



AGENDA

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

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 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. Police Department's Superhero Check Presentation to The Little White House
 - b. Proclamation Honoring Mr. Mark Pease
4. Introduce New Employees
 - a. Mark James- Police Department
Jesse Boice- Police Department
Christopher McCall- Recreation
5. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may sign up 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.
6. Consent Agenda - There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.
 - a. Financials for May 2026
 - b. Draft Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting June 11, 2026

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

- c. Draft Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting June 23, 2026
- 7. City Administrator's Report - Shawn M. Bell
 - a. Report
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
 - a. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-08, and ordinance to amend the City Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 11 — Licenses and Business Regulations by amending Article VIII "Outdoor Displays and Cafes" and various provisions relating thereto.
- 10. Department Reports
 - a. Reports
- 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 honors

MR. MARK PEASE

WHEREAS, the City of Fountain Inn recognizes and celebrates the lives of individuals whose dedication, leadership, and service have strengthened our community and enriched the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mark Pease devoted countless hours to serving the City of Fountain Inn as a valued member of the Planning Commission representing Ward 5, bringing thoughtful leadership, sound judgment, and a genuine passion for the responsible growth and development of our community; and

WHEREAS, prior to making Fountain Inn his home, Mr. Pease served with distinction as Chairman of the Planning Board for two municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to public service and community planning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pease's professional accomplishments reflected his exceptional intellect and dedication to excellence, having earned both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, knowledge he applied throughout his career and in service to the communities he loved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pease was respected by his fellow commissioners, City staff, elected officials, and residents for his integrity, careful consideration of every issue, and unwavering desire to ensure that Fountain Inn remained a vibrant and welcoming place for future generations; and

WHEREAS, his passion for the City of Fountain Inn extended beyond meetings and decisions, leaving a lasting legacy through his thoughtful contributions, steadfast commitment, and genuine care for the community he proudly served; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fountain Inn mourns the passing of Mr. Mark Pease on Sunday, June 28, 2026, and extends its deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing and serving alongside him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fountain Inn do hereby honor and remember Mr. Mark Pease for his distinguished public service, his dedication to thoughtful planning, and his enduring love for the City of Fountain Inn.

May his example of civic leadership and selfless service continue to inspire all who seek to make our community a better place.

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

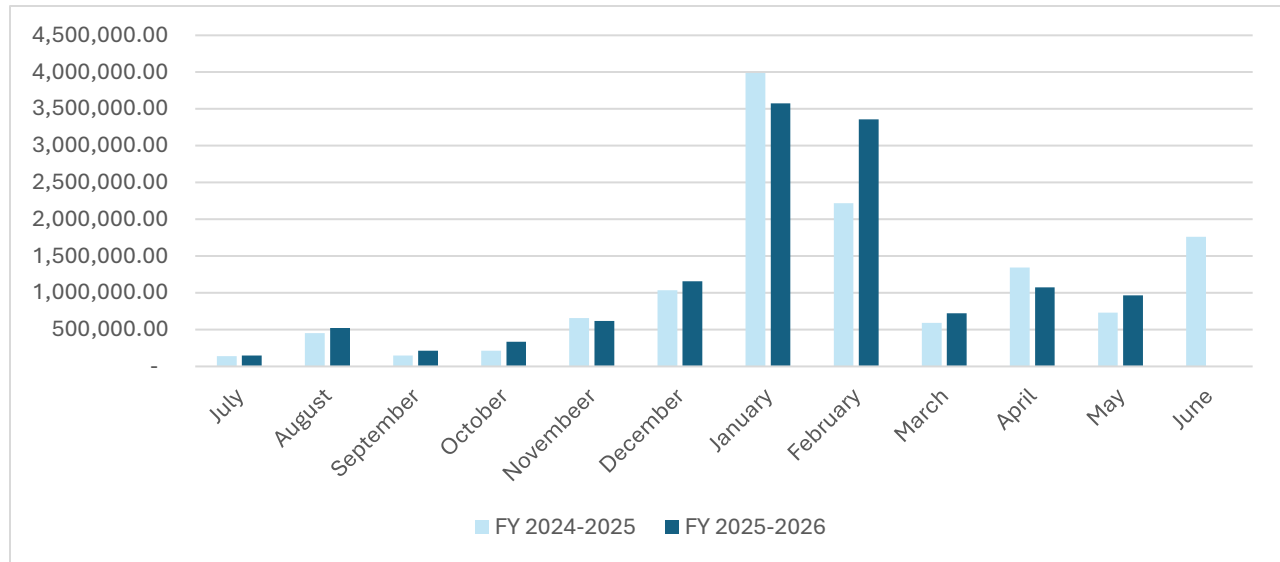
George Patrick McLeer, Jr.
Mayor

Witness

July 9, 2026
Date

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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	\$722,042.89
April 2025	\$1,344,155.54	April 2026	\$1,073,929.26
May 2025	\$730,858.80	May 2026	\$966,091.85
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	\$6,731,508.25
YTD Revenue	\$17,166,680.03	YTD Revenue	\$19,412,894.94
% of Budget	106%	% of Budget	113%
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	\$77,317.00
Transfer In – ARPA	\$0.00	\$757,260.19
Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$5,845,508.25

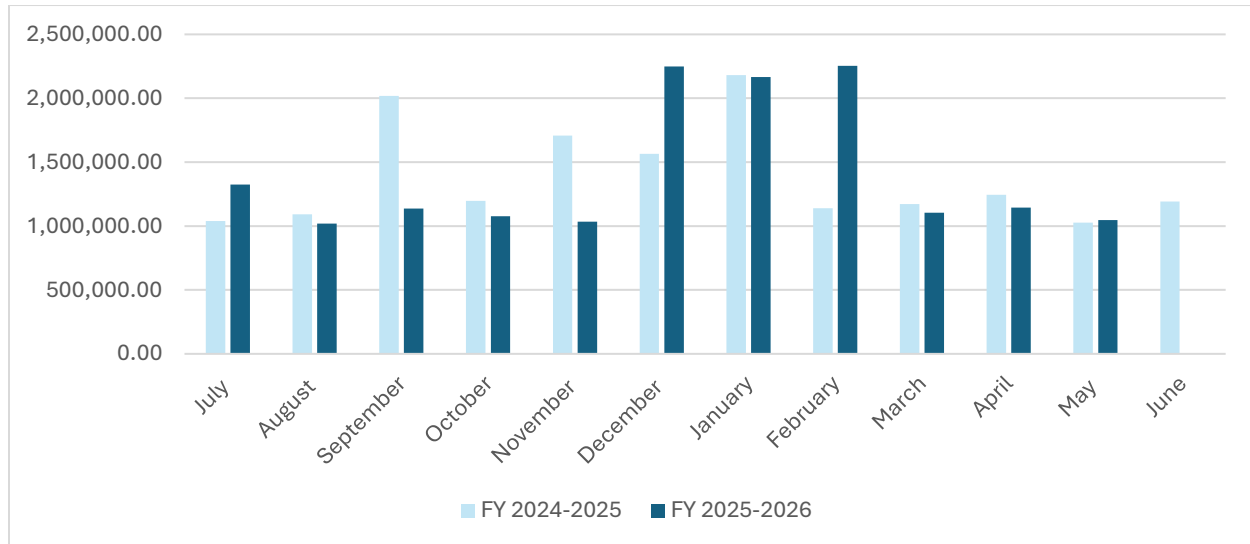
GENERAL FUND – Debt Overview

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 6/24/26: \$3,693,913.10

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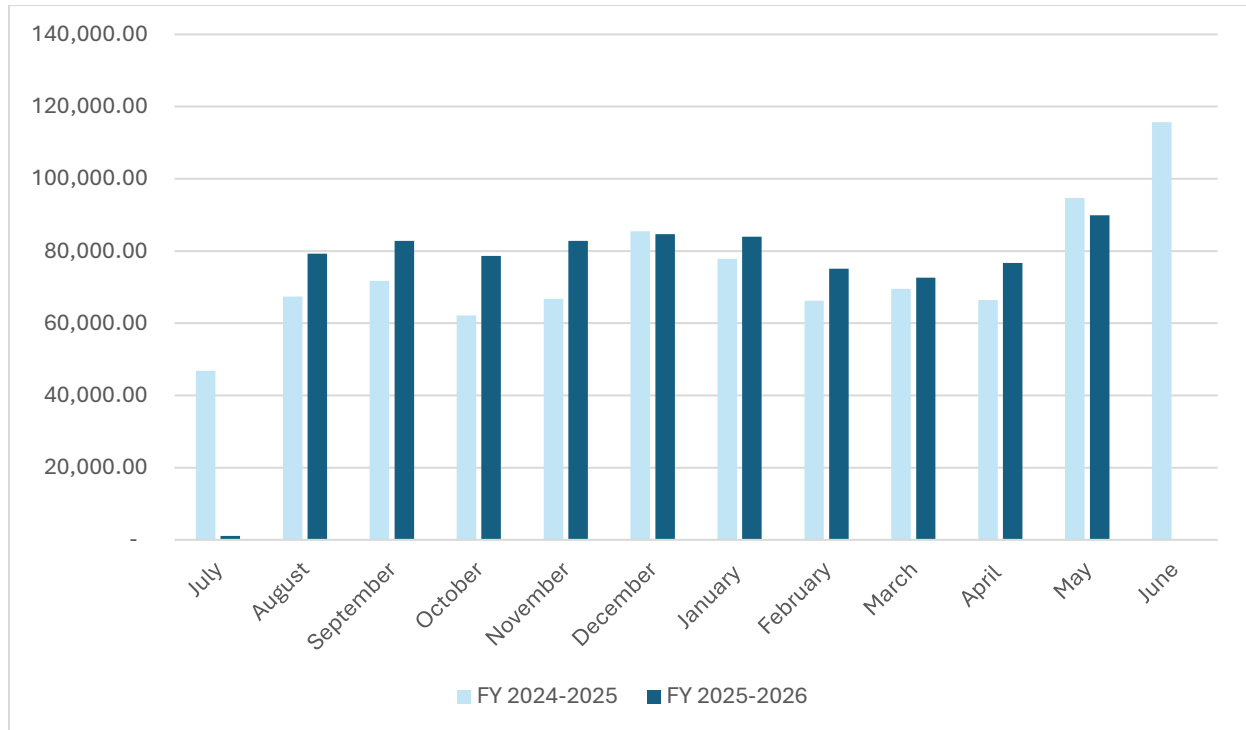
GENERAL FUND – Expenditure Overview



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	\$1,144,294.37
December 2024	\$1,565,277.49	December 2025	\$2,250,288.01
January 2025	\$2,179,860.31	January 2026	\$2,167,965.36
February 2025	\$1,139,916.62	February 2026	\$2,388,875.20
March 2025	\$1,170,752.41	March 2026	\$1,225,429.71
April 2025	\$1,244,570.87	April 2026	\$1,257,068.34
May 2025	\$1,026,462.13	May 2026	\$1,046,334.08
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	\$16,284,687.23
% of Budget	105%	% of Budget	96%
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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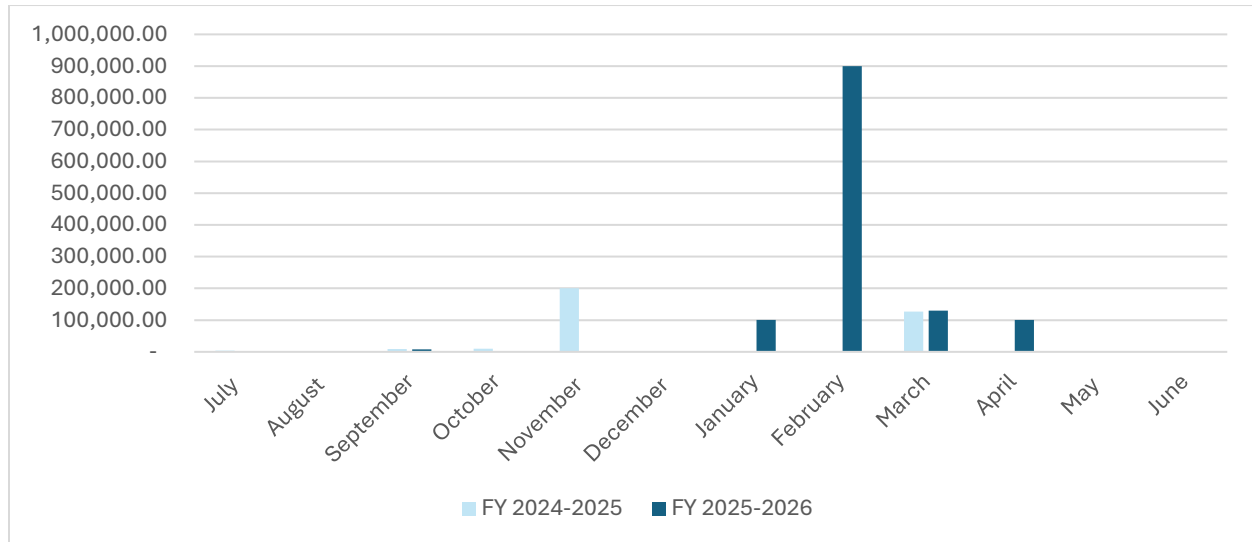
HOSPITALITY FUND – Revenue Overview



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	\$72,625.34
April 2025	\$66,420.25	April 2026	\$76,660.62
May 2025	\$94,717.58	May 2026	\$89,872.25
June 2025	\$115,646.02	June 2026	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$890,675.40	YTD Revenue	\$814,757.93
% of Budget	94%	% of Budget	80%
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	\$129,899.93
April 2025	\$870.75	April 2026	\$100,154.59
May 2025	\$789.05	May 2026	\$154.57
June 2025	\$293.62	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$496,354.47	Year to Date	\$801,032.26
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$853,462.88	Year to Date	\$2,042,134.95
% of Budget	90%	% of Budget	99%
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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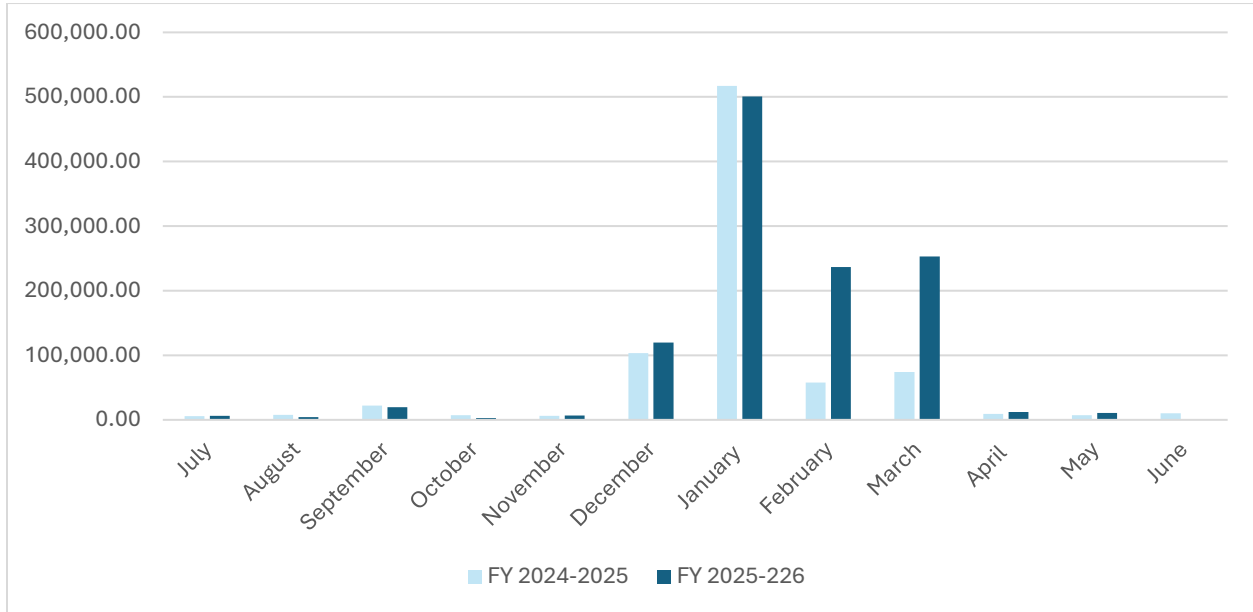
HOSPITALITY FUND – Debt Overview

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	\$71,955.96 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2013B A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2028	\$785,000.00	\$181,900.00	\$63,920.36 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

