532	7,253,660	2,049,872	299,099	126,906	481.0%
2020	8,439,245	6,434,376	2,004,869	305,828	119,412	471.0%
2021	9,199,452	6,432,642	2,766,810	314,393	109,801	652.0%
2022	11,159,870	8,684,299	2,475,571	321,758	103,833	582.0%
2023	13,544,831	12,559,678	985,153	481,451	164,680	152.5%
2024	11,435,923	9,249,288	2,186,635	343,966	87,196	507.1%
2025	12,320,142	10,230,309	2,089,833	516,000	140,430	318.4%
Sewer Fund						
2016	\$ 837,741	\$ 302,581	\$ 535,160	\$ 227,549	\$ 119,798	154.0%
2017	935,144	439,855	495,289	249,841	113,482	136.0%
2018	1,021,669	330,371	691,298	274,276	107,734	181.0%
2019	1,187,308	528,673	658,635	282,858	100,132	172.0%
2020	1,283,454	642,960	640,494	291,591	92,288	167.0%
2021	1,357,536	568,825	788,711	300,479	82,839	206.0%
2022	2,004,721	917,687	1,087,034	309,527	75,860	282.0%
2023	1,622,166	909,546	712,620	347,038	81,070	166.5%
2024	1,649,381	1,137,906	511,475	327,118	58,448	132.7%
2025	2,525,103	1,221,775	1,303,328	366,270	61,952	304.4%

¹ Interest payment was accelerated during 2014 as a result of refunding the 2008 Natural Gas Revenue Bond.

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

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

April 9, 2026

Regular City Council Meeting

☐ Ordinance/First Reading ☐ Ordinance/Second Reading ☒ Resolution/First & Final Reading**Agenda Date Requested:** April 9, 2026**Ordinance/Resolution Caption:** Approval to Authorize the City Administrator to Execute an Engagement Agreement with Love Bailey, LLC to provide auditing services for the City of Fountain Inn for fiscal years 2026-2028.**Summary Background:** The City of Fountain Inn solicited sealed proposals from qualified vendors for financial statement preparation and audit services on February 26 for the fiscal periods ending June 30, 2026, 2027, and 2028, with proposals due on March 26. The Finance Director, Accounting Manager, and Natural Gas Director evaluated proposals from five firms.

- Love Bailey, LLC
- Greene Finney Cauley, LLP
 - *Unable to meet the City's 12/31 deadline*
- Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.
 - *Lowest proposed fee, but an out-of-state office; no experience with Upstate SC municipalities*
- Banks, Finley, White & Co.
 - *Out-of-state offices and no experience with South Carolina municipalities*
- Mauldin & Jenkins
 - *Slightly higher proposed fee than Love Bailey, LLC*

The selection committee determined that Love Bailey, LLC was the most responsive and advantageous to the City to provide auditing services for fiscal years 2026-2028.

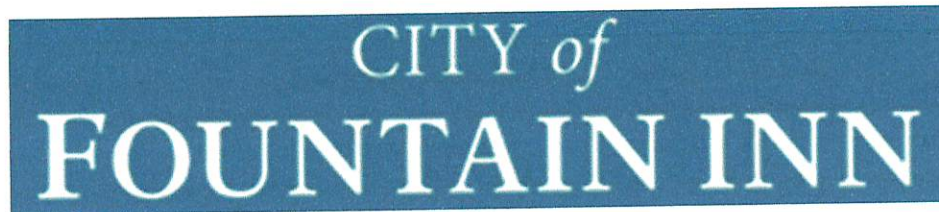
- The firm has the capacity to complete our audit on time, with an office location less than half an hour from Fountain Inn City Hall
- The firm prioritizes timely and efficient audit schedules
- Current audit engagements with South Carolina municipalities with utilities include the Cities of Clinton, Abbeville, Westminster, and Union

Impact If Approved: The City will fulfill the requirement to conduct an annual audit and will produce the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.**Financial Impact:** The fee proposal from Love Bailey, LLC:

- FY2026 - \$39,500
- FY2027 - \$40,500
- FY2028 - \$41,500

If a single audit is required, the additional fee per fiscal year is \$3,500.

PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES:



March 25, 2026

Submitted by:



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LOVE BAILEY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

March 25, 2026

City of Fountain Inn
Attn: Christine Furino-Koehne, Finance Director
100 South Weston Street
Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Re: Proposal for Financial Statement Preparation and Audit Services

Dear Ms. Furino-Koehne,

Love Bailey, LLC is pleased to submit this proposal to provide financial statement preparation and audit services for the City of Fountain Inn for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

We have carefully reviewed the Request for Proposals and understand the scope of services to include preparation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, performance of the annual financial audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, and, if required, performance of a Single Audit. We are confident in our ability to deliver these services in a timely and professional manner.

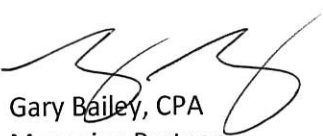
Love Bailey is committed to meeting the City's required timeline, including completion of all audit fieldwork, financial reporting, and required communications no later than December 31 following each fiscal year-end. Our team is structured to ensure consistent staffing, strong communication, and adherence to deadlines.

Our firm has significant experience serving governmental entities, including municipalities and not-for-profit organizations, and we understand the importance of accuracy, responsiveness, and clear communication throughout the audit process. We take a practical, hands-on approach, with direct partner involvement to ensure quality and efficiency.

Love Bailey, LLC is independent of the City of Fountain Inn as defined by Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards. We have had no relationships with the City or its personnel that would impair our independence, except as disclosed within this proposal.

We believe our experience, approach, and commitment to service make us well-qualified to serve the City. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and look forward to the possibility of working with you.

This proposal shall remain valid through June 30, 2026.


Gary Bailey, CPA
Managing Partner
Love Bailey, LLC

FIRM PROFILE

Established in 1982, Love Bailey has consistently exemplified a commitment to providing premier assurance, tax, and business services. Despite a name transition in 2011, our dedication to delivering exceptional service, underscored by sound accounting expertise at competitive rates, remains unwavering.

Situated in Laurens, South Carolina, we offer an array of services encompassing traditional accounting, auditing, and tax expertise. Beyond these, we extend outsourced management functions, including CFO services, business consulting, and tailored accounting and financial services to governmental, non-profit, and commercial entities. Detailed staff profiles are furnished below for reference.

Love Bailey has extensive experience conducting audits for diverse entities ranging from for-profit and nonprofit organizations to governmental bodies. Our expertise also extends to complex accounting procedures across many sectors. Our deep-rooted understanding of the manufacturing landscape, coupled with audit requirements, positions us as industry leaders.

Our firm's strength lies in our stability, with minimal staff turnover, ensuring our audit clients benefit from a consistent team of auditors familiar with the client's financial system year after year. Many of our auditors also bring experience from the private sector, where they were subject to annual audits. This dual experience is invaluable, ensuring we are adept at appreciating the time pressures and potential stressors an audit might introduce. We prioritize timely and efficient audit schedules, always ensuring our clients have ample time for audit preparation. Our most valuable endorsements stem from our existing clientele who have had firsthand experiences of our professionalism and diligence.

License

Love Bailey is licensed in the State of South Carolina and Georgia.

Professional Memberships

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- South Carolina Association of CPAs
- AICPA Governmental Audit Quality Center
- Associate members of the Government Finance Officers Association.
- AICPA Firm Practice Management – PCPS
- AICPA Not-for-profit Section

Independence

Love Bailey is independent of City of Fountain Inn under GAAS. Gary Bailey serves as a board trustee of Anderson University. A member of City Council is employed by Anderson University as Vice President and Chief of Staff. This relationship is unrelated to the services described in this proposal and does not impair the independence of Love Bailey, LLC under applicable professional standards.

Peer Review

Love Bailey has a peer review every three years in accordance with AICPA; Love Bailey's last peer review was for the year-end December 31, 2024 which received a PASS rating; we have included the 2024 report for reference.

Continuing Professional Education

All members of the firm that work on attestation engagements receive 40+ hours of CPE annually, including the required 24 hours of Yellow Book training for GAGAS audits.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS

Sample List of Audit Clients

A sample of current audit engagements:

- Bamberg County
- Laurens County
- Williamsburg County
- Calhoun County
- City of Laurens
- City of Clinton
- City of Abbeville
- City of Walhalla
- City of Westminster
- City of Goose Creek
- City of Union
- City of Chester
- City of Liberty
- Town of James Island

Upon request, we would be happy to furnish a comprehensive list of our audit and accounting clients. Annually, Love Bailey performs approximately 140 audits. Our firm specializes in nonprofit and governmental audits around South Carolina and Georgia.

Love Bailey performs single audits for many of our governmental and not for profit engagements; typically, 20+ single audit engagements a year. Also, Love Bailey has several municipalities that complete an ACFR.

Love Bailey Team

Gary Bailey, CPA is the managing partner of Love Bailey; my experience includes senior auditor with Deloach & Williamson (Columbia) and audit manager with Elliott Davis (Greenville). I have spent most of my career in public accounting specifically in the audit department. My audit experience includes governmental, nonprofit, and for-profit entities. My experience is not limited to public accounting; I spent 12+ years as the CFO of a manufacturing and distribution company with offices in Union, China and Hong Kong. As a result of my experience in both public accounting and the private sector (which received an annual audit), I understand the additional time requirements and stress an external audit adds to the limited staff and resources available; this allows for the planning and performance of an efficient audit with limited disruption to the City. I have a degree in accounting and computer information systems from Anderson University as well as a MBA from the University of South Carolina.