Hospitality Fund - Cash on hand as of 6/24/26: \$282,367.54

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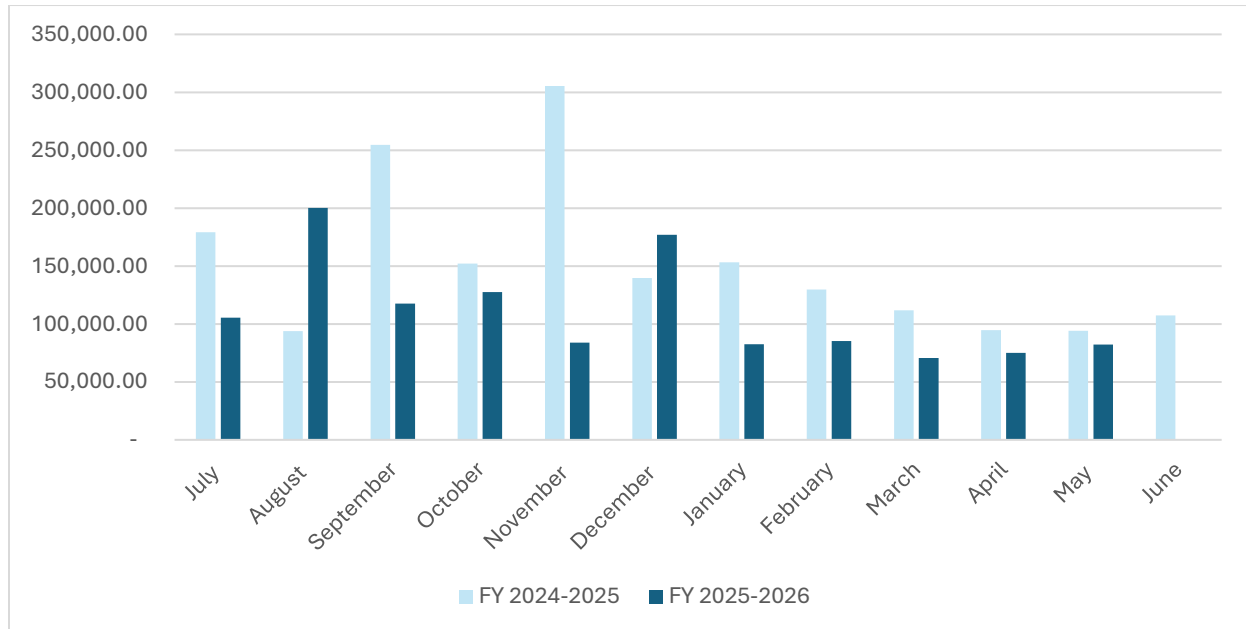
SOLID WASTE FUND – Revenue Overview



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	\$252,917.00
April 2025	\$9,192.00	April 2026	\$12,367.00
May 2025	\$7,272.00	May 2026	\$10,528.00
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	\$1,173,374.19
% of Budget	74%	% of Budget	97%
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	\$89,882.86
March 2025	\$111,866.00	March 2026	\$74,832.83
April 2025	\$94,773.12	April 2026	\$79,576.21
May 2025	\$94,011.61	May 2026	\$82,292.11
June 2025	\$107,399.15	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$1,815,976.23	Year to Date	\$1,239,115.31
% of Budget	120%	% of Budget	82%
Budget FYE 25	\$1,516,190.00	Budget FYE 26	\$1,510,985.00

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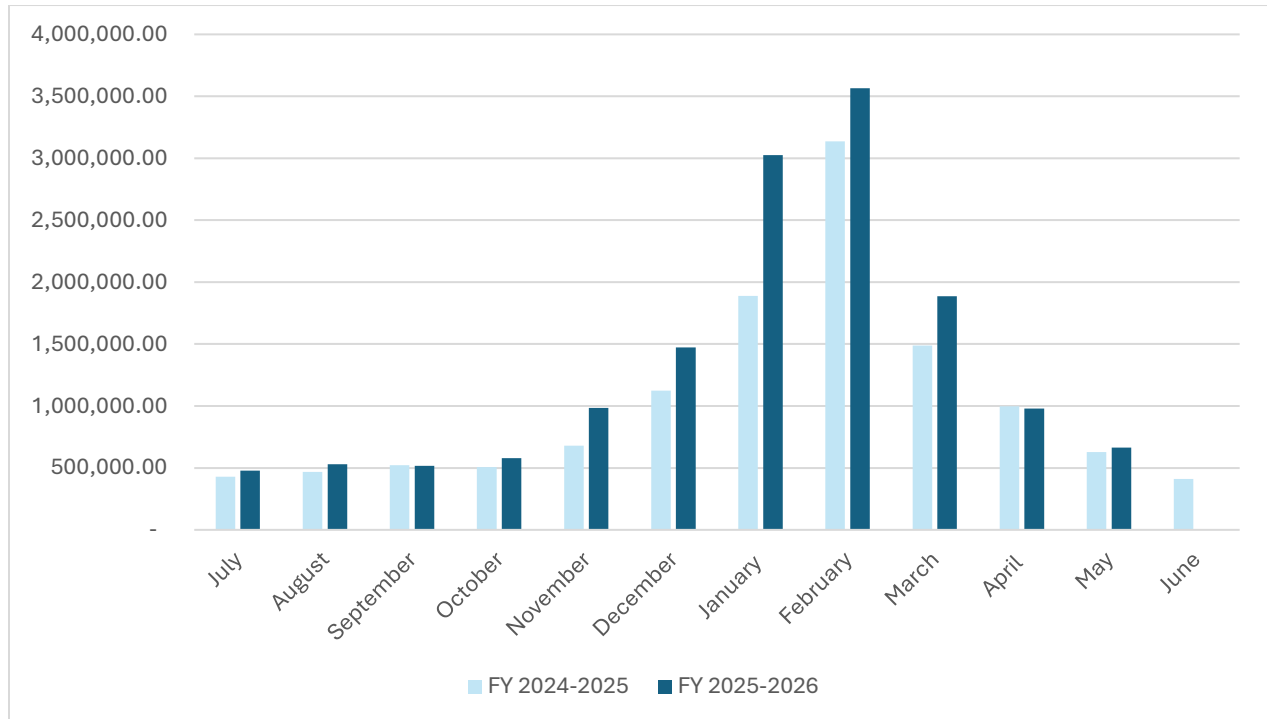


SOLID WASTE FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 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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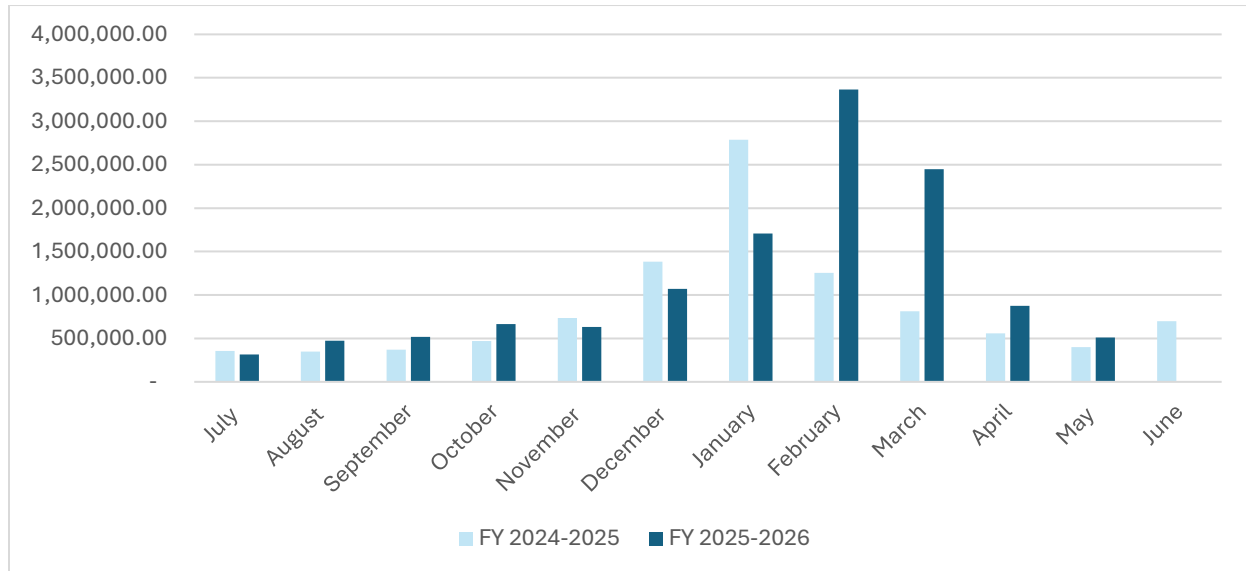
NATURAL GAS – Revenue Overview



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	\$4,035,918.18
March 2025	\$1,487,057.78	March 2026	\$1,886,330.62
April 2025	\$997,640.80	April 2026	\$979,911.09
May 2025	\$628,970.42	May 2026	\$663,605.17
June 2025	\$411,824.85	June 2026	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$12,281,364.71	YTD Revenue	\$14,537,886.29
% of Budget	101%	% of Budget	116%
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	\$1,070,994.90
January 2025	\$2,785,048.79	January 2026	\$1,709,092.15
February 2025	\$1,253,630.37	February 2026	\$3,363,171.63
March 2025	\$811,114.00	March 2026	\$2,473,739.95
April 2025	\$558,216.38	April 2026	\$933,892.41
May 2025	\$399,900.46	May 2026	\$509,021.66
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	\$13,804,737.53
% of Budget	95%	% of Budget	105%
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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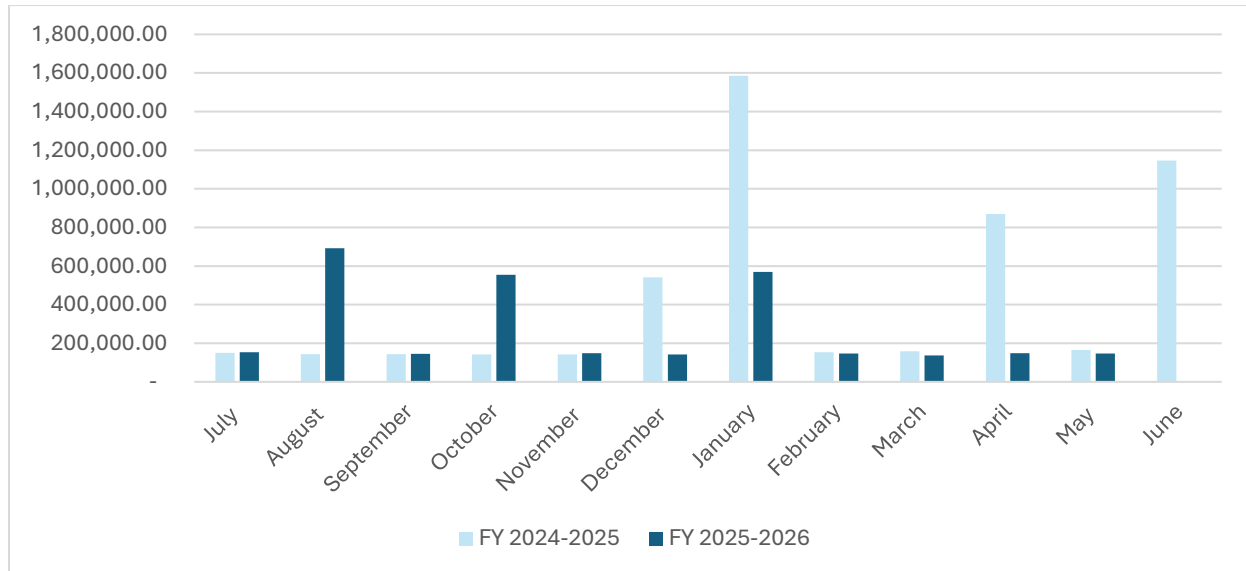
NATURAL GAS FUND – Debt Overview

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	\$440,513.60 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
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 6/24/26: \$3,351,450.55

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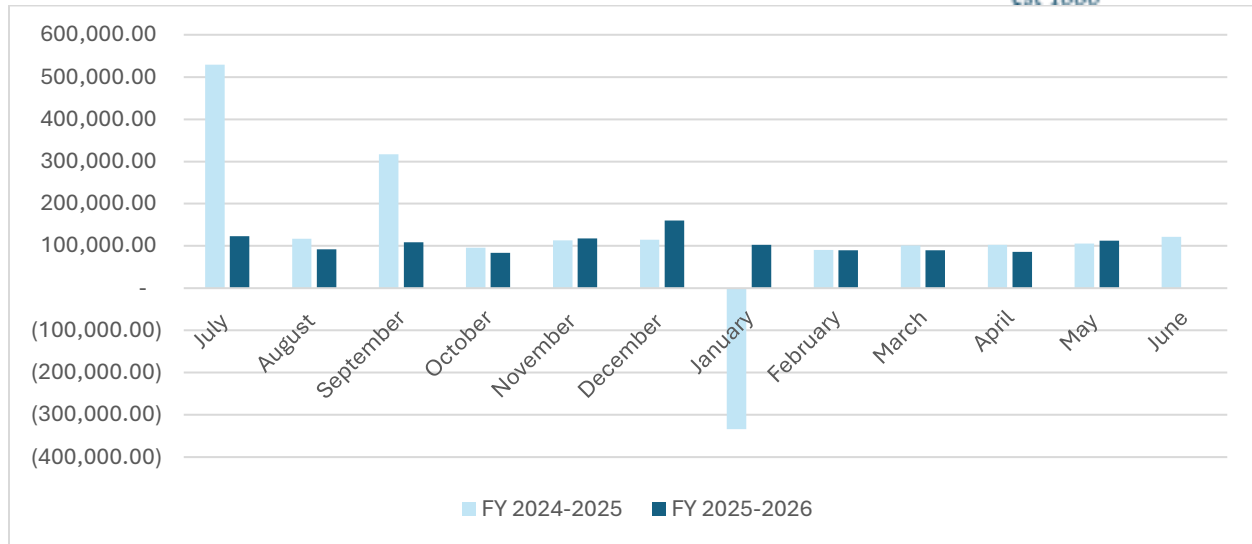
SEWER FUND – Revenue Overview



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	\$137,197.28
April 2025	\$869,009.83	April 2026	\$148,593.57
May 2025	\$165,595.37	May 2026	\$147,007.71
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	\$2,985,370.12
% of Budget	253%	% of Budget	46%
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	\$162,815.05
January 2025	-\$333,593.22	January 2026	\$106,926.41
February 2025	\$90,876.07	February 2026	\$105,251.78
March 2025	\$101,067.28	March 2026	\$98,430.22
April 2025	\$102,955.38	April 2026	\$94,269.09
May 2025	\$105,873.13	May 2026	\$112,646.37
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	\$1,346,577.23
% of Budget	82%	% of Budget	19%
BUDGET	\$1,846,503.00	BUDGET	\$6,360,599.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$266,570.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$145,152.00
Budget FYE 25	\$2,113,073.00	Budget FYE 26	\$6,505,751.00

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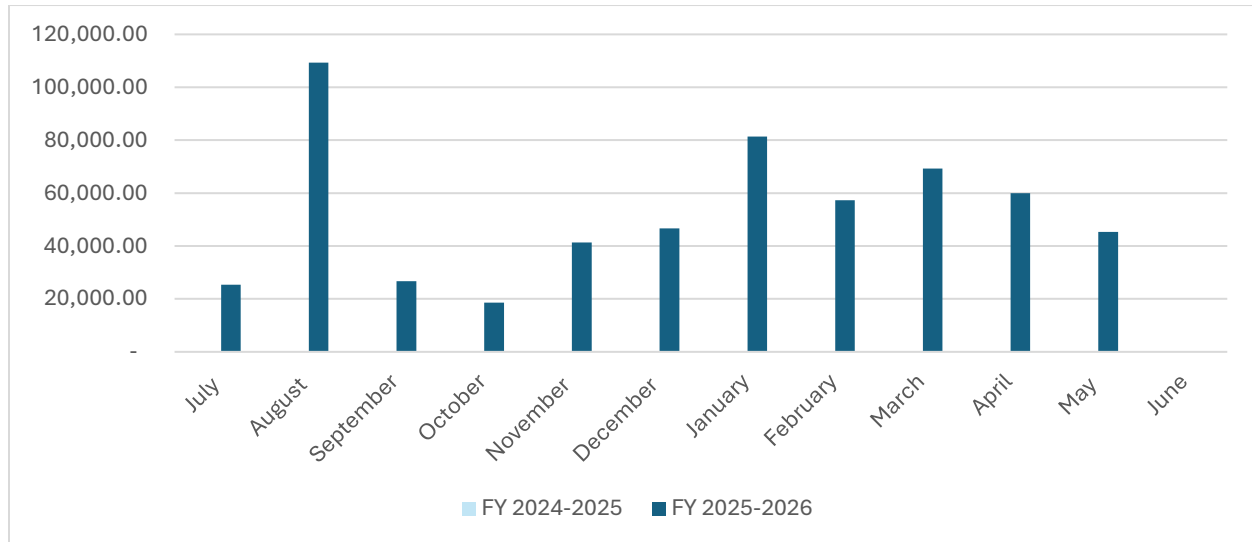
SEWER FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2012 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$3,706,981.57	\$1,063,817.34	\$280,393.26 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2014 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$1,118,000.00	\$378,000.00	\$99,982.20 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
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 6/24/26: \$829,326.45

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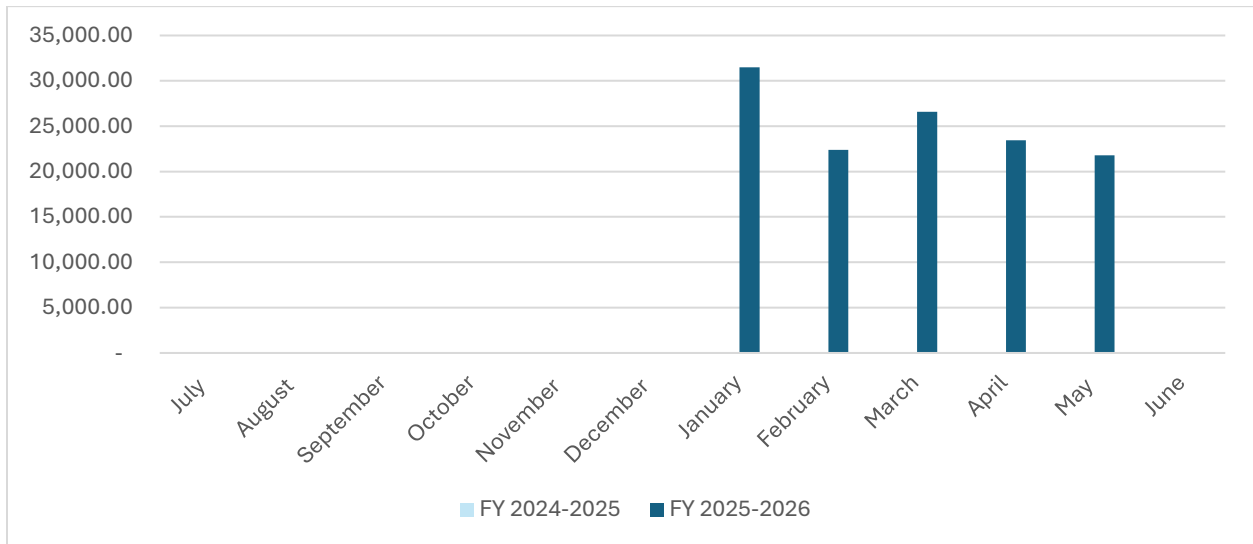
Impact Fees – Parks & Recreation – Revenue Overview