Will Walls, CPA is the audit partner at Love Bailey. Will has an undergraduate degree in accounting from Anderson University and a master's degree in auditing from Clemson University. Prior to joining Love Bailey, Will worked with Elliott Davis in the audit department. Will specialized in manufacturing and employee benefit plan audits at Elliott Davis. Since joining our firm in 2018, Will helps lead the audit department and focuses on audits of municipalities, special purpose districts, nonprofits and employee benefit plans.

Foster Hemond is a senior auditor with our firm with 4 years of audit experience. Foster is a graduate of Anderson University with an accounting and marketing degree. Foster provides audit services to governmental and nonprofit clients.

Sarah Cline is a senior auditor with our firm with 4 years of audit experience. Sarah is a graduate of North Greenville University with an accounting degree and a master's degree in audit from Liberty University. Sarah provides audit services to governmental and nonprofit clients.

Amy Thomson is a staff auditor with our firm with 3 years of audit experience; Amy is a graduate from Anderson University with an accounting and marketing degree and a master's degree in audit from Liberty University. Amy is an auditor with Love Bailey.

Holly Burden is a staff auditor with our firm with 3 years of audit experience; Holly is a graduate of Lander University with a master's degree in audit from Liberty University. Holly provides audit services to Love Bailey clients.

Alex Hesselgrave is a staff auditor with our firm; Alex is a graduate of Erskine College with an accounting degree and a master's degree in tax from Liberty University. Alex is an auditor with Love Bailey and a volunteer firefighter.

Malik Joseph is a staff auditor with our firm; Malik is a graduate of Newberry College with an accounting degree and provides audit services.

Rachel Fuller is a staff auditor with our firm; Rachel is a graduate of Anderson University with an accounting degree and provides audit services.

Kye Britt is a staff auditor with our firm; Kye is a graduate of Anderson University with an accounting degree and provides audit services.

Daizel Navarro, CPA (Philippines) is the audit quality control manager with our firm. Dai has over 9+ years of audit experience, including 5 with Ernst Young. Dai is a graduate of Far East University with an internal audit degree as well as an accounting degree from La Consolacion College.

Apryl Bailey is a manager with Love Bailey. Apryl has an undergraduate degree in accounting from Anderson University and a MBA from Clemson University. Apryl's experience includes private accounting with an engineering firm and the controller for two medical practices for the last 14 years.

Paul Klein, CPA is the tax and advisory partner at Love Bailey. Paul is a graduate of Presbyterian College with an accounting degree; Paul also has a master's degree in tax. Paul provides various services to governmental, not for profit and for-profit clients and is available to perform auditing procedures if additional resources are necessary.

Avery Holsonback is a tax senior with our firm. Avery has an undergraduate degree in accounting from Anderson University and a master's in accounting from Liberty University. Avery obtained the CPA education and experience requirements and is in the process of taking the exam.

Zach Hoffmeister is an accountant with Love Bailey. Zach is working on an accounting degree through evening course work. Zach provides bookkeeping services as well as tax support to Firm clients.

Marielena Holsonback is in administration with Love Bailey. Marielena has an undergraduate degree in business from North Greenville University and a MBA from Charleston Southern University. Marielena provides audit and business support to Firm clients.

Audit Team

The audit team will be led by Sarah Cline, along with a couple staff auditors, all of whom have experience with nonprofit audits. Gary Bailey will be the partner in-charge and Daizel Navarro will serve as the Quality Control reviewer.

REFERENCES

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Tyle Howanyk
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843-797-6220 ext 1121

APPROACH TO THE EXAMINATION

Audit Process

Our audit process is designed to be thorough, efficient, and minimally disruptive to the City operations. We understand that board members and management have daily responsibilities, and we work hard to limit the additional time demands an audit can create. We employ a paperless audit process, requesting documents in electronic format wherever possible, and will independently pull reports or backup support when feasible to keep the process moving smoothly.

- **Interim and Year-End Testing:** We schedule these based on the City's availability, ensuring a smooth and timely audit process. As of the time of this proposal, we would suggest fieldwork in October 2026 with a draft of the report in November 2026.
- **Pre-Audit Planning:** We will provide an invite to Suralink that will include our initial requests well in advance to ensure that the City's financial staff has ample time to prepare. Suralink is a secure client collaboration platform that streamlines the audit process by organizing document requests, tracking client responses in real time, and providing a centralized portal for efficient communication and file sharing.
- **Fieldwork:** Our team conducts fieldwork with a focus on minimizing disruption while ensuring a comprehensive audit.

Staff Commitment

We recognize that City staff and contractors have important daily responsibilities and that an audit engagement can place additional demands on their time. Our team is committed to conducting the audit in a manner that minimizes disruption to your operations. We carefully plan our procedures to reduce the need for repeated information requests, and we provide a clear, organized list of items needed well in advance.