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	\$69,316.00
	April 2026	\$59,985.00
	May 2026	\$45,322.00
	June 2026	\$0.00
	Year to Date	\$581,188.00

Preliminary Monthly Financial Update–May 2026

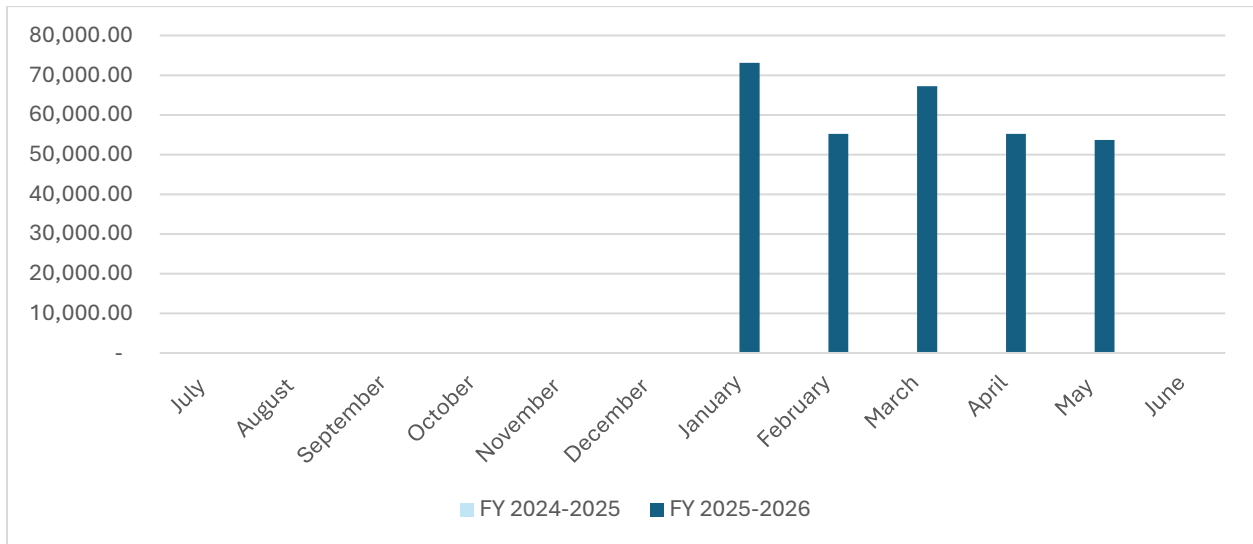
Impact Fees – Police Department – Revenue Overview



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		\$26,571.00
April 2026		\$23,445.00
May 2026		\$21,789.39
June 2026		\$0.00
Year to Date		\$125,709.39

Preliminary Monthly Financial Update–May 2026

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		\$67,237.00
April 2026		\$55,169.00
May 2026		\$53,666.84
June 2026		\$0.00
Year to Date		\$304,372.84

Preliminary Budget Update—May 2026

(Ideal Percentage Remaining 8%)



Department	Budgeted Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Encumbrance	Remaining Balance	Percent Remaining
City	\$1,474,073.00	\$1,832,242.71	\$0.00	-\$358,169.71	-24%*
Administration	\$361,448.00	\$319,711.39	\$0.00	\$41,736.61	12%
Court	\$446,262.00	\$369,514.12	\$0.00	\$76,747.88	17%
Mayor/Council	\$169,851.00	\$157,703.20	\$0.00	\$12,147.80	7%
Community Relations	\$836,978.00	\$591,588.93	\$623.28	\$244,765.79	29%
Finance	\$395,284.00	\$330,056.37	\$0.00	\$65,227.63	17%
Human Resources	\$209,704.00	\$162,905.67	\$0.00	\$46,798.33	22%
Police Dept.	\$5,912,622.00	\$4,698,845.61	\$161,835.65	\$1,051,940.74	18%
Fire Dept.	\$3,694,073.00	\$4,505,227.76	\$9,994.26	-\$821,149.02	-22%**
Public Works	\$311,606.00	\$311,611.53	\$5,131.44	-\$5,136.97	-2%
Planning & Development	\$605,125.00	\$564,320.02	\$0.00	\$40,804.98	7%
Streets & Grounds	\$965,592.00	\$894,590.93	\$65,528.82	\$5,472.25	1%
Recreation	\$1,526,740.00	\$1,337,634.88	\$38,806.63	\$150,298.49	10%
Facility Maintenance	\$195,165.00	\$208,734.11	\$6,507.28	-\$20,076.39	-10%
Hospitality	\$2,066,000.00	\$2,042,134.95	\$0.00	\$23,865.05	1%
Solid Waste	\$1,510,985.00	\$1,239,115.31	\$17,033.65	\$254,836.04	17%
Natural Gas	\$12,553,048.00	\$13,804,737.53	\$82,508.58	-\$1,334,198.11	-11%
Sewer	\$6,505,751.00	\$1,346,577.23	\$18,990.37	\$5,140,183.40	79%

*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.



MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Don called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Presentation

- a. Trevor Hall, Public Safety Loss Control Consultant for the Municipal Association of South Carolina, to present the accreditation award to the Police Department.**

Mr. Hall presented a SCLEA award to Chief Fortenberry and his team.

4. Introduce New Employees

- a. Clare Jones, Community Relations
Kristen Odom, Police Department
Erreeyal Smith, Human Resources**

Amanda Benfield, Chief Fortenberry, and Lisa Elliott presented their newest team members.

5. Public Hearing on Municipal Budget

No one spoke during the public hearing.

- a. Legal ad published May 20, 2026**

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.**

No one signed up to speak.

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

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- a. **Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting on May 14, 2026**

- b. **Financials for April 2026**

Ms. Dearybury notated that in February 2026, a large amount came out of the hospital fund that was already budgeted for the Swamp Rabbit Trail extension. Mr. Bell added it was a two year commitment to our partner agency, UGADA, and the work is currently underway.

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

Mr. Bell covered the following items: Main Streetscape project — an independent consultant was hired to give their opinion on how to move forward with the existing paving conditions, we will continue to give updates. Jones Street parking lot construction is anticipated for completion by the end of August. Downtown businesses: M. Jedsen Booksellers had their grand opening, Juneteenth Soul Food festival on June 19, Fireworks Spectacular on July 2, 2026 at 6 p.m. Public Works Spring Cleaning finished up: 240 staff hours, 517 households served, 525 pick ups, 52 tons of debris picked up which was 141% increase from last year. Recreation: fall sports registration underway- tackle football, flag football and cheerleading then baseball, softball and volleyball registration next week. We just completed volleyball summer camp, 44% increase from last year, and upcoming basketball summer camp for ages 7-13 years. Younts Center's Boot Scootin' Boogie on August 15th. 1910 Cooks Exhibit at the Fountain Inn Museum will be held June 9- August 22.

Mr. Don asked about parking spaces at the Jones Street lot, Mr. Bell responded 62 spaces will be created. Mr. Don also commended the Touch a Truck event and a great event for our community.

- a. **Department Reports**

9. Unfinished Business

- a. **Second and Final Reading of AXZ-2026-03 would annex approximately 3.3 acres located at 1587 Scuffletown Road, TMS# 0555010102211, into the City limits of Fountain Inn; zone the property to R-C, Residential Conservation District; and assign the parcel to Council Ward 4.**

Motion by Councilman Sanders, second by Councilmember Dearybury to approve the Second and Final Reading of AXZ-2026-03 would annex approximately 3.3 acres located at 1587 Scuffletown Road, TMS# 0555010102211, into the City limits of Fountain Inn; zone the property to R-C, Residential Conservation District; and assign the parcel to Council Ward 4.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- b. **Second and Final Reading of PZ-2026-01 to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Fountain Inn to Rezone the Property Located at 701 Fairview Street from GR-1, General Residential 1 District, to C-2, Commercial District; and Various Matters Related Thereto.**

Motion by Councilman Blackstone, seconded by Councilman Thomason to approve the Second and Final Reading of PZ-2026-01 to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Fountain Inn to Rezone the Property Located at 701 Fairview Street from GR-1, General Residential 1 District, to C-2, Commercial District; and Various Matters Related Thereto.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- c. **Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-07, an ordinance to adopt a budget for the City of Fountain Inn for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2026-2027) according to the terms and provisions contained therein and various related matters.**

Motion by Councilman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-07, an ordinance to adopt a budget for the City of Fountain Inn for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2026-2027) according to the terms and provisions contained therein and various related matters.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- d. **First and Final Reading of SP-2026-01, to Approve a Major Change to the Flexible Review District for Property Associated with the La Vida Apartment Development on Speedway Drive; and Various Matters Related Thereto.**

Motion by Councilmember Dearybury, seconded by Councilman Sanders to approve the First and Final Reading of SP-2026-01, to Approve a Major Change to the Flexible Review District for Property Associated with the La Vida Apartment Development on Speedway Drive; and Various Matters Related Thereto.

The motion carried 5/1.

10. New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-04, to approve the cooperative agreement between Greenville County and the municipality of Fountain Inn to obtain urban county status with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and appoint the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) as its agent for the purpose of administering any grant funds received as a result of the agreement.**

Motion by Councilman Thomason, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to approve Resolution 2026-04, to approve the cooperative agreement between Greenville County and the municipality of Fountain Inn to obtain urban county status with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and appoint the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) as its agent for the purpose of administering any grant funds received as a result of the agreement.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- b. For approval of the Fire Department Automatic Aid agreements with the following jurisdictions: Canebrake Fire Department, Clear Springs Fire Department, City of Simpsonville, and the South Greenville Fire Department.**

Motion by Councilmember Dearybury, seconded by Councilman Sanders for approval of the Fire Department Automatic Aid agreements with the following jurisdictions: Canebrake Fire Department, Clear Springs Fire Department, City of Simpsonville, and the South Greenville Fire Department.

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 Sanders, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.



MINUTES
200 N. Main Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor McLeer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following members of City Council were in attendance: GP McLeer, Phil Clemmer by phone, 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 Blackstone to go into Executive Session.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

a. The receipt of legal advice regarding the Municipal Tax Relief Act and a proposed Greenville County Transportation Sales Tax.

3. Adjourn

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion by Mayor McLeer, second by Councilmember Dearybury to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



Agenda Date: July 9, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

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

Administration

- Main Street Streetscape
 - Byrd Paving has declined to perform the necessary repairs; therefore, AOS Construction is moving forward with an alternate paving subcontractor
 - The paving corrections are expected to be completed within the next month
- Wall/Jones Street Parking Lot
 - Stormwater and sewer upgrades have been completed
 - Most of the curb installation has been completed
 - Weather permitting, substantial completion is anticipated by 8/30
- PD Terry City Park Improvements
 - Phase 1 includes removal of the existing tennis courts, fencing, and lighting, along with an expansion of the project area
 - The proposed final design includes four pickleball courts, two tennis courts, new fencing, and upgraded lighting
 - Staff is reviewing 30% construction drawings

Community Relations

- Upcoming Events
 - The Farmers Market runs through 8/8 every Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. - noon
 - Sounds of Summer runs through 8/14 every Friday evening from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 - 7/10 - Kids in America
 - 7/17 - Harvest Moon
 - 7/24 - Pandora's Box
 - 7/31 - The Entertainers
 - 8/7 - Rhythm Jab
 - 8/14 - Away Team
 - Fury Friday Parade and Pep Rally on 8/14 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Civics Academy from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on 9/22, 9/24, and 9/29
- Event Recap:
 - Juneteenth Soul Food Festival
 - 5,847 attendees

Fire

- Firefighter Dannaca Diaz was awarded Firefighter of the Year by the Fountain Inn Rotary Club
- Conducted in-person training to obtain SAFE designation
 - Fountain Inn will be the first in Greenville County to have both Police and Fire Departments with this designation
- Fire Station #3
 - Design of the septic system is underway
 - The next phase will be to receive and review construction cost estimates
- June 2026
 - 174 calls for service
 - 112 were medical incidents (64%)
 - 51 overlapping incidents (29%)
 - 153 inspections completed YTD
 - 500 hours of training conducted

Judicial

- June 2026
 - 313 total cases
 - 57 criminal and 256 traffic
 - 233 pending cases
 - 14 disposed cases

Human Resources

- Community Relations
 - Community Relations Specialist - One vacancy
- Fire
 - Firefighter - One vacancy
- Natural Gas
 - Gas Technician I-IV - One vacancy
- Police
 - Certified Uniform Patrol Officer - Two vacancies
 - Police/Fire Dispatcher - Two vacancies
- Public Works
 - Office Coordinator - One vacancy
 - Sewer/Stormwater Technician I-III - Two vacancies
 - Sanitation CDL Driver - Two vacancies
- Recreation
 - Activities Center Coordinator - One vacancy
 - Part-Time Recreation Support Staff - Four vacancies

Natural Gas

- Gas Supply
 - Deliveries for June 2026
 - Gas volume of 35,798 Dekatherms
 - Gas consumption was 5% higher than in June 2025 and 8% lower than the June three-year average
- Gas Prices/Rates
 - The price of natural gas for July 2026 settled at \$3.231 per Dekatherm, representing a \$0.281 increase from June's price
- Operations
 - June 2026 Key Indicators
 - No new main lines installed
 - 17,905 feet installed Y-T-D
 - 4,029 feet of new service lines installed (97)
 - 25,121 installed Y-T-D (584)
 - 13,669 active customers

Planning & Development

- June 2026 Building & Codes
 - Inspections & Permits
 - 109 permits issued with a total valuation of \$38,693,409
 - 139 inspections
 - 72 residential plan reviews and four commercial plan reviews
 - 36 certificates of occupancy issued
 - Code Compliance Complaints
 - 6 vehicles/other
 - 19 property maintenance
- Impact Fees collected through the end of April 2026
 - Parks & Recreation: \$581,188
 - Police: \$125,709
 - Fire: \$304,373

Police

- National Night Out will be held on 8/4 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Commerce Park
- SRO Zapata was awarded Police Officer of the Year by the Fountain Inn Rotary Club
- Key Indicators for June 2026
 - 2,289 calls for service
 - 484 inbound 911 calls
 - 238 citations issued

- 269 warnings issued
- 21 collisions - down 45% from June 2025
- Animal Control
 - 19 calls for service
 - 0 incident reports
 - 11 intakes
 - 3 transferred to Greenville County Animal Control
 - 4 returned to owner
 - 0 quarantined
 - 70% kennel usage

Public Works

- Sanitation
 - 581 tons of waste collected and hauled away
- Streets and Grounds
 - 486 bags of litter picked up
- Sewer/Stormwater
 - Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project (SCIIP)
 - 61,609 linear feet of sewer main CIPP
 - 3,223 linear feet of sewer main replacement
 - 13 manhole replacements
 - 97 point repairs
 - 78 lateral replacements
 - 84 manhole rehabilitations

Recreation

- July is Parks & Recreation Month
 - STEAM Camp on 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, and 7/31 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Activities Center for Ages 7-14
 - Participants will explore art, science, engineering, and design through hand-on projects that inspire creativity and problem-solving
 - Children will create and take home four unique projects, including nature art, clay creations, mosaics, and painted wooden crafts
 - All supplies are included, and no experience is required
 - Game Night on 7/31 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 - Music, popcorn, and games at the Activities Center
- The Adult Coed Softball season will end with a week of playoffs beginning 7/6
- Basketball Summer Camp had 51 participants (31% increase from 2025)
- 55+ Program
 - Freedom BINGO on 7/14

- Night Out at Javi's River Mexican Restaurant at 4:30 p.m. in Laurens on 7/16
- Crafting with Donna from Peachy Palm Studios on 7/24
- Night Out at Break on the Lake at 4:30 p.m. in Greenwood on 7/28

Younts Center for Performing Arts

- Boot Scootin' Boogie: A Country Experience from 8/7 - 8/16
- Newsies from 9/11 - 9/16

Fountain Inn Museum

- *Fountain Inn Cooks*, a 1910 Kitchen Exhibit & Cooks Gallery, is on display until 8/22
 - Complementing the exhibit is Heritage Afternoon Tea Series, where guests can enjoy a traditional afternoon tea service, sweet and savory treats, and a guided tour of the exhibit - tickets can be purchased in person at the Museum or online at <https://linktr.ee/fountaininnmuseum>

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

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

July 9, 2026

Regular City Council Meeting

☒ Ordinance/First Reading ☐ Ordinance/Second Reading ☐ Resolution/First & Final Reading**Agenda Date Requested:** July 9, 2026**Ordinance/Resolution Caption: Ordinance 2026-08**

An ordinance to amend the City Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 11 - Licenses and Business Regulations by amending Article VIII “Outdoor Displays and Cafes” and various provisions relating thereto.

Summary Background: Article VIII “Outdoor Displays and Cafes,” of Chapter 11 of the City of Fountain Inn Code of Ordinances was adopted by City Council in May 2026. Ordinance 2026-08 transforms Article VIII from a relatively simple sidewalk café permit process into a comprehensive public-space management program.

Key policy changes include regulating outdoor merchandise displays, increasing insurance requirements, establishing detailed design standards, strengthening alcohol and safety regulations, creating clearer enforcement procedures, and aligning public-space permits with the City's Hospitality District vision and Unified Development Ordinance.

Impact If Denied: The existing ordinance provides only limited regulations for outdoor cafés and does not adequately address outdoor merchandise displays, expanded downtown activity, or current risk management practices.

Impact If Approved: Summary of changes:

1. Converts the “encroachment permit” into a “café permit”
2. Adds standards for Outdoor Displays
3. Stronger Insurance and Liability Requirements
4. More detailed application requirements
5. Limits encroachments to the applicant’s frontage (unless adjacent owners consent)
6. Adds prohibited activities
7. Changes permit expiration and renewal
8. New standards for signage and branding
9. Expands alcohol service requirements
10. Stronger enforcement authority
11. Revises the appeals process
12. Establishes design and operational standards
13. Integration with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Financial Impact:

Not Applicable

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 - LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII “OUTDOOR DISPLAYS AND CAFES” AND VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, The City of Fountain Inn has an existing Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, The City has created a special Hospitality District and made significant improvements to Main Street within the Central Business District such that there is more open space for the enjoyment of the public, for pedestrian traffic, outdoor entertainment, special events and the like; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council believe that it is advisable to establish a process by which licenses and permits may be obtained for the use of public spaces and to adopt regulations with regard thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed the proposed amendment and have determined that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Licenses and Business Regulations, be amended by amending Article VIII, “Outdoor Displays and Cafes,” which article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. - OUTDOOR DISPLAYS AND CAFES

Sec. 11-291. - Purpose and applicability of article.

The provisions of this article shall apply to conforming businesses within a nonresidential district for the establishment, operation and maintenance of outdoor displays and dining areas located on sidewalks and public plazas. The purpose of this article is to promote the general economic development and atmosphere of the C-1 district and other areas for the benefit of all businesses and citizens located there, and no rights of individuals or individual businesses are created in this article. The City Administrator and Director of Planning and Development shall have broad discretion to grant, modify or revoke café permits issued pursuant to this article in the interests of improving and protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

Sec. 11-292. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Administrator means the City Administrator or city personnel designated by the City Administrator to enforce this article.

Cafe Permit means a revocable, nonexclusive permit issued by the City authorizing a qualified business to place approved temporary outdoor displays, dining furniture, signs, umbrellas, decorative items, or other related business items within a designated area of City-controlled public property. The permit does not create a leasehold, easement, property right, or right to exclusive possession of public property.

Design requirements mean the standards adopted with this article that guide design and materials in encroachment areas.

Encroachment means stands, tables, umbrellas, chairs, benches, signs, objects related to the business, or other items on the public right-of-way, sidewalk or common area on public property.

Outdoor cafe means the business of providing food and beverage service with chairs, tables on sidewalks and plazas, adjacent to a business licensed to operate as an eating establishment where food and/or other refreshments are served.

Outdoor display means a temporary, freestanding, movable fixture, object, or arrangement placed within an approved café permit area for the display of merchandise, products, or business-related items associated with the adjacent business. An outdoor display does not include a freestanding sign, outdoor storage, a box, bulk merchandise container, rolling cart, or similar merchandise-staging device.

Permittee means the recipient of a cafe permit under the terms and provisions of this article.

Plaza means any landscaped outdoor area which is owned or controlled by the city, which is open to the general public, but which is not a sidewalk or street.

Sidewalk means that area of the public right-of-way between the curblines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines and which is reserved for pedestrian traffic, but not including street crossings.

Sec. 11-293. - Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with Sec. 1-10 of this Code of Ordinances. Each day any violation of this article shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 11-294. - Permit required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to create, establish, operate, maintain or otherwise be engaged in the business of running an outdoor cafe, or to place any items upon the sidewalks or public property, in the city, unless the business holds a current valid café permit issued under the terms of this article.

(b) Permits shall be issued only to validly licensed businesses that wish to set up signs, tables and chairs or other objects related to their business on the public sidewalk or plaza.

Sec. 11-295. - Application for café permit; fee.

(a) Application for the café permit required by this article shall be made with the city in a form deemed appropriate by the City Administrator. Such application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) Name, home and business address and telephone number of the applicant, and the name and address of the owner of the business if other than the applicant.
- (2) Name, home address and telephone number of a person responsible whom the city may notify or contact at any time concerning the applicant's encroachment.
- (3) A copy of a valid business license to operate a business establishment adjacent to the public property which is the subject of the application.
- (4) Proof of current commercial general liability insurance, issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state, protecting the permittee and the City from all claims for damage to property and bodily injury, including death, which may arise from or relate to operation under or in connection with the café permit. Such insurance shall name the City as an additional insured, shall provide that the policy shall not terminate or be canceled prior to the expiration date without thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the City, and shall provide minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, or higher if deemed necessary by the administrator.
 - a. The applicant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Fountain Inn, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, liabilities, penalties, fines, costs, expenses, and attorney's fees arising out of or related to the applicant's use, operation, maintenance, or occupancy of the permitted area, including injury to persons or damage to property occurring in or about the permitted area, except to the extent caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City.
- (5) A scaled permit plan showing the proposed permit area; building frontage; curb, sidewalk, and street edges; total sidewalk width; the required clear pedestrian access route; accessible entrances; doors; crosswalks; curb ramps; driveways; fire hydrants; utility fixtures; trees; streetlights; and all proposed tables, chairs, umbrellas, signs, displays, planters, and other items.
- (6) Proof of any required state or local alcohol beverage license, permit, or approval; health permit; fire approval; or other permit applicable to the proposed use. If alcoholic beverages will be served in the permitted area, the applicant must provide proof that the applicable state alcohol license includes, or has been amended to include, the outdoor permitted area as part of the licensed premises. Alcohol service may not begin in the permitted area until all required state and local approvals have been obtained.
- (7) Photographs, drawings or manufacturers' brochures fully describing the appearance of all proposed tables, chairs, umbrellas or other objects related to the business.
- (8) Written permission from the property owner or landlord where the business is not the property owner.

(b) Not later than 15 days after the filing of a completed application for a temporary cafe permit, the applicant shall be notified by city staff of the decision on the issuance or denial of the permit. An annual fee shall be due and payable as fixed from time to time by the administrator. This fee is in addition to the business license fee required for operation within the city. Only new permits shall be prorated on a quarterly basis. No fees shall be charged for encroachments solely for the purpose of beautification, but all other provisions of this article shall apply.

(c) Application for a permit shall be made within 48 hours of written notice for failure to obtain a permit, or as soon thereafter as city offices are open. Where the same owner, occupant or person responsible has been given notice of the same violation at the same location within the previous 180 days, such requirements of written notice may be waived and legal proceedings commence immediately.

(d) Cafe permit fees will be established by Ordinance by City Council and included in the annual fee schedule.

(e) Submission Method. Applications shall be submitted through the City's designated electronic permitting system or such other method as prescribed by the City Administrator.

Sec. 11-296. - Prohibited acts.

(a) No merchant, vendor, business or property owner shall:

(1) Place any items for sale or other equipment, tables or chairs on any portion of the public property other than that directly in front of his existing place of business without the written consent of adjacent landowners and businesses and approval by the City. In no event shall such items be placed in landscaped areas or extend beyond the frontage of the applicant's business unless written permission is obtained from the affected adjacent property owner or business and the extension is approved by the City as part of the permit.

(2) Block or restrict the pedestrian passageway to less than six feet in width (as measured at all points from the sidewalk and extending up to fifteen feet above the sidewalk), or block ingress or egress to or from any building. In areas of congested pedestrian activity, the administrator is authorized to require a wider pedestrian passageway, as circumstances dictate. Also, no items shall be placed to block or impede any driveway, crosswalk, bus stop, counter service window or block visibility within an intersection.

(3) Sublicense, assign, transfer, or otherwise allow another person or business to use the Permit Area.

(4) Place objects around the perimeter of an area occupied by tables and chairs which would have the effect of forming a physical or visual barrier, except within a plaza, without the written approval of the administrator.

(5) Use tables, chairs, benches, umbrellas and any other objects of such quality, design, materials and workmanship which are not authorized by the administrator. Objects in a plaza must meet design requirements set forth for that public space.

(6) Use umbrellas larger than ten feet by ten feet unless such umbrellas are fire-retardant, pressure-treated, or manufactured of fire-resistive material.

- (7) Fail to secure permission of the landlord where a building has multiple occupants.
- (8) Utilize the area for commercial activity in any way without the insurance coverage specified.
- (9) Sound or permit the sounding of any device on the public property which produces a loud noise, or use or operate any loudspeaker, public address system, radio, sound amplifier or similar device.
- (10) Fail to pick up, remove and dispose of all trash or refuse left by the business or its patrons on the public right-of-way.
- (11) Store, park or leave any stand or items of merchandise overnight on any street or sidewalk, except for tables and chairs, which may be kept in the permitted area at the permittee's risk.
- (12) Store, park or leave any vehicle, truck or trailer within the encroachment area.
- (13) Serve an alcoholic beverage without also serving food. An alcoholic beverage served to any customer pursuant to a permit issued under this Article must be accompanied by an order for the service of food.
- (14) Permit or allow smoking within any permitted area. Smoking shall be prohibited within the permitted area and must occur a minimum of ten (10) feet from the encroachment boundary.
- (15) Place or allow benches within café permit areas where food or alcoholic beverages are served, unless specifically approved by the administrator.

(b) The café permit is a temporary, revocable license, which may be denied, suspended, or revoked for any conduct contrary to the provisions of this article or for conduct of the business in such a manner as to create a public nuisance or constitute a danger to the operator's or the public's health, safety, or welfare. No property right is created by this article. Any denial, suspension, or revocation shall be subject to the appeal procedures set forth in Sec. 11-298.

Sec. 11-297. - Form and conditions of permit.

The permit required by this article shall be issued on a form deemed suitable by the administrator. In addition to naming the permittee and any other information deemed appropriate by the administrator, the permit shall contain the following conditions:

- (1) Each permit shall expire on July 1 of each year unless revoked, suspended, or retracted prior to expiration. When a permit is invalidated, the prorated fee for any full quarter year remaining shall be refunded. No fees will be refunded for periods of suspension.
- (2) The permit issued shall be personal to the permittee only and shall not be transferable in any manner.
- (3) The permit may be suspended by the administrator when necessary to clear the public property for public safety for a community or special event authorized by a permit issued by the city.
- (4) The administrator may require the temporary removal of items within the encroachment area when street, sidewalk, common area or utility repairs necessitate such action.

(5) The permit shall be specifically limited to the area shown on the plat diagram attached to the permit application. As a condition of approval, the city may reduce and otherwise reconfigure the proposed area and the number of requested chairs, tables and items within the encroachment area.

(6) The encroachment area covered by the permit shall be maintained in a neat and orderly appearance at all times, and the area shall be cleared of all debris on a periodic basis during the day, and again at the closing of each business day.

(7) To preserve pedestrian safety, maintain clear access, and protect the appearance and character of the streetscape, signs, displays, umbrellas, and other items within the permitted area shall be limited to materials, markings, and design elements that identify or are directly associated with the on-site business and shall comply with all design and operational standards approved by the City.

(8) No tables or chairs or any other parts of the business shall be attached, chained or in any manner affixed to any tree, post, sign or other fixtures, curb or sidewalk within or near the permitted area in a manner which causes or threatens to cause injury to any person or damage to public or private properties. No additional outdoor seating authorized under this article shall be used for calculating seating requirements pertaining to location of, application for or issuance of an ABC license for any establishment or be used as the basis for computing required seating for restaurants and dining rooms, or as grounds for claiming exemption from such requirements under the provisions of any city ordinance or state law.

(9) The issuance of a permit does not grant or imply vested rights to use of the area by the permittee. The city retains the right to deny the issuance of a permit or the renewal of a permit for any reason.

(10) Tables, chairs, benches, umbrellas and any other objects provided shall be maintained with a clean and attractive appearance and shall be kept safe and in good repair at all times.

(11) The city retains the right to suspend the privilege of using glass containers within the encroachment area during major festivals and events and when streets are closed. The use of glass containers will be revoked if an incident jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of customers or the general public. Any violation of state or local laws will also result in a revocation of this privilege. Repeated offenses may result in revocation or denial of the cafe permit.

(12) Alcohol Service Conditions

a. The service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on city sidewalks and public property is authorized to the extent provided for in each individual permit issued, but not otherwise. The service and consumption of food, nonalcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages in sidewalk encroachments pursuant to this article is limited to patrons seated at tables. No café permit shall authorize either the service or consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

b. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by seated patrons at tables where food is served;

c. Mixed drinks served within the encroachment area must remain within the permitted area;

d. During special events, permittees shall ensure compliance with all restrictions imposed by the City regarding alcohol service and consumption.

(13) The city may require the posting or placement of the permit and relevant notices to facilitate the administration and enforcement of this article.

(14) Outdoor displays authorized under this article are temporary encroachments on public property and are not “outdoor retail display areas” for purposes of the Unified Development Ordinance, unless otherwise determined by the Planning Director. Nothing in this article authorizes outdoor storage or permanent retail display areas in violation of the Unified Development Ordinance.

(15) A café permit issued under this article shall constitute the revocable license required for outdoor sidewalk seating under the Unified Development Ordinance, provided that the permit includes insurance, indemnification, maintenance, removal, and revocation provisions acceptable to the City.”

Sec. 11-298. - Denial, suspension, retraction or revocation of permit; removal of property by city.

(a) Grounds for denial, suspension, retraction or revocation; removal of property by city. The administrator may deny, retract, revoke or suspend a café permit issued under this article at any time for any business authorized in the city if it is found that:

(1) Any necessary business or health permit has been suspended, revoked or canceled.

(2) The permittee does not have insurance in force which is correct and effective in the minimum amount described in Sec. 11-295(a)(4).

(3) Changing conditions of pedestrian or vehicular traffic causing congestion or changes of property conditions necessitating removal of the encroachment. Such decision shall be based upon findings of the administrator that the minimum six-foot pedestrian path is insufficient under existing circumstances and represents a danger to the health, safety or general welfare of pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

(4) The permittee has failed to correct violations of this article or conditions of the permit upon receipt of the administrator's notice of the violation delivered in writing to the permittee.

(5) The permittee has failed to take positive actions to prohibit violations from reoccurring.

(6) The permittee has failed to make modifications upon receipt of the administrator's notice to make such modifications delivered in writing to the permittee.

(7) The permittee’s business license has been revoked, suspended, or is lapsed, in which case the permit issued pursuant to this article is automatically and immediately revoked.

(b) Tables, chairs and other vestiges of the business may be removed by the department of public works, and a reasonable fee charged for labor, transportation and storage, should the permittee fail to remove the items within 36 hours of receipt of the administrator's final notice to do so for any reason provided for under this article. If the action is taken based on subsection (a)(2) or (3) of this section, the action shall become effective upon the receipt of such notice and the permittee shall have four hours to remove

the items. If an item presents an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare, blocks required pedestrian access, or interferes with emergency access, the City may remove, relocate, or secure the item without prior notice. The permittee shall remain responsible for all reasonable costs incurred by the City.

(c) Notice of denial or revocation. Except in the case of revocation pursuant to Sec. 11-298(a)(7), upon denial or revocation, the administrator shall give notice of such action to the applicant or the permittee, in writing, stating the action which has been taken and the reason therefore. The action shall be effective upon giving such notice to the permittee.

(d) Appeals. The permittee shall have the right to appeal the decision of the administrator by filing a written notice of appeal with the City within five working days of receipt of notice. An appeal does not stay the denial, suspension, or revocation of the permit unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer. Appeals shall be heard by an independent hearing officer designated by the City Administrator. The hearing shall be held within five working days from the date of notice of the request, if reasonably practicable, or as soon thereafter as the hearing officer is available. The permittee or applicant may be represented by an attorney and may present witnesses, affidavits, and any relevant documentary evidence. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply. The hearing officer shall notify the permittee or applicant of the determination in writing.

Sec. 11-299. – Design and Operational Standards.

(a) Pedestrian Access. A continuous pedestrian path of not less than six (6) feet in width shall be maintained at all times, free from obstruction.

(b) Encroachment Limitations. Encroachments shall not extend beyond the frontage of the applicant's business unless written permission is obtained from adjacent property owners or businesses and the extension is approved by the City as part of the permit.

(c) Sandwich Board Signs.

(1) Must be freestanding and movable;

(2) Shall not exceed six (6) square feet per side and four (4) feet in height with up to two (2) sides;

(3) The sign shall not be internally illuminated or equipped with any external lighting fixtures; however, it may be placed in areas illuminated by standard building-mounted or site lighting intended for pedestrian or storefront visibility;;

(4) Shall be limited to identifying or being directly associated with the on-site business and shall not create a hazard, obstruction, or distraction inconsistent with pedestrian safety or streetscape aesthetics.

(d) Umbrellas.

(1) Shall be solid in color or otherwise consistent with the approved design standards and limited to identifying or being directly associated with the on-site business;

(2) Must maintain a minimum clearance height of seven (7) feet;

(3) Shall not encroach into the required pedestrian access area.

(e) Outdoor Displays.