Whenever possible, we will take the initiative to pull reports, compile supporting documentation, and perform other tasks ourselves rather than relying on the City staff to do so. This approach ensures the audit process flows smoothly, deadlines are met, and the City's staff and contractors can remain focused on their primary duties while we complete the audit efficiently and effectively.

Communication

We maintain open lines of communication throughout the audit process, providing regular updates and addressing any concerns promptly.

WHY LOVE BAILEY?

- Extensive governmental audit experience
- Peer-reviewed firm with a "Pass" rating
- Experienced in governmental financial reporting and GFOA compliance
- Consistent audit teams, low staff turnover
- Paperless process for efficiency
- Serving 140+ audits annually, specializing in government and nonprofit
- Direct partner involvement in all engagements

BROWN CPA, LLC

Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

September 9, 2025

To the Owner of Love Bailey & Associates, LLC
and the Peer Review Alliance Report Acceptance Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Love Bailey & Associates, LLC (the firm) in effect for the year ended December 31, 2024. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards* including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act, and an audit of an employee benefit plan.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Love Bailey & Associates, LLC in effect for the year ended December 31, 2024, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. Love Bailey & Associates, LLC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



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APPENDIX B

The proposer certifies it can and will provide and make available, as a minimum, all services set forth in Section II, Nature of Services Required.

Signature of Official: _____

Name (typed): Gary Bailey, CPA_____

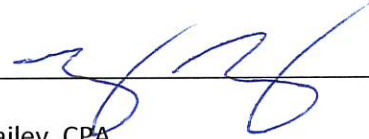
Title: Managing Member_____

Firm: Love Bailey, LLC_____

Date: March 25, 2026_____

APPENDIX C

- A. Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to comply with the State of South Carolina laws with respect to foreign (non-state of South Carolina) corporations.
- B. Proposer warrants that is willing and able to obtain an errors and omissions insurance policy providing a prudent amount of coverage for the willful or negligent acts, or omissions of any officers, employees or agents thereof.
- C. Proposer warrants that it will not delegate or subcontract its responsibilities under an agreement without the prior written permission of the City of Fountain Inn.
- D. Proposer warrants that it will maintain worker's compensation coverage on all staff working on the audit.
- E. Proposer warrants that all information provided by it in connection with this proposal is true and accurate.

Signature of Official:  _____

Name (typed): Gary Bailey, CPA _____

Title: Managing Member _____

Firm: Love Bailey, LLC _____

Date: March 25, 2026 _____

LOVE BAILEY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN
AUDITING SERVICES
APPENDIX D and E: BID FORM**

We, the undersigned, certify that we have received, read and understand the City of Fountain Inn Request for Proposals for Professional Auditing Services and understand that this Proposal is subject to all conditions thereof. We have reviewed and familiarized ourselves with the work requirements including the conditions under which the work will be accomplished. To the best of our belief this Proposal is responsive to and complies with the instructions and conditions of the Request for Proposals.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the fees set forth below are accurate and considered fair and reasonable for the services being offered and are inclusive of any and all fees and expenses, direct or indirect, associated with performing the audit. We agree if this Proposal is accepted within sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening, to provide the auditing services as set forth in accordance with the specified requirements as follows:

1. To provide financial and compliance audits to include internal controls (not including a potential single audit) for the City of Fountain Inn for the following three (3) fiscal years in accordance with the specifications and work requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026	<u>39,500</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027	<u>40,500</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2028	<u>41,500</u>

2. To provide the additional audit procedures and reporting required by a potential, Uniform Guidance (2 CR Part 200) Single Audit:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026	<u>3,500</u> (per program)
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027	<u>3,500</u> (per program)
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2028	<u>3,500</u> (per program)

Attach a schedule of customary hourly billing rates or fees for additional services, which may be requested by the City.

Hourly Rates

Partner	\$200
Manager	\$175
Staff	\$125-\$150

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Std Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Quoted Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Partners	20	200	170	\$ 3,400
Managers				
Supervisory Staff	100	150	130	13,000
Staff	210	125	110	23,100
Other				
Subtotal	330		121	<u>39,500</u>
Out of pocket expenses				0
Meals and Lodging				0
Total all inclusive maximum cost for the 2026 audit:				<u>\$ 39,500</u>

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUPPORTING SCHEDULE FOR SINGLE AUDIT

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Std Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Quoted Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Partners	9	200	170	\$ 1,530
Managers				
Supervisory Staff	15	150	130	1,950
Staff				
Other				
Subtotal	24		121	<u>3,500</u>
Out of pocket expenses				0
Meals and Lodging				0
Total all inclusive maximum cost for the 2026 single audit:				<u>\$ 3,500</u>

BY: Gary Bailey
 TITLE: Managing Partner
 DATE: March 25, 2026



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

2026-02

FOR

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION AND AUDIT SERVICES

FOR

City of Fountain Inn

DATE ISSUED:

Thursday, February 26th, 2026

Submittals Due: March 26th, 2026 by 2:00pm EST

Contact: Christine Furino-Koehne, Finance Director
E-mail: christine.furino-koehne@fountaininn.org
Phone: (864) 531-0901

The City of Fountain Inn is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified vendors for financial services for the fiscal periods ending June 30, 2026, 2027, and 2028. Sealed proposals are due prior to 2:00pm, March 26th, 2026.

One (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed proposals should be hand carried or delivered by traceable means to the Finance Department, Attention: Christine Furino-Koehne, at 100 South Weston Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644. All proposals should be clearly marked "RFP Financial Services". Proposals must address all issues reflected in the attached requirements document/questionnaire and the proposal price summary attachment to be considered responsive.

The proposal evaluation process will be completed within thirty (30) days of receipt of proposals, and the prospective provider of this service will be identified. The pricing data reflected in your proposal must be good through June 30, 2026.

All offerors may submit questions or requests for clarification in writing no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 19th 2026. After that date, additional questions or requests *will not* be accepted.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request for proposals, to negotiate with all qualified offerors, or to cancel in part or in their entirety, this request for proposals if it is in the City's best interest to do so.

The City reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal, regardless of whether the proposal is selected.

This solicitation does not commit the City to award or to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation of your proposal, or to procure or contract for any good or services.

Your proposal must be signed by an official of your company authorized to commit and enter into a formal contract for goods and services.

The City does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or in the provision of goods and services.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF Request for Proposals (RFP)

This request solicits proposals from qualified firms to certified public accountants to provide the City of Fountain Inn the following:

Part I-Financial Statement Preparation Part II-Audit Services

These services are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this request for proposal.

1.2 Term of Engagement

A three (3) year contract is contemplated, subject to an annual review, the satisfactory negotiation of terms (including a price acceptable to both the City of Fountain Inn and the selected firm), and the concurrence of the City of Fountain Inn and the annual availability of appropriations.

The City's fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. The engagement will include assistance in the preparation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), or basic financial statements, as explained in Section 4.0.

1.3 General Instructions

The City expects to award the contract for services according to the following Schedule:

Issue RFP:	Thursday, February 26 th , 2026
Due Date for Proposals:	Thursday, March 26 th , 2026 by 2:00pm EST
Bid Award:	Friday, April 24 th , 2026

Questions regarding the RFP may be submitted by 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 19th 2026 via email.

Christine Furino-Koehne
Finance Director
100 South Weston Street Fountain Inn, SC 29379
finance@fountaininn.org

Only questions submitted by the deadline will be answered directly to the email address of the sender.

The Finance Director will open proposals at 2:00pm, Thursday, March 26th, 2026. Proposals Received after 2:00pm, Thursday, March 26th, 2026, will be considered non-responsive and returned unopened. The official clock will be that of the City's Finance Director.

Evaluation of proposals and selection of the recommended firm(s) will be conducted by the Finance Director, Natural Gas Director and the Accounting Manager. Their recommendation will be taken to

the City Council who must approve the contract award. Firms will be evaluated initially on the basis of the written proposals, as well as follow up questions that are deemed necessary. Further evaluations may include an oral presentation of the staff, mayor, and/or council by the firm(s) deemed most responsive to the RFP.

During the evaluation process, the City of Fountain Inn reserves the right, where it may serve the City's best interest, to request additional information or clarification of information from one or more proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

1.4 Terms and Conditions

1.4.1 Disqualification and Rejection of Bids

The City reserves the right to reject any proposer who has failed to perform satisfactorily, or complete on time, or in a manner inconsistent with the proposal documents, contract of similar nature, or to reject a proposer who is not in a position to perform such contract satisfactorily. The City expressly reserves the right to award the contract to the offeror that best meets the requirements as set forth herein.

1.4.2 Assignment Contract

The audit firm shall not assign any interest of the agreement and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of the City. The firm shall not subcontract any part of the services without consent of the City.

1.4.3 Insurance Provisions

The audit firm selected will be required to provide and maintain proof of insurance throughout the contract term in the amount of \$1,000,000 as follows:

Comprehensive General Liability (per occurrence)

Worker's Compensation Liability (as required by State statutes)

The City of Fountain Inn is to be named as an Additional Insured on the above insurance coverage as respect to the City's interest under the contract.

Certificates showing proof of such insurance shall be submitted to the City prior to commencement of services under the Agreement. Further, it shall be an affirmative obligation upon the firm to advise the City's Risk team at; email elizabeth.adams@fountaininn.org, or by mail at 200 North Main Street Fountain Inn, SC 29644, within two (2) days of the cancellation or substantive change of insurance policy set out herein, and failure to do so shall be construed to be a breach of the Agreement.

1.4.4 Indemnification

The selected firm agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Fountain Inn and their authorized officer, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liabilities arising from their acts, errors, or omissions and for any costs or expenses incurred by the City therefore under the agreement.