- (1) Must be freestanding, movable, and parallel to the building frontage;
- (2) Shall not exceed six and one-half (6.5) feet in height, three (3) feet in width, or three (3) feet in depth. Depth shall be measured perpendicular to the building frontage;
- (3) Shall be limited to identifying or being directly associated with the on-site business and shall comply with the purpose of preserving pedestrian safety and streetscape aesthetics;
- (4) Advertising may be displayed on an outdoor display; however, the total area occupied by advertising on any individual side or face of the display shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the actual surface area of that side or face. For purposes of this subsection, advertising includes lettering, logos, graphics, images, or other promotional material. The area of each side or face shall be calculated using that side's actual height and width.
- (5) Merchandise may be displayed but shall not be used for outdoor storage. Boxes, bulk merchandise containers, rolling carts, and similar merchandise-staging devices are prohibited.

(f) Insurance Maintenance. Permit holders shall maintain required insurance at all times and provide updated proof annually or upon request.

(g) Customer Management. Permit holders shall ensure that patrons do not obstruct pedestrian access or expand seating arrangements in a manner that violates this article.

(h) Where this article imposes standards more restrictive than the Unified Development Ordinance, the standards of this article shall apply to encroachments on public sidewalks, plazas, rights-of-way, and other public property.

Section 2. Authorization. The Mayor, the City Administrator, and the City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, acting jointly or individually, are fully empowered and authorized to take such further action as may be reasonably necessary to effect the amendments authorized by this Ordinance in accordance with the conditions herein set forth.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinance. All ordinances, orders, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Section 5. Effective Date of the Ordinance. This ordinance shall become effective upon final approval by Council after second reading and signing by the Mayor.

Enacted: .

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: July 9, 2026

Second Reading: / Final Approval: August 13, 2026

Summary of Major Changes

1. Converts the "Encroachment Permit" into a "Café Permit"

The ordinance consistently replaces references to an encroachment permit with a café permit and expressly states that the permit is a revocable, nonexclusive license that creates no leasehold, easement, property right, or exclusive use of public property.

2. Adds Regulation of Outdoor Retail Displays

The existing article primarily focuses on outdoor dining and encroachments. The ordinance adds a new definition of "Outdoor Display" and establishes detailed standards for merchandise displays on public sidewalks.

New standards include:

- Displays must be freestanding and movable.
- Maximum size of 6.5 feet tall, 3 feet wide, and 3 feet deep.
- Merchandise may be displayed, but outdoor storage is prohibited.
- Boxes, bulk containers, rolling carts, and similar staging devices are prohibited.
- Advertising on displays is limited to 50% of each display face.

3. Stronger Insurance and Liability Requirements

Current code requires a minimum liability policy of \$250,000.

The ordinance increases requirements substantially:

- Minimum commercial general liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate.
- Requires annual proof of insurance.
- Adds a broad indemnification and hold-harmless obligation protecting the City.

4. More Detailed Application Requirements

Applicants must now provide:

- A detailed scaled site plan showing pedestrian access routes, utilities, crosswalks, fire hydrants, trees, lights, furniture, displays, and encroachments.
- Proof that any alcohol license covers the outdoor area.
- Written owner or landlord permission.
- Electronic application submission.

5. Removes the 25-Foot Expansion Allowance

Current code allows encroachments up to 25 feet beyond each side of the business with approvals.

The ordinance instead limits encroachments to the applicant's frontage unless adjacent owners consent and the City approves the extension.

6. Adds New Prohibited Activities

The ordinance newly prohibits:

- Smoking within permit areas (must occur at least 10 feet away).
- Benches within dining/alcohol service areas unless specifically approved.

It also expands the prohibition on transferring permits to prohibit assignment, transfer, or allowing another business to use the permit area.

7. Changes Permit Expiration and Renewal

Current permits:

- Can remain effective for up to three years and are subject to annual renewal.

Proposed permits:

- Expire annually on July 1 unless renewed.

8. New Rules for Signage and Branding

The ordinance replaces the current near-total advertising prohibition with standards that allow signs, displays, and umbrellas associated with the on-site business as long as they meet City design standards.

It also creates specific standards for sandwich-board signs:

- Freestanding and movable.
- Maximum 6 square feet per side.
- Maximum height of 4 feet.
- No internal illumination.

9. Expanded Alcohol Service Regulations

The existing article contains basic requirements concerning food service and hours of alcohol service.

The ordinance:

- Requires proof that the outdoor area is part of the licensed premises.
- Requires compliance with all state and local approvals.
- Restricts alcohol to seated patrons at tables.
- Requires mixed drinks to remain within the permitted area.
- Requires compliance with event-specific restrictions.

The ordinance removes the existing prohibition on alcohol service during December 1–31, which appears in the current article.

10. Stronger City Enforcement Authority

The ordinance gives the City authority to immediately remove or secure encroachments that:

- Threaten public health or safety,
- Obstruct required pedestrian access, or
- Interfere with emergency access.

11. Revises Appeals Process

Current appeals go to the City Administrator.

The ordinance:

- Requires a written appeal filing.
- Uses an independent hearing officer designated by the City Administrator.
- Allows a hearing officer to stay permit actions.
- Extends hearing scheduling flexibility.

12. Creates an Entirely New Section: Design and Operational Standards

A new Section 11-299 establishes:

- Minimum six-foot pedestrian clearance.
- Encroachment limits.
- Standards for sandwich-board signs.
- Standards for umbrellas.
- Standards for outdoor displays.
- Insurance maintenance requirements.
- Customer management obligations.
- Clarification that these standards control over the UDO where more restrictive.

13. Integration with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

The ordinance expressly:

- Clarifies that outdoor displays are not outdoor retail display areas under the UDO unless otherwise determined by the Planning Director.
- States that a café permit satisfies the UDO's required outdoor sidewalk seating license requirements.

ARTICLE VIII. OUTDOOR DISPLAYS AND CAFES

Sec. 11-291. - Purpose and applicability of article.

The provisions of this article shall apply to conforming businesses within a nonresidential district for the establishment, operation and maintenance of outdoor displays and dining areas located on sidewalks and public plazas. The purpose of this article is to promote the general economic development and atmosphere of the C-1 district and other areas for the benefit of all businesses and citizens located there, and no rights of individuals or individual businesses are created in this article. The ~~city administrator~~City Administrator and ~~director~~Director of ~~public works~~Planning and Development shall have broad discretion to grant, modify or revoke café permits issued pursuant to this article in the interests of improving and protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

Sec. 11-292. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Administrator means the ~~city administrator~~City Administrator or city personnel designated by the ~~city administrator~~City Administrator to enforce this article.

Cafe Permit means a revocable, nonexclusive permit issued by the City authorizing a qualified business to place approved temporary outdoor displays, dining furniture, signs, umbrellas, decorative items, or other related business items within a designated area of City-controlled public property. The permit does not create a leasehold, easement, property right, or right to exclusive possession of public property.

Design requirements ~~means~~mean the standards adopted with this article that guide design and materials in encroachment areas.

Encroachment means stands, tables, umbrellas, chairs, benches, signs, objects related to the business, or other items on the public right-of-way, sidewalk or common area on public property.

Outdoor cafe means the business of providing food and beverage service with chairs, tables on sidewalks and plazas, adjacent to a business licensed to operate as an eating establishment where food and/or other refreshments are served.

Outdoor display means a temporary, freestanding, movable fixture, object, or arrangement placed within an approved café permit area for the display of merchandise, products, or business-related items associated with the adjacent business. An outdoor display does not include a freestanding sign, outdoor storage, a box, bulk merchandise container, rolling cart, or similar merchandise-staging device.

Permittee means the recipient of ~~an encroachment~~a café permit under the terms and provisions of this article.

Plaza means any landscaped outdoor area which is owned or controlled by the city, which is open to the general public, but which is not a sidewalk or street.

Sidewalk means that area of the public right-of-way between the curblines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines and which is reserved for pedestrian traffic, but not including street crossings.

Sec. 11-293. ~~-~~ Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with ~~section~~Sec. 1-10- of this Code of Ordinances. Each day any violation of this article shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 11-294. ~~-~~ Permit required.

(a) ~~—~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to create, establish, operate, maintain or otherwise be engaged in the business of running an outdoor cafe, or to place any items upon the sidewalks or public property, in the city, unless ~~he shall hold~~the business holds a ~~currently~~current valid café permit issued under the terms of this article.

(b) ~~—~~ Permits shall be issued only to validly licensed businesses that wish to set up signs, tables and chairs or other objects related to their business on the public sidewalk or plaza.

Sec. 11-295. ~~-~~ Application for café permit; fee.

(a) ~~—~~ Application for the café permit required by this article shall be made with the city in a form deemed appropriate by the ~~city administrator~~City Administrator. Such application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) ~~—~~ Name, home and business address and telephone number of the applicant, and the name and address of the owner of the business if other than the applicant.
- (2) ~~—~~ Name, home address and telephone number of a person responsible ~~person~~ whom the city may notify or contact at any time concerning the applicant's encroachment.
- (3) ~~—~~ A copy of a valid business license to operate a business establishment adjacent to the public property which is the subject of the application.
- (4) ~~—~~ Proof of current commercial general liability insurance, issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state, protecting the ~~licensee~~permittee and the ~~city~~City from all claims for damage to property and bodily injury, including death, which may arise from or relate to operation under or in connection with the ~~encroachment~~café permit. Such insurance shall name the ~~city~~City as an additional insured ~~and,~~ shall provide

that the policy shall not terminate or be canceled prior to the expiration date without thirty (30 days') days' advance written notice to the ~~city. The policy~~City, and shall ~~be~~ provide minimum coverage of \$2501,000.00,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, or higher if deemed necessary by the administrator.

~~(5) A sketch, to scale, of the proposed location, showing the layout and dimensions of the existing public area and adjacent private property.~~

~~(6) Proof of any required ABC license, health permits or other state permits for the business involved.~~

a. The applicant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of Fountain Inn, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, liabilities, penalties, fines, costs, expenses, and attorney's fees arising out of or related to the applicant's use, operation, maintenance, or occupancy of the permitted area, including injury to persons or damage to property occurring in or about the permitted area, except to the extent caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City.

(5) A scaled permit plan showing the proposed permit area; building frontage; curb, sidewalk, and street edges; total sidewalk width; the required clear pedestrian access route; accessible entrances; doors; crosswalks; curb ramps; driveways; fire hydrants; utility fixtures; trees; streetlights; and all proposed tables, chairs, umbrellas, signs, displays, planters, and other items.

(6) Proof of any required state or local alcohol beverage license, permit, or approval; health permit; fire approval; or other permit applicable to the proposed use. If alcoholic beverages will be served in the permitted area, the applicant must provide proof that the applicable state alcohol license includes, or has been amended to include, the outdoor permitted area as part of the licensed premises. Alcohol service may not begin in the permitted area until all required state and local approvals have been obtained.

~~(7) Photographs, drawings or manufacturers' brochures fully describing the appearance of all proposed tables, chairs, umbrellas or other objects related to the business.~~

(8) Written permission from the property owner or landlord where the business is not the property owner.

~~(b) Not later than 15 days after the filing of a completed application for a temporary~~ encroachment~~cafe~~ permit, the applicant shall be notified by city staff of the decision on the issuance or denial of the permit. An annual fee shall be due and payable as fixed from time to time by the administrator. This fee is in addition to the business license fee required for operation within the city. Only new permits shall be prorated on a quarterly basis. No fees shall be charged for encroachments solely for the purpose of beautification, but all other provisions of this article shall apply.

~~(c) Application for a permit shall be made within 48 hours of written notice for failure to obtain a permit, or as soon thereafter as city offices are open. Where the same owner, occupant or~~

person responsible has been given notice ~~for of~~ the same violation at the same location within the previous 180 days, such requirements of written notice may be waived and legal proceedings ~~commenced~~commence immediately.

(d) Cafe permit fees will be established by Ordinance by City Council and included in the annual fee schedule.

(e) Submission Method. Applications shall be submitted through the City's designated electronic permitting system or such other method as prescribed by the City Administrator.

Sec. 11-296. - Prohibited acts.

(a) ~~—~~ No merchant, vendor, business or property owner shall:

(1) ~~—~~ Place any items for sale or other equipment, tables or chairs on any portion of the public property other than that directly in front of his existing place of business without the written consent of adjacent landowners and businesses- and approval by the City. In no event shall such items be placed in ~~the~~ landscaped areas or extend beyond the authorized 25 feet from each side ~~frontage~~ of the ~~applicant's~~applicant's business- unless written permission is obtained from the affected adjacent property owner or business and the extension is approved by the City as part of the permit.

(2) ~~—~~ Block or restrict the pedestrian passageway to less than six feet in width (as measured at all points from the sidewalk and extending up to ~~15~~fifteen feet above the sidewalk), or block ingress or egress to or from any building. In areas of congested pedestrian activity, the administrator is authorized to require a wider pedestrian passageway, as circumstances dictate. Also, no items shall be placed ~~so as~~ to block or impede any driveway, crosswalk, bus stop, counter service window or block visibility within an intersection.

(3) ~~—~~ Sublicense, ~~assign, transfer, or otherwise allow another person or business to use the~~ encroachment area. Permit Area.

(4) ~~—~~ Place objects around the perimeter of an area occupied by tables and chairs which would have the effect of forming a physical or visual barrier, except within a plaza, without the written approval of the administrator.

(5) ~~—~~ Use tables, chairs, benches, umbrellas and any other objects of such quality, design, materials and workmanship which are not authorized by the administrator. Objects in a plaza must meet design requirements set forth for that public space.

(6) ~~—~~ Use umbrellas ~~which~~ larger than ten feet by ten feet unless such umbrellas are ~~not~~ fire-retardant, pressure-treated, or manufactured of fire-resistive material ~~if larger than ten feet by ten feet.~~

(7) ~~—~~ Fail to secure permission of the landlord where a building has multiple occupants.

(8) — Utilize the area for commercial activity in any way without the insurance coverage specified.

(9) — Sound or permit the sounding of any device on the public property which produces a loud noise, or use or operate any loudspeaker, public address system, radio, sound amplifier or similar device.

(10) — Fail to pick up, remove and dispose of all trash or refuse left by the business or its patrons on the public right-of-way.

(11) — Store, park or leave any stand or items of merchandise overnight on any street or sidewalk, except for tables and chairs, which may be kept in the permitted area at the permittee's risk.

(12) — Store, park or leave any vehicle, truck or trailer within the encroachment area.

(13) — Serve an alcoholic beverage without also serving food. An alcoholic beverage served to any customer pursuant to a permit issued under this ~~article~~Article must be accompanied by an order for the service of food.

~~(b) — The (14) Permit or allow smoking within any permitted area. Smoking shall be prohibited within the permitted area and must occur a minimum of ten (10) feet from the encroachment boundary.~~

~~(15) Place or allow benches within café permit areas where food or alcoholic beverages are served, unless specifically approved by the administrator.~~

~~(b) The café permit is a temporary, revocable license, which may be denied, suspended, or revoked for any conduct which is contrary to the provisions of this article or for conduct of the business in such a manner as to create a public nuisance or constitute a danger to the operator's operator's or the public's public's health, safety, or welfare. No property right is created by this article, and the decision of the administrator. Any denial, suspension, or revocation shall be final, subject to the appeal procedures set forth in Sec. 11-298.~~

~~(c) — Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, no alcohol may be served pursuant to a permit issued as provided herein during the period of December 1 through December 31 each year.~~

Sec. 11-297. — Form and conditions of permit.

The permit required by this article shall be issued on a form deemed suitable by the administrator. In addition to naming the permittee and any other information deemed appropriate by the administrator, the permit shall contain the following conditions:

(1) — Each permit shall ~~be effective for up to three years, from April 15 — April 14, subject to annual renewal, expire on July 1 of each year~~ unless revoked, suspended, or retracted prior to expiration. When a permit is invalidated, the prorated fee for any full quarter year remaining shall be refunded. No fees will be refunded for periods of suspension.

(2) — The permit issued shall be personal to the permittee only and shall not be transferable in any manner.

(3) — The permit may be suspended by the administrator when necessary to clear the public property for public safety for a community or special event authorized by a permit issued by the city.

(4) — The administrator may require the temporary removal of items within the encroachment area when street, sidewalk, common area or utility repairs necessitate such action.

(5) — The permit shall be specifically limited to the area shown on the plat diagram attached to the permit application. As a condition of approval, the city may reduce and otherwise reconfigure the proposed area and the number of requested chairs, tables and items within the encroachment area.

(6) — The encroachment area covered by the permit shall be maintained in a neat and orderly appearance at all times, and the area shall be cleared of all debris on a periodic basis during the day, and again at the ~~close~~closing of each business day.

~~(7) — No advertising is permitted, except for the posting of prices, on any stand or item, except to identify the name of the product.~~

(7) To preserve pedestrian safety, maintain clear access, and protect the appearance and character of the streetscape, signs, displays, umbrellas, and other items within the permitted area shall be limited to materials, markings, and design elements that identify or are directly associated with the on-site business and shall comply with all design and operational standards approved by the City.

(8) — No tables or chairs or any other parts of the business shall be attached, chained or in any manner affixed to any tree, post, sign or other fixtures, curb or sidewalk within or near the permitted area in a manner which causes or threatens to cause injury to any person or damage to public or private properties. No additional outdoor seating authorized under this article shall be used for calculating seating requirements pertaining to location of, application for or issuance of an ABC license for any establishment; or be used as the basis for computing required seating for restaurants and dining rooms, or as grounds for claiming exemption from such requirements under the provisions of any city ordinance or state law.

(9) — The issuance of a permit does not grant or imply vested rights to use of the area by the permittee. The city retains the right to deny the issuance of a permit or the renewal of a permit for any reason.

(10) — Tables, chairs, benches, umbrellas and any other objects provided shall be maintained with a clean and attractive appearance and shall be kept safe and in good repair at all times.

(11) — The city retains the right to suspend the privilege of using glass containers within the encroachment area during major festivals and events and when streets are closed. The

use of glass containers will be revoked if an incident jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of customers or the general public. Any violation of state or local laws will also result in a revocation of this privilege. Repeated offenses may result in revocation or denial of the encroachmentcafé permit.

(12)— Alcohol Service Conditions

a. The service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on city sidewalks and public property is authorized to the extent provided for in each individual permit issued, but not otherwise. The service and consumption of food, nonalcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages in sidewalk encroachments pursuant to this article is limited to patrons seated at tables. No encroachmentcafé permit shall authorize either the service or consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

b. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by seated patrons at tables where food is served;

c. Mixed drinks served within the encroachment area must remain within the permitted area;

d. During special events, permittees shall ensure compliance with all restrictions imposed by the City regarding alcohol service and consumption.

(13)— The city may require the posting or placement of the permit and relevant notices to facilitate the administration and enforcement of this article.

(14) Outdoor displays authorized under this article are temporary encroachments on public property and are not “outdoor retail display areas” for purposes of the Unified Development Ordinance, unless otherwise determined by the Planning Director. Nothing in this article authorizes outdoor storage or permanent retail display areas in violation of the Unified Development Ordinance.

(15) A café permit issued under this article shall constitute the revocable license required for outdoor sidewalk seating under the Unified Development Ordinance, provided that the permit includes insurance, indemnification, maintenance, removal, and revocation provisions acceptable to the City.”

Sec. 11-298. - Denial, suspension, retraction or revocation of permit; removal of property by city.

(a)— Grounds for denial, suspension, retraction or revocation; removal of property by city. The administrator may deny, retract, revoke or suspend a café permit issued under this article at any time for any business authorized in the city if it is found that:

(1)— Any necessary business or health permit has been suspended, revoked or canceled.

(2) — The permittee does not have insurance in force which is correct and effective in the minimum amount described in ~~section~~Sec. 11-295(a)(4).

(3) — Changing conditions of pedestrian or vehicular traffic causing congestion or changes of property conditions necessitating removal of the encroachment. Such decision shall be based upon findings of the administrator that the minimum six-foot pedestrian path is insufficient under existing circumstances and represents a danger to the health, safety or general welfare of pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

(4) — The permittee has failed to correct violations of this article or conditions of the permit upon receipt of the administrator's notice of the violation delivered in writing to the permittee.

(5) — The permittee has failed to take positive actions to prohibit violations from reoccurring.

(6) — The permittee has failed to make modifications upon receipt of the administrator's notice to make such modifications delivered in writing to the permittee.

(7) — The ~~permittee's~~permittee's business license has been revoked, suspended, or is lapsed, in which case the permit issued pursuant to this article is automatically and immediately revoked.

(b) Tables, chairs and other vestiges of the business may be removed by the department of public works, and a reasonable fee charged for labor, transportation and storage, should the permittee fail to remove the items within 36 hours of receipt of the administrator's final notice to do so for any reason provided for under this article. If the action is taken based on subsection (a)(2) or (3), of this section, the action shall become effective upon the receipt of such notice and the permittee shall have four hours to remove the items. If an item presents an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare, blocks required pedestrian access, or interferes with emergency access, the City may remove, relocate, or secure the item without prior notice. The permittee shall remain responsible for all reasonable costs incurred by the City.

~~(b) — c)~~ Notice of denial or revocation. Except in the case of revocation pursuant to ~~subsection~~Sec. 11-298(a)(7), upon denial or revocation, the administrator shall give notice of such action to the applicant or the permittee, in writing, stating the action which has been taken and the reason ~~therefor~~therefore. The action shall be effective upon giving such notice to the permittee.

~~(e) — d)~~ Appeals. The permittee shall have the right to appeal the decision of the administrator ~~to by filing a written notice of appeal with the city administrator~~City within five working days ~~from of~~ receipt of notice. An appeal does not stay the denial, suspension, or revocation of the permit: unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer. Appeals shall be heard by an independent hearing officer designated by the City Administrator. The hearing shall be held within ~~two~~five working days from the date of notice of the request, if ~~the city administrator is available~~reasonably practicable, or as soon thereafter as the ~~city administrator shall be~~hearing officer is available. The permittee or applicant may be represented by an attorney and may

present witnesses, affidavits, and any relevant documentary evidence. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply. The ~~city administrator~~hearing officer shall notify the permittee or applicant of the determination in writing. ~~The city administrator~~

Sec. 11-299. – Design and Operational Standards.

(a) Pedestrian Access. A continuous pedestrian path of not less than six (6) feet in width shall have the discretion to designate be maintained at all times, free from obstruction.

(b) Encroachment Limitations. Encroachments shall not extend beyond the ~~duties~~frontage of the applicant's business unless written permission is obtained from adjacent property owners or businesses and the extension is approved by the City as part of the permit.

(c) Sandwich Board Signs.

(1) Must be freestanding and movable;

(2) Shall not exceed six (6) square feet per side and four (4) feet in height with up to two (2) sides;

(3) The sign shall not be internally illuminated or equipped with any external lighting fixtures; however, it may be placed in areas illuminated by standard building-mounted or site lighting intended for pedestrian or storefront visibility,;

(4) Shall be limited to identifying or being directly associated with the on-site business and shall not create a hazard, obstruction, or distraction inconsistent with pedestrian safety or streetscape aesthetics.

(d) Umbrellas.

(1) Shall be solid in color or otherwise consistent with the approved design standards and limited to identifying or being directly associated with the on-site business;

(2) Must maintain a minimum clearance height of seven (7) feet;

(3) Shall not encroach into the required pedestrian access area.

(e) Outdoor Displays.

(1) Must be freestanding, movable, and parallel to the building frontage;

(2) Shall not exceed six and one-half (6.5) feet in height, three (3) feet in width, or three (3) feet in depth. Depth shall be measured perpendicular to the building frontage;

(3) Shall be limited to identifying or being directly associated with the on-site business and shall comply with the purpose of preserving pedestrian safety and streetscape aesthetics;

(4) Advertising may be displayed on an outdoor display; however, the total area occupied by advertising on any individual side or face of the display shall not exceed fifty percent

(50%) of the actual surface area of that side or face. For purposes of this subsection, advertising includes lettering, logos, graphics, images, or other promotional material. The area of each side or face shall be calculated using that side's actual height and width.

(5) Merchandise may be displayed but shall not be used for outdoor storage. Boxes, bulk merchandise containers, rolling carts, and similar merchandise-staging devices are prohibited.

(f) Insurance Maintenance. Permit holders shall maintain required insurance at all times and provide updated proof annually or upon request.

(g) Customer Management. Permit holders shall ensure that patrons do not obstruct pedestrian access or expand seating arrangements in a manner that violates this article.

(h) Where this article imposes standards more restrictive than the Unified Development Ordinance, the standards of this article shall apply to encroachments on public sidewalks, plazas, rights-of-way, and other public property.

Assistant City Administrator – June 2026

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Main Street Streetscape

AOS contracted with an independent company to assess the paving project, and the findings were provided to Byrd Paving. The independent review confirmed earlier assessments that the joints need to be addressed and that several areas require milling and repaving. Byrd Paving has declined to perform the necessary repairs, and AOS is moving forward with an alternate contractor to complete the corrective work. The paving corrections are expected to be completed within the next four weeks.

Parking Lot Revitalization Project

Construction is currently underway at the Wall Street Parking Lot. Stormwater and sewer upgrades have been completed, and most of the curb installation has been finished. Substantial completion is anticipated on or about August 30, 2026, weather permitting.

Municipal Complex

The schematic design phase has been completed. The project is presently on hold pending further direction.

Fire Station #3

Design of the septic system for Fire Station #3 is currently underway. The next phase will include receiving and reviewing the construction cost estimate from Cloverleaf Construction.

PD Terry Park Renovation

The City has contracted with Studio Main to provide design, bidding, and construction administration services for the PD Terry Park renovation project. Phase I will include removal of the existing tennis courts, fencing, and lighting, along with expansion of the project area. The proposed final design includes four pickleball courts, two tennis courts, new fencing, and upgraded lighting. Studio Main has recently submitted 30% design drawings, and the next step will be to complete construction drawings and prepare the project for bidding.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Social Media June

Total Impressions

1,402,211

Total Engagements

18,992

Total New Followers

2,166

Social Media May Reminder...

Total Impressions

643,519

Total Engagements

8,943

Total New Followers

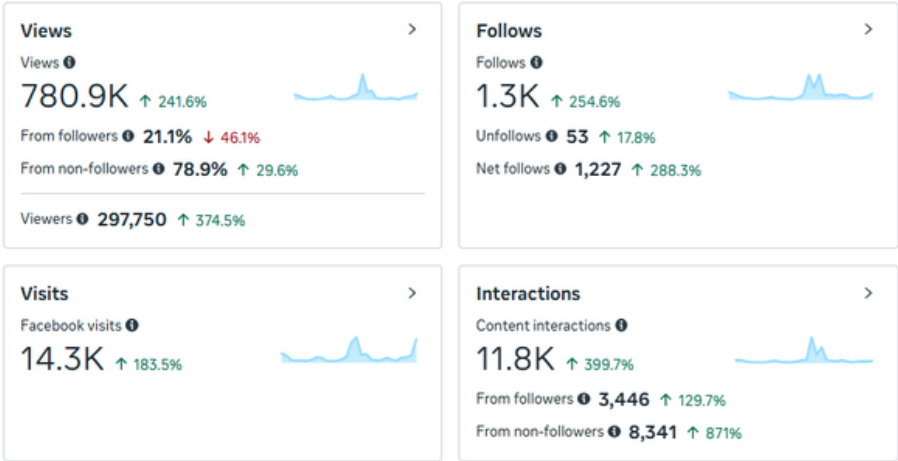
1,188



City of Fountain Inn Municipality - Government

14K followers • 244 following
The Official Facebook Page for the City of Fountain Inn. #BestInnSC
Government organization +1 864-531-0644

Performance
June 5, 2026 - July 2, 2026



Highlights

Data for 6/2/2026 - 7/1/2026

12,788	506	14	4
Impressions	Reactions	Comments	Reposts
▲ 14.4%	▲ 32.8%	▲ 133.3%	▲ 300%

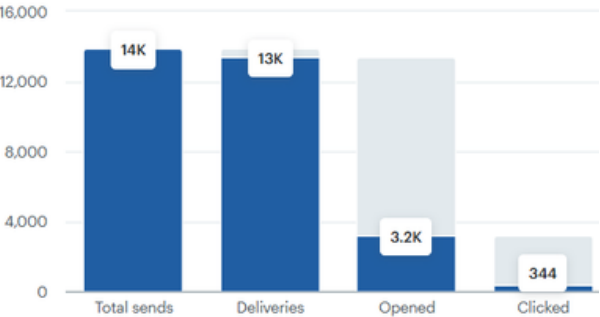


Monthly Newsletter Reach



mailchimp

Email conversion funnel



Marketing snapshot

Bot filtered data

Total sends	13,877	Delivery rate	96.28 %
	▼ 3%		▼ 1%
Open rate	24.03 %	Click rate	2.57 %
	▲ 39%		▼ 3%



**FOUNTAIN INN
FOURTH OF JULY
SPECTACULAR**

HUGE SUCCESS

Details Coming Soon...

**JULY 2
6-9:30 PM**

Sounds of Summer Huge Success

We think we spotted the next headliner at Sounds of Summer...David Locke brought another fantastic performance to Downtown Fountain Inn, but one of the night's sweetest moments happened when his daughter joined him on stage for a song. She may have stolen a few hearts (and maybe even a little of Dad's spotlight)! We can't wait to see where her musical journey takes her. Thanks, David, for a wonderful evening of music and memories, and thanks to everyone who joined us in Downtown Fountain Inn!



Sounds of Summer
FOUNTAIN INN

FRIDAYS
6:00 PM
9:00 PM
THE PAVILION

MAY 29	Kendall Lanford
JUNE 5	Randomonium
JUNE 12	David Locke
JUNE 19	Soultown Revue
JUNE 26	Concealed Damage
JULY 2	Six One Five Collective
JULY 10	Kids in America
JULY 17	Harvest Moon
JULY 24	Pandora's Box
JULY 31	The Entertainers
AUG 7	Rhythm Jab
AUG 14	Away Team

**MAIN STREET
FOUNTAIN INN**



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Live Music
Food & Fun
Every Friday Night
One you don't want to miss...



The annual Fury Friday Parade and Pep Rally will take place on Friday, August 14, beginning at 5:00 PM. The parade will travel from Fountain Inn High School to Depot Street, where a community pep rally will follow.

Away Team will take the stage at 6 pm!



The 2026 Juneteenth Soul Food Festival was a tremendous success, drawing 5,847 attendees to Downtown Fountain Inn. This year's event featured a new schedule, moving from its traditional Saturday timeframe to Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m., a change that was well received by attendees, vendors, and organizers. Larry Kerns, owner of Sock Ministry and a member of the Juneteenth Committee, tipped his hat to everyone who helped make this year's celebration such a memorable success, highlighting the strong community support that continues to make the festival a meaningful annual tradition.



Saturdays 8 am-Noon
30+ vendors weekley



**M. Judson Booksellers Officially Opens
June 13 at 9 am**

Downtown Fountain Inn welcomed another exciting addition as M. Judson officially opened its doors to the community. Excitement was evident as visitors lined up outside before opening, then cheered as the doors officially opened for the first time. The enthusiastic turnout reflects the strong support for downtown businesses and the continued momentum of Fountain Inn's growing downtown district.





Prisma Groundbreaking

City leaders, community partners, and representatives from Prisma Health recently gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of Prisma Health's newest facility in Fountain Inn. This investment marks another exciting step forward in expanding access to quality healthcare while supporting the city's continued growth. We look forward to watching the project take shape and welcoming this important addition to our community.



Chick fil A Groundbreaking

Excitement continues to build in Fountain Inn as Chick-fil-A officially broke ground on its new restaurant. The project represents another significant investment in our community, bringing new jobs, expanded dining options, and continued economic growth. We look forward to celebrating the grand opening and welcoming Chick-fil-A to Fountain Inn later this year.



City recognized as Top Workplace

The City of Fountain Inn is proud to have been recognized as a Top Workplace, an honor that reflects our commitment to fostering a positive, supportive, and engaging work environment for our employees. This recognition is based on employee feedback and highlights the City's dedication to building a workplace culture where employees feel valued, empowered, and inspired to serve our community every day.



SAVE THE DATE



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.

**City of Fountain Inn Civics Academy
September 2026**

The Civics Academy is designed to educate and engage residents by providing a behind-the-scenes look at how their local government works. Through interactive presentations, facility tours, and direct conversations with City leadership and staff, participants gain a deeper understanding of municipal services, decision-making, and how each department works together to serve the community.

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.