1.4.5 Compliance with Law

The selected firm and its agents and employees shall be bound and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinance rules and regulations, as well as all other governing bodies having legal jurisdiction with respect to the area where such work is performed.

1.4.6 License and Permits

The selected firm shall be required to obtain all applicable City of Fountain Inn permits and business licenses. The business license department may be reached at 864-531-0908 or FI.License@fountaininn.org. These expenses shall be included in the total bid price.

1.4.7 Vendor Disclosure/Notice of SC Freedom of Information Act

The parties acknowledge that all material submitted may subject to release under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and will be released to the public unless exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. We discourage you from including any information you consider proprietary or trade secret, as this material is subject to the FOIA once it's in the City's possession. If you must include any such information in your submission, please identify it by color, labeling, and/or bold font so that it can be readily identified. In the event the City receives a request for this material, the City will notify those parties who have identified information they believe is proprietary or trade secret of the request. The City has a fifteen-day deadline to produce the material. This is your window to file an action to challenge the release. Please be on notice that if the City is not served with such an action, the information will be released.

The City is not responsible for costs incurred in preparation of the RFP. By submitting a proposal, a firm certifies that it has fully read and understands this RFP, has reviewed the FY 2025 Financial Report located at www.fountaininn.org under the Finance Department and has full knowledge of the scope of the work to be performed; the detailed requirements of the services to be provided and the conditions under which the services to be performed. If a firm wishes to suggest any alternatives to RFP items, such alternatives must be clearly specified and described in a memo accompanying the proposal.

Any proposal submitted shall constitute an irrevocable offer through June 30, 2026, to provide the proposed services at the proposed compensation.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to call for new proposals, to waive any requirement of the RFP, or to award the contract to the next most qualified proposer if the selected firm does not execute a contract within fifteen (15) days after notification of the bid award or if such actions is deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The proposal submitted by the successful firm will become a part of a written agreement between the City and the firm.

A three (3) year contract is contemplated, subject to an annual review, the satisfactory negotiation of terms (including a price acceptable to both the City of Fountain Inn and the selected firm), and the concurrence of the City of Fountain Inn and the annual availability of appropriations.

The City reserves the right to terminate any resulting agreement, in part or in whole, without penalty upon sixty (60) days written notice to the auditor. Any termination agreement shall not relieve the auditor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of termination. In the event of termination by mutual agreement, the auditor shall be compensated for all hours worked at the specified contractual rate.

The City may at any time during the contractual agreement period, make changes within the general scope of the agreement and its technical provisions. If such change causes any increase or decrease in the auditor firms cost of performance, an adjustment will be made in agreement price, or in time allowed for performance, or both, and a written memorandum of such adjustment shall be made.

Any claim by the firm for such an adjustment must be made in writing and prior to proceeding with the service for which an adjustment is requested. Nothing in this clause shall excuse the firm from

proceeding with performance of this contract in accordance with its original terms and conditions and any approved changes.

1.4.8 Audit Completion and Presentation Requirements

The auditor shall complete all audit fieldwork, final reports, and required communications no later than **December 31** following the close of the fiscal year under audit. The auditor shall present the audit results, including the financial statements and any required communications to governance, at the **January meeting of City Council**, on a date specified by the City. Attendance at this meeting is a required component of the engagement.

2.0 GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO BE AUDITED

2.1 Description of the City of Fountain Inn

The City of Fountain Inn was incorporated on December 24, 1886. It currently serves a population of around 14,000.

The City of Fountain Inn operates under the council (strong council) form of government. Policy-making legislative authority is vested in a governing Council consisting of the mayor and six other members, elected to four-year staggered terms.

The City provides a full range of services, including police and fire protection, sanitation services, the repair and maintenance of city streets and infrastructure, building regulation, planning, and zoning. In addition to governmental activities, the City provides sewer, natural gas, and solid waste services.

The City of Fountain Inn has a total payroll of approximately \$12,603,000 covering approximately 180 full-time and part-time employees.

2.2 Definition of Fountain Inn's Fund Structure

The City uses the following fund types and account groups in its financial reporting:

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund

Local Accommodations and Hospitality Fund

Capital Improvement Fund

Seized and Forfeited Property Fund

Victim's Fund

Federal Grants Fund (ARPA)

Special Projects
Other Governmental

Proprietary Fund Types

Natural Gas Fund,
Solid Waste Fund – currently structured as a Special Revenue Fund
Sewer Fund

2.3 Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The City of Fountain Inn prepares its budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and legally adopts a budget for all government and proprietary fund types.

2.4 Federal and State Financial Assistance

The City of Fountain Inn periodically receives federal and state grant assistance. Grant amounts fluctuate but may be at a level requiring performance of a Single Audit. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, a single audit is anticipated.

2.5 Pension Plan

The City of Fountain Inn participates in the South Carolina Retirement System and the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System. Both plans are administered by the State and classified as multiple-employer cost-sharing public employee retirement systems.