Training and Compliance

Staff conducted over 500 man hours of training to include pump operations and driver training. We are preparing for an EMT course that will be hosted in-house in partnership with the SCEMS Association. This will be a no-cost class. **FIFD conducted in-person training to obtain our SAFE designation. This will put our city as the first in Greenville County to have both LE & Fire trained**

Budget and Administrative Activities

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

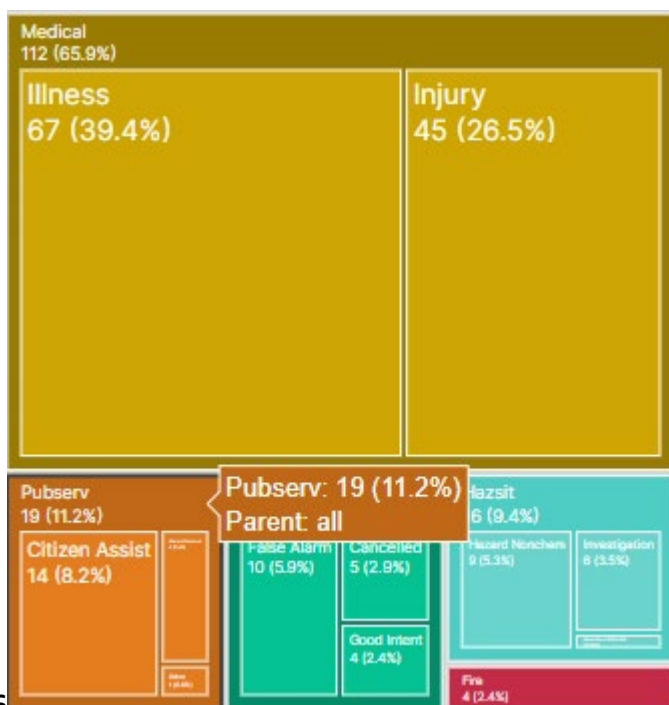
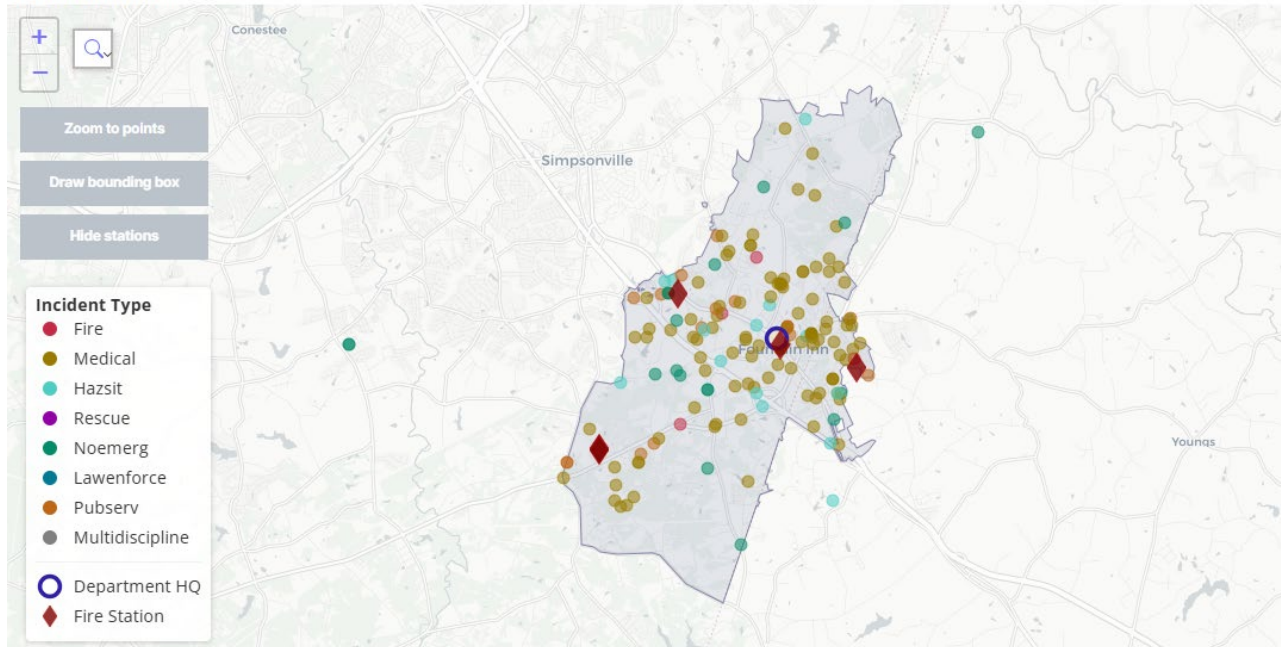
Professional Development and Community Outreach

Department members attended SC Fire Rescue. This consisted of 4 days of training in all areas of the fire service. With this Thomas Stevens and Thomas Williams were selected to present a class titled Main St USA. Firefighter Dannaca Diaz was awarded Rotary FF of the Year for her outstanding work ethic and dedication to our department. Crews assisted with Touch-a-Truck at the Farmers Market.

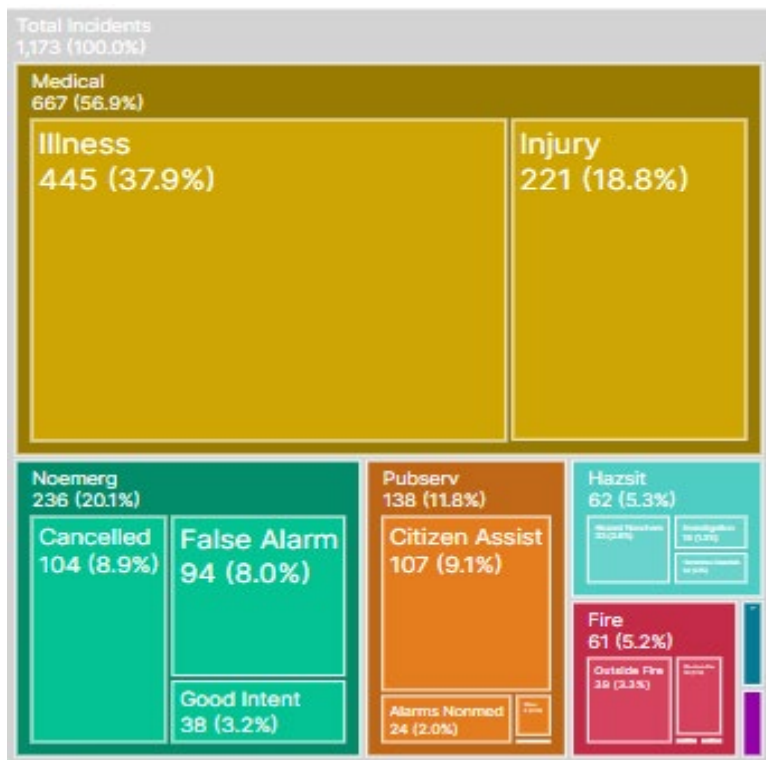
Operational Statistics

- Inspections Completed: 153 YTD / 58.4%
- Overlapping Incidents: 51
- Total Calls for Service: 174
- Total Training Hours 500

Incident Locations



YTD 26









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

Home Department	May Headcount	June Hires	June Terms	June 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	6	1	1	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
000416 / Finance	9	1	0	10	0	4	0	6	0	0
000417 / Human Resources	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0
000421 / Police	38	3	1	40	0	2	3	32	0	3
000422 / Fire	32	1	1	32	0	1	2	30	0	0
000424 / Public Works	3	0	1	2	0	0	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	8	0	1	7	0	2	0	5	0	0
000434 / Sewer	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
000451 / Recreation	27	0	0	27	0	7	0	17	0	2
000453 / Facilities Maintenance	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
000510 / Gas Field	19	0	0	19	0	0	1	18	0	0
Totals:	176	7	5	178	0	19	8	146	0	5

Recruitment Status for Open Positions - AS OF 06/30/2026

421 Police: Certified UPO (2) Vacancies
421 Police: Police/Fire Dispatcher (1) Vacancies
421 Police: Corporal (3)
421 Police: Police/Fire Dispatcher (1) Vacancy
422 Fire: Firefighter (1) Vacancy
431 Sanitation: CDL Drivers (2) Vacancy
434 Sewer/Stormwater: Technician I-III (2) Vacancies
451 Rec Support (4) vacancies
451 Rec Activities Center Coordinator (1) vacancy
510 Gas: Gas Tech (1) vacancy
424 Public Works: PW Coordinator(1)

*Offers Accepted as of 7.1.2026

421 Police: Disptach (2)
510 Gas: Gas Tech I-IV

New Hires - June 2026

Department	Title
Comm Relations	Main Street Coor.
Fire	Firefighter
Police	Patrol
Police	Patrol
Police	Patrol
Fiance	CS & Billing Specialist
Recreation	Rec Coordinator
HR	CSR

MISC:

Milestone Anniversaries Celebrated 6.25.2026 Luncheon
 Russ Slatton: 5 yrs
 John Santor: 5 yrs
 Smanatha Hill: 10 yrs
 Ceara Austin: 10 yrs
 Kelly Santora: 20 yrs

Judicial Department Monthly Report

At- a-Glance Summary – June 2026

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	TOTALS	YTD Totals
CASE TOTALS	57	256	313	1,672
TRANSFERRED CASES	37	29	66	
DISPOSED CASES	0	14	14	
PENDING CASES	20	213	233	

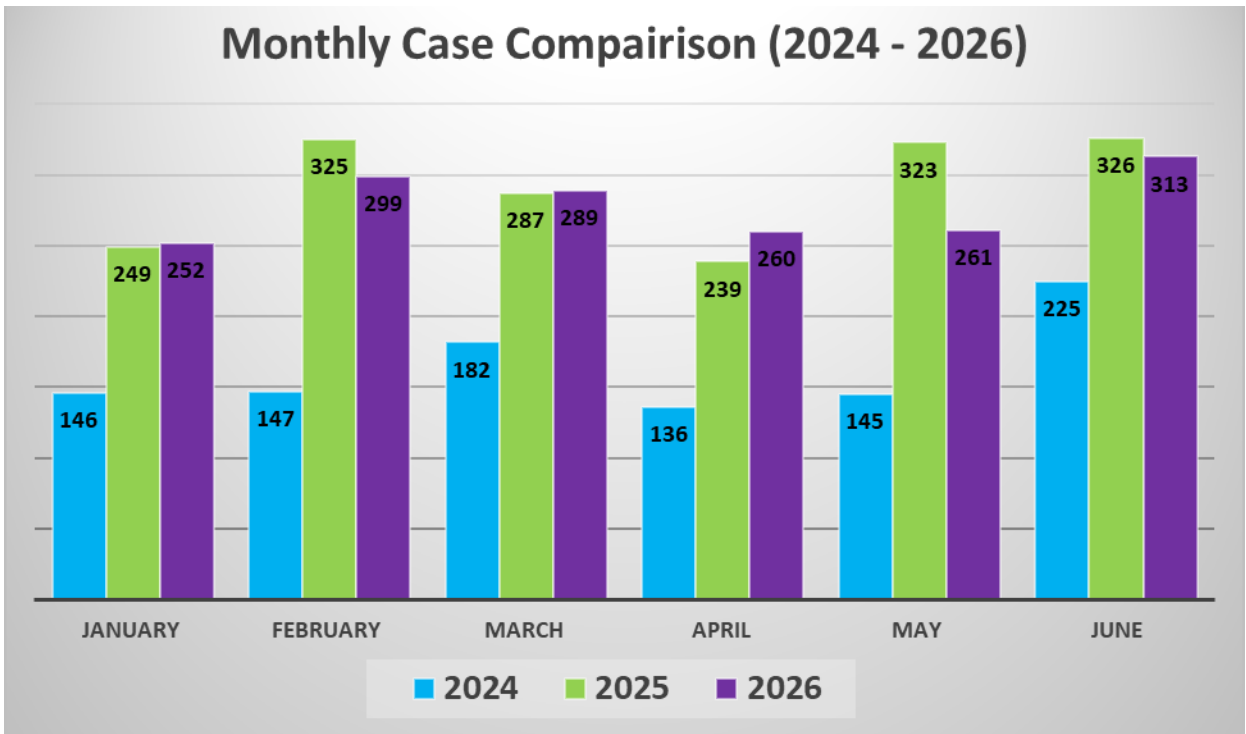
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Case activity increased significantly from 2024 to 2025 and has remained elevated in 2026. Through June, the court processed 1,674 cases in 2026, compared to 1,749 in 2025 and 981 in 2024. While 2026 monthly totals have fluctuated slightly, activity remains substantially higher than 2024 levels and generally consistent with the increased workload experienced in 2025.

- **(Jan–Jun):** 981 cases
- **(Jan–Jun):** 1,749 cases **(78% increase over 2024)**
- **2026 (Jan–Jun):** 1,674 cases **(71% increase over 2024** and only **4.3% below 2025)**

Current Projects:

- **Jury trials – October 2026**
 - 52 cases scheduled.
- Judicial Audit completed by the Office of the State Auditor included in this report.



June 30, 2026

Fountain Inn Natural Gas

GAS SUPPLY

- **June Gas Volume:** 35,798 Dths.
- **June Consumption:** 5.07% higher than June 2025 and 8.12% lower than the 3-year average for June.
- **Natural Gas Pricing:**
 - **July Gas Price:** \$3.231 per Dekatherm
 - **Change from June:** an increase of \$0.281 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

- The department surpassed **13,669** natural gas customers, reflecting continued growth within the service territory and ongoing demand for natural gas services.
- Construction commenced on the North End High-Pressure Steel Project, a major infrastructure improvement designed to increase system reliability and capacity in the northern portion of the distribution system. The project includes approximately 15,300 feet of 6-inch steel main and two new regulator stations.
- FING continued preparations for the 2026/2027 winter heating season by evaluating additional pipeline capacity and gas supply hedging strategies to improve reliability and reduce exposure to market volatility during peak demand periods.
- FING and Williams have reached an agreement on the upgrade of the existing city gate; the agreement has been signed by both parties. Estimated project cost \$2.3 million to \$3.1 million.

KEY INDICATORS

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	CURRENT	Y-T-D
NEW MAIN LINES INSTALLED	0 ft.	17,905 ft.
NEW SERVICE LINES INSTALLED	97 SL; 4,029 ft.	584 SL; 25,121 ft.
AVERAGE HOURS OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING	n/a	Avg. 0 hrs./EE

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCIAL 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.

NOTE: May systems rates were not collected, FING's residential rate was \$1.177/Therm



Police Department *June 2026 Monthly Report*



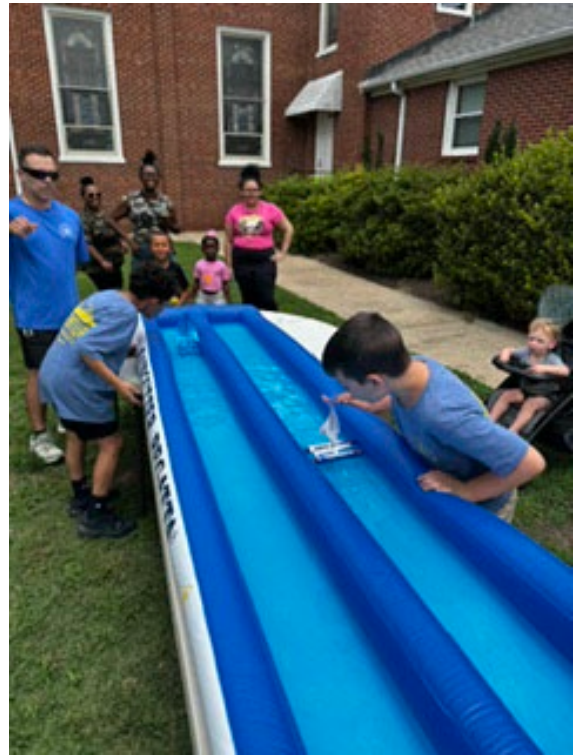
August 4, 2026
6:00-8:00pm

200 Depot St. Fountain Inn, SC
The Pavilion at Commerce Park

JOIN US FOR FREE REFRESHMENTS, HOTDOGS, PIZZA,
SNACKS. POLICE, ANIMAL CONTROL AND FIRE VEHICLES.
DJ, LASER TAG, VIDEO GAME TRAILER!

Keeping our Communities Safer, Together!

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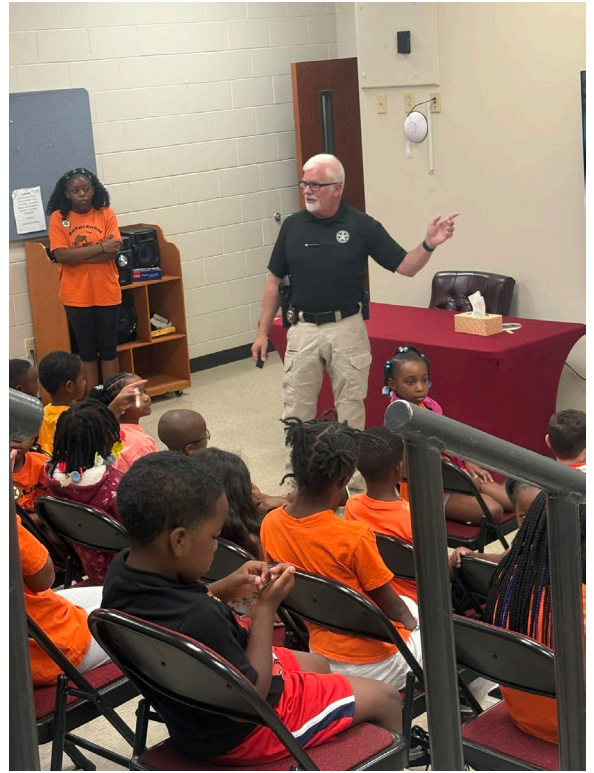
Summer Camp Week 1





Farmer's Market Touch a Truck





**Community Police Officer Garrison speaking
at Bethlehem Baptist Church**



Police Department Earns Re-Accreditation





**SRO Zapata Awarded
Police Officer of the Year
by Fountain Inn Rotary Club**



New Officers Swearing-In Ceremony



Officer Kristen Odom

Officer Mark James





Violent Crime

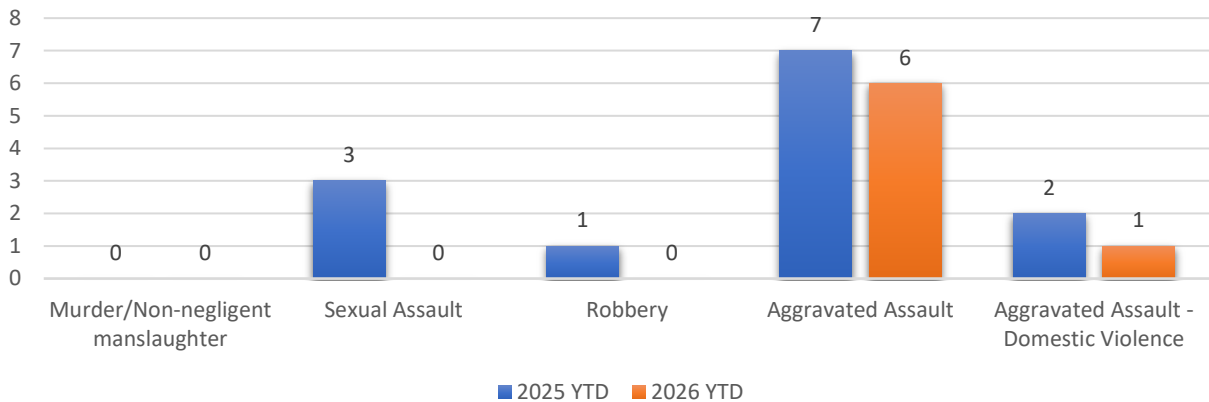
Crime Type	June 2025	June 2026	Difference	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	Difference
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	3	0	-3
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	7	6	-1
Aggravated Assault - Domestic Violence	0	0	0	2	1	-1
Total Violent Crime	1	1	0	13	7	-6