2.6 Information

More detailed information on the government and its finances can be found in the City's Annual Financial Report. This document is available for review on the City's website at www.fountaininn.org.

2.7 Accounting Systems Records

The City's accounting records are maintained through Smart Fusion software. The Smart Fusion system encompasses all areas of financial management to include financial reporting, capital assets, accounts payable, purchasing, and business licensing. The Planning Department uses iWorQ Smart Fusion

software for permitting and plan reviews. Utility billing for natural gas operations is maintained in Tyler Technologies, Incode v.10.

3.0 FINANCE OPERATIONS/CONTACT PERSON/ ORGANIZATIONAL CHART/KEY PERSONNEL

The City's Finance Department is overseen by the Finance Director, Christine Furino-Koehne, and consists of nine (9) additional employees.

The auditor's principal contact with the City of Fountain Inn will be Christine Furino-Koehne, Finance Director, or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance provided by the City to the auditor.

The Finance Department staff, and responsible management personnel will be available to assist the firm by providing information, documentation and explanations. City of Fountain Inn personnel will also pull invoices, minutes of Council meetings, and other supporting documentation as needed and will make copies of pertinent materials for the auditors. City staff will prepare supporting schedules for the auditor as needed. The exact format and content of such schedules will be determined during the initial stages of the audit process. Adequate audit workspace will be provided in close proximity to accounting records and staff. The auditors will have access to a printer, copier, telephone, internet, etc.

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED

4.1 Part 1-Financial Statement Preparation

The funds that comprise the financial statements include those listed in Section 2.2 of this proposal. The City, with assistance, shall have closed and balanced all accounts for all funds to be examined under Part II by October 1 of each year.

The City intends to issue an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) prepared in accordance with GAAP and all applicable federal and state requirements to include supplemental schedules for sub funds and any other requirements consistent with the GFOA Certificate of Achievement Standards and Standards and Practices.

The audit firm engaged will be responsible for preparation of the basic Financial statements and ACFR.

ACFR preparation will include setting up the document with the report cover, transmittal letter, and statistical section for the printer. The firm will be responsible for arranging and overseeing the printing of the ACFR. No more than 50% of the agreement shall be paid prior to final printing of the ACFR and required basic financial statements.

Throughout the contract period the auditor shall advise the City on implementation of new accounting standards as promulgated by the authoritative bodies. The auditor shall advise the City on specialized accounting questions that may arise.

The City acknowledges its responsibility for the reliability, accuracy, and completeness of the financial preparations. Finance Department staff will participate in a thorough review of the draft ACFR.

4.2 Part II-Financial Audit Services

The Audit services require the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The auditor is not required to audit "required supplementary information" presented in the report, but should apply certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. The auditor is also not required to audit combining and individual fund financial statements and supplemental information presented that is not a required part of the basic financial schedules. However, the auditor is to provide an "in-relation-to" report on the combining and individual fund financial statements and supplemental information based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the basic financial statements. The auditor is not required to audit the introductory or statistical sections of the report.

The auditor is also not required to audit the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. However, the auditor is to provide an "in-relation-to" report on that schedule based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the basic financial statements.

To meet the requirements of this request for proposal, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards set forth for financial audits in the General Accounting Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards (1994), the provisions of the federal Single Audit Amendments of 1996 and US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

The following reports shall be issued:

1. A report of the fair presentation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. A report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on the audit of the basic financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
3. A report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major federal program and internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

In the required reports on compliance and internal control, the auditor shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the data consistent with the organization's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertion of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in reports.

Auditors shall be required to make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and Finance Director.

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the City of Fountain Inn of the need to extend the retention period. The auditor will be required to make working papers available, upon request, to the following parties or their designees:

1. City of Fountain Inn
2. US General Accounting Office (GAO),
3. Parties designated by the federal or state governments or by the City of Fountain Inn as part of an audit or quality review process, and
4. Auditors of entities of which the City of Fountain Inn is a sub-recipient of grant funds.

In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

4.3 Audit Completion and Presentation Requirements

The auditor shall complete all audit fieldwork, final reports, and required communications no later than **December 31** following the close of the fiscal year under audit. The auditor shall present the audit results, including the financial statements and any required communications to governance, at the **January meeting of City Council**, on a date specified by the City. Attendance at this meeting is a required component of the engagement.

5.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The following material is required for a proposing firm to be considered:

1. Title Page- Title page showing the request of proposals subject, the firm's name, the name, address, and telephone number of the contact person, and the date of proposal.
2. Table of Contents
3. Transmittal Letter-A signed letter of transmittal briefly stating the proposer's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the allocated time period, a statement why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the engagement and a statement that the proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer until June 30, 2026.
4. Detailed Proposal- The purpose of the proposal is to demonstrate the qualification, competence, and capacity of the firms seeking to perform services for the City of Fountain Inn in conformity with the requirements of this request for proposal. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The proposal should demonstrate the qualifications of the firm and of the particular staff to be assigned to this engagement. It should also specify an approach that will meet the request of proposal requirements.
5. Sealed Dollar Cost Bid- A Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price for the June 30, 2026, year-end audit engagement and for each subsequent two (2) years of the contemplated engagement (excluding single audit). Projected Hours and Billing Rates for Engagement and Out-of-Pocket Expenses. Include a Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses, presented in the format provided in Appendix D that supports the total all-inclusive maximum price.
6. Rates for Additional Professional Services-If it should become necessary for the City of Fountain Inn to request any additional services to either supplement the services requested in this RFP or to

perform additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to the contract between the City of Fountain Inn and the firm. Any such additional work agreed to between the City of Fountain Inn and the firm shall be performed at the same rates set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the sealed dollar cost bid.

7. Manner of Payment- Progress payments will be made on the basis of hours of work completed during the course of engagement and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in accordance with the firm's dollar cost bid proposal. Interim billing shall cover a period of not less than a calendar month.
8. Independence-the firm should provide an affirmative statement that is independent of the City of Fountain Inn as defined by Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and the US General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards. The firm should also list and describe the firm's professional relationships involving the City of Fountain Inn or any of its employees for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed service(s). In addition, the firm shall give the City of Fountain Inn written notice of any professional relationships that may be entered into during the period of this agreement.
9. License to Practice in South Carolina-An affirmative statement should be included that the firm and all assigned key professional staff are properly licensed to practice in South Carolina.
10. Firm qualifications and Experience-The proposal should state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed in this engagement on a full-time basis. This firm is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific government agreements.
11. Partner Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience-Identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partner, manager, and other specialists that would be assigned to the engagement and their qualification to do so.
12. Similar Engagement with Other Government Entities-List the most significant engagement performed in the last five years that are similar to the engagement described in this proposal.

APPENDICES

- A. List if Key Officials, Office Locations and Telephone Numbers
- B. Proposer Guarantees
- C. Proposer Warranties
- D. Format for Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the Audit of 2026 Financial Statements
- E. Format for Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for OMB Circular A-133

APPENDIX A

LIST OF KEY PERSONNEL, OFFICE LOCATIONS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

GP McLeer Mayor	City Hall	(864)531-0644
Shawn Bell City Administrator	City Hall	(864)531-0644
Russell Slatton Assistant City Administrator	City Hall	(864)531-0644
Elizabeth Adams City Clerk	City Hall	(864)531-0644
Christine Furino-Koehne Finance Director	Finance Building	(864)531-0644
Faith Scruggs Accounting Supervisor	Finance Building	(864)531-0644
Brison Taylor Public Works Director	Utilities Complex	(864)531-0644
Eduardo Noriega Natural Gas Director	Utilities Complex	(864)531-0644
Lisa Elliott Humand Resources Director	City Hall	(864)531-0644
Patrick Fortenberry Police Chief	Police Department	(864)531-0644
James Rice Recreation Director	Activities Center	(864)531-0644
Russell Alexander Fire Chief	Fire Department	(864)531-0644
Melissa Woods Clerk of Court	Municipal Court	(864)531-0644
Michael Kozlarek City Attorney	Greenville, SC	(864) 527-5941

APPENDIX B

The proposer certifies it can and will provide and make available, as a minimum, all services set forth in Section II, Nature of Services Required.

Signature of Official: _____

Name (typed): _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX C

- A. Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to comply with the State of South Carolina laws with respect to foreign (non-state of South Carolina) corporations.
- B. Proposer warrants that is willing and able to obtain an errors and omissions insurance policy providing a prudent amount of coverage for the willful or negligent acts, or omissions of any officers, employees or agents thereof.
- C. Proposer warrants that it will not delegate or subcontract its responsibilities under an agreement without the prior written permission of the City of Fountain Inn.
- D. Proposer warrants that it will maintain worker's compensation coverage on all staff working on the audit.
- E. Proposer warrants that all information provided by it in connection with this proposal is true and accurate.

Signature of Official: _____

Name (typed): _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX D

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>STANDARD HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>QUOTED HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Partners	_____	_____	_____	_____
Managers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Supervisory Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other (specify)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Subtotal				_____
Out of pocket Expenses:				_____
Meals and Lodging				_____
Transportation				_____
Other (specify)				_____
Total all-inclusive maximum cost for the 2026 audit:				=====

APPENDIX E

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 SUPPORTING SCHEDULE FOR OMB CIRCULAR A-133

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Standard Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Quoted Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Partners	_____	_____	_____	_____
Managers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Supervisory Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other (specify)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Subtotal				_____
Out of pocket expenses:				_____
Meals and lodging				_____
Transportation				_____
Other (specify)				_____
Total all-inclusive maximum cost for the 2026 audit required by OMB Circular A-133 (if required):				=====