Property Crime

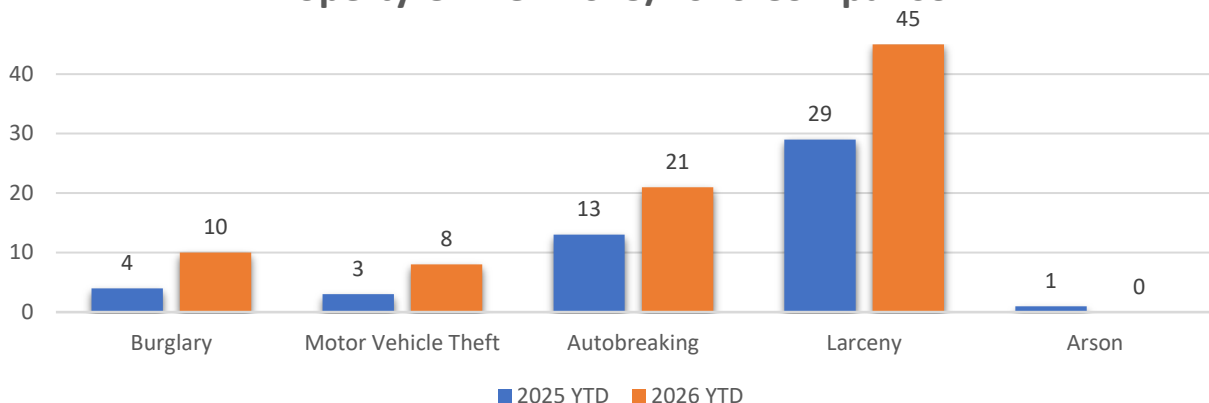
Crime Type	June 2025	June 2026	Difference	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	Difference
Burglary	0	6	6	4	10	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	2	2	3	8	5
Autobreaking	4	0	-4	13	21	8
Larceny	3	6	3	29	45	16
Arson	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Total Property Crime	7	14	7	50	84	34
Total Part I Crime	8	15	7	63	91	28

Unfounded Cases Removed / Source: VConnect

Violent Crime - 2025/2026 Comparison

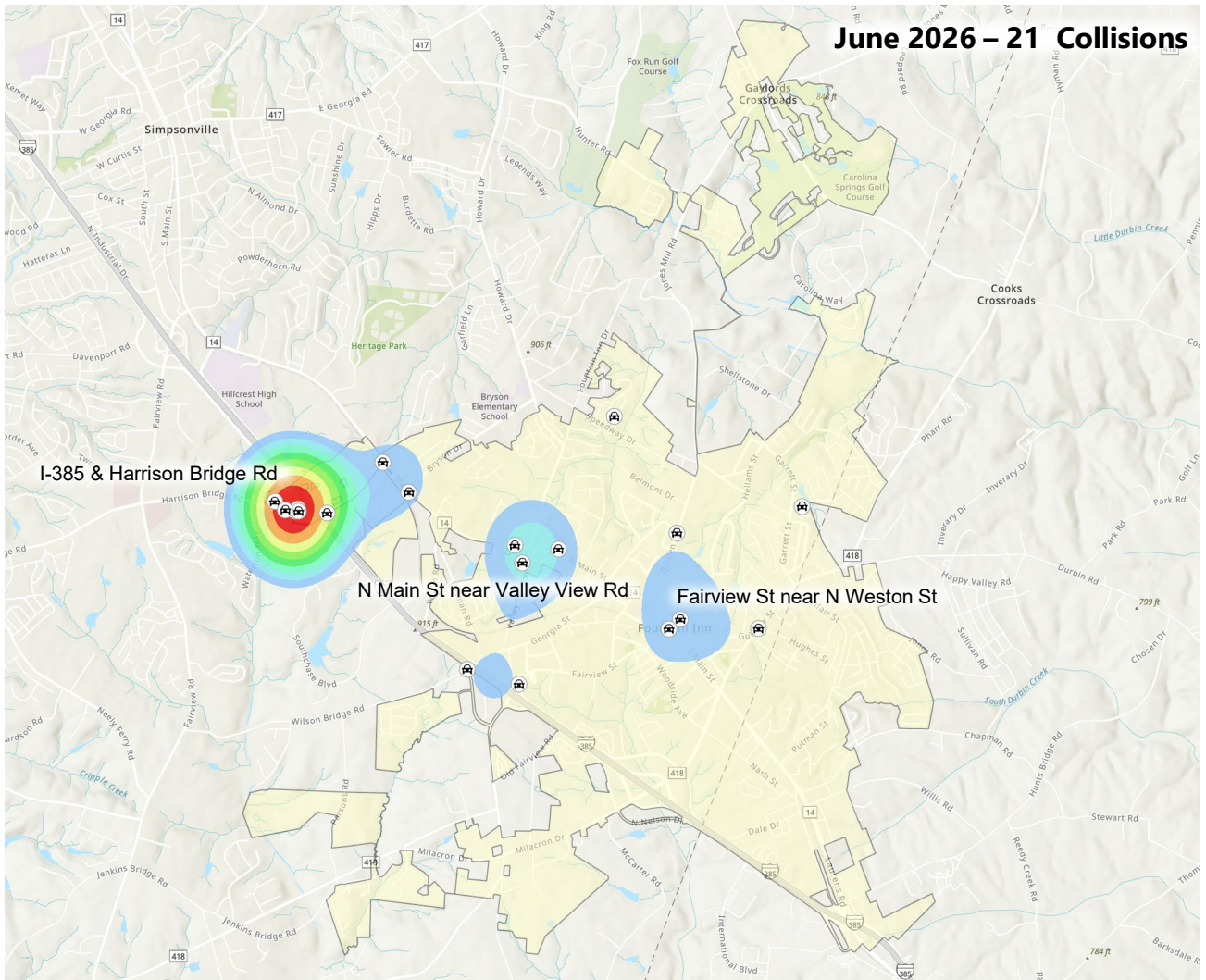


Property Crime - 2025/2026 Comparison

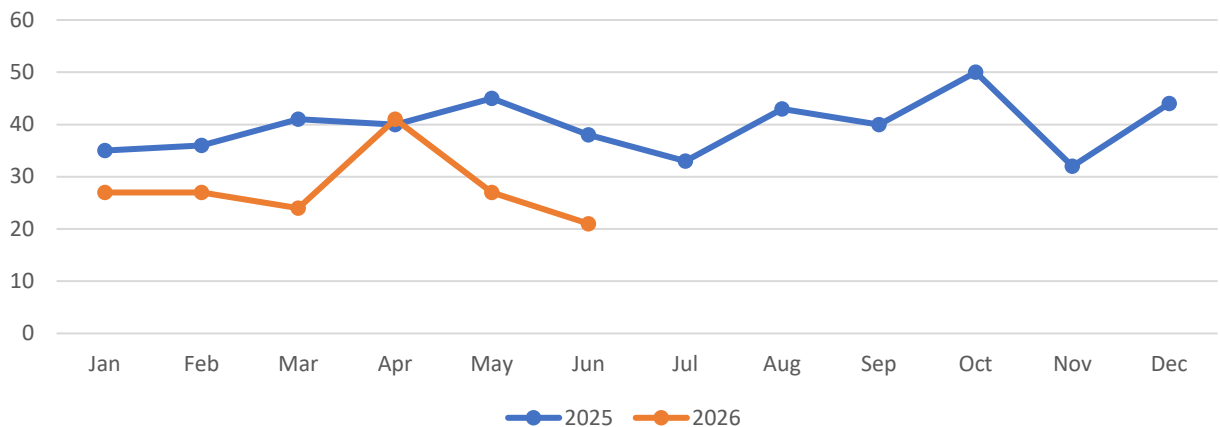




Collisions	June 2025	June 2026	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Difference
Count	38	21	-17	235	167	-68



Collisions by Month - 2025/2026





June 2026 Collisions by Day of Week and Hour							
Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
0700-0759			1	1			2
0800-0859				1			1
0900-0959		1					1
1000-1059		1			1		2
1100-1159					1		1
1200-1259			1				1
1300-1359	1	1	1				3
1400-1459	1				1		2
1500-1559			1				1
1600-1659		1	1			1	3
1800-1859			1			1	2
2000-2059						1	1
2100-2159				1			1
Grand Total	2	4	6	3	3	3	21

Hot Day for Collisions in June

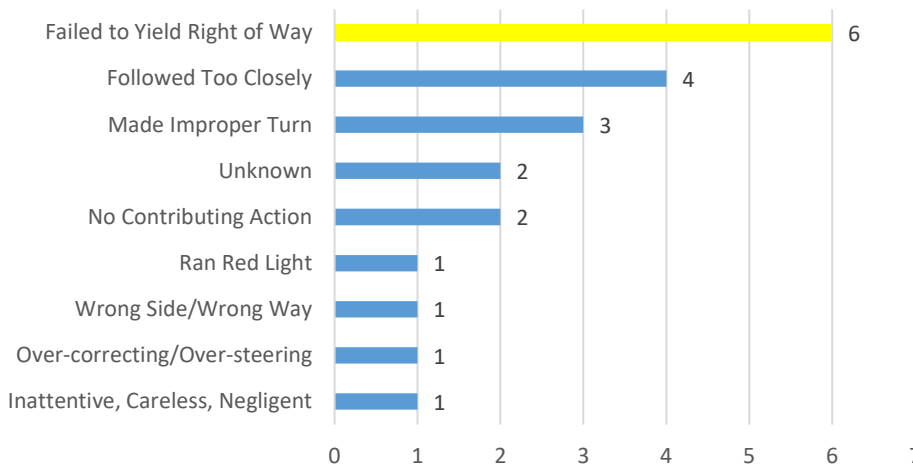
Wednesdays – 6 collisions

Hot Hours for Collisions in June

1300-1359 – 3 collisions

1600-1659 – 3 collisions

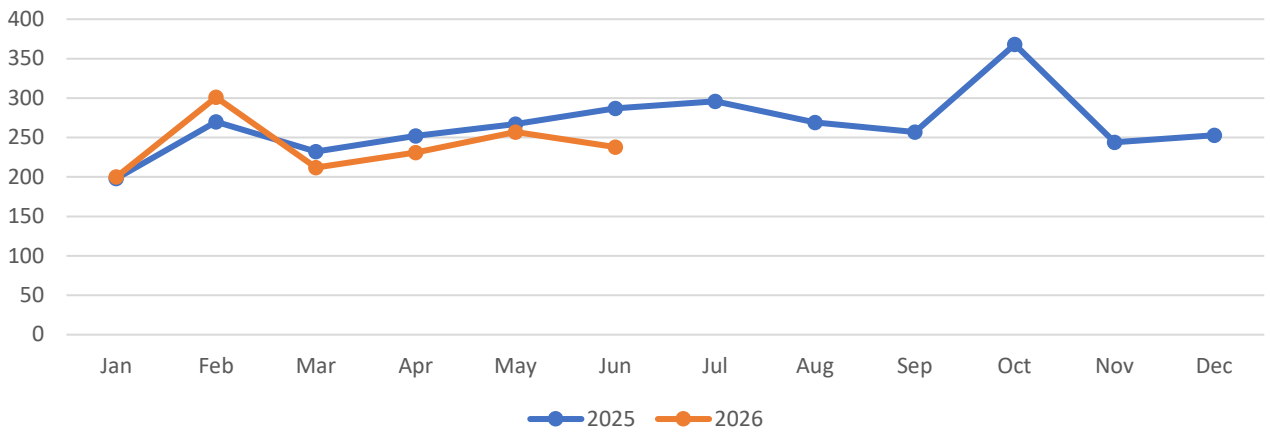
June 2026 Contributing Factors



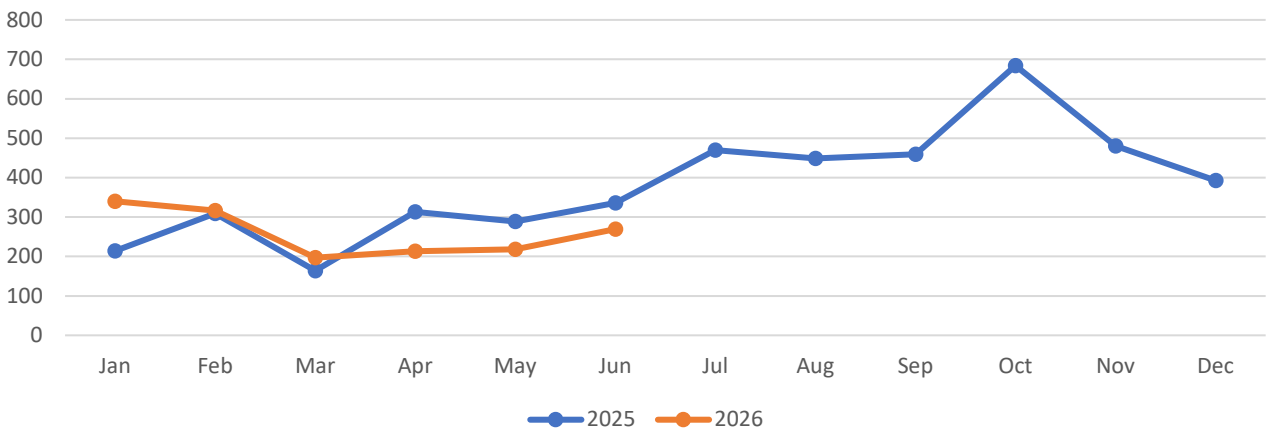


Contact Type	June 2025	June 2026	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Difference
Citations	287	238	-49	1506	1439	-67
Warnings	336	269	-67	1625	1553	-72

Citation Comparison - 2025 - 2026



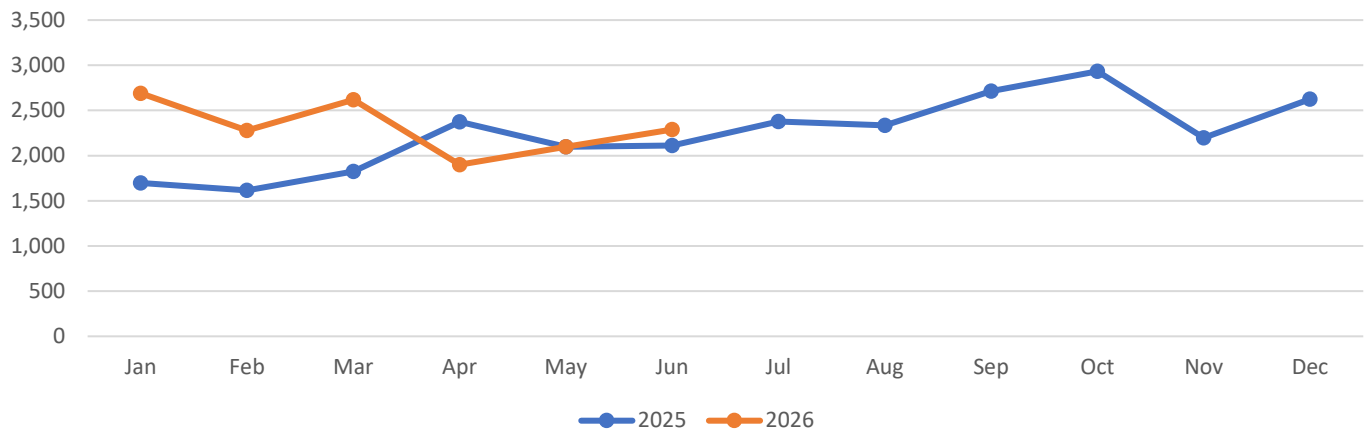
Warning Comparison - 2025 - 2026





CFS	June 2025	June 2026	Difference	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Difference
Count	2,112	2,289	177	11,722	13,873	2,151

Calls for Service by Month - 2025/2026

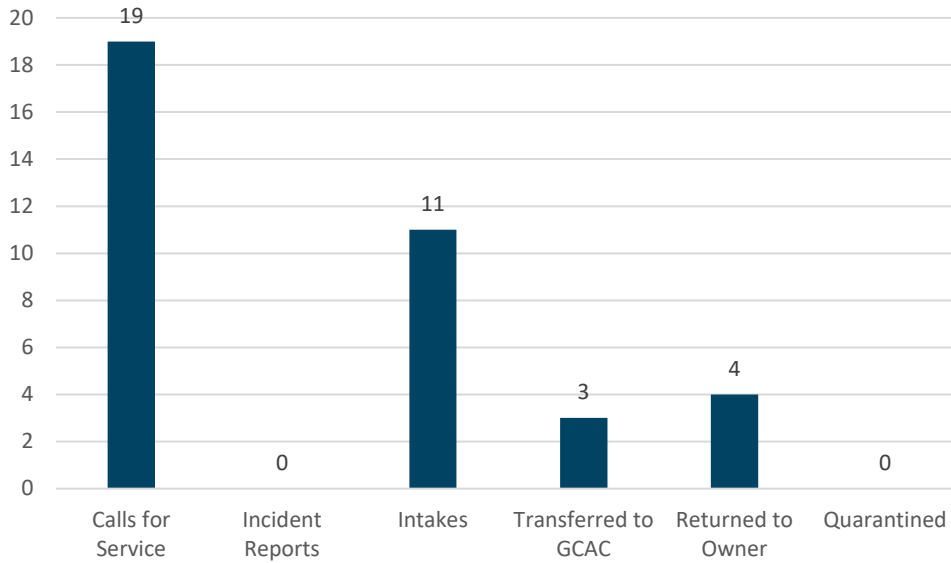


Communications Call Summary Report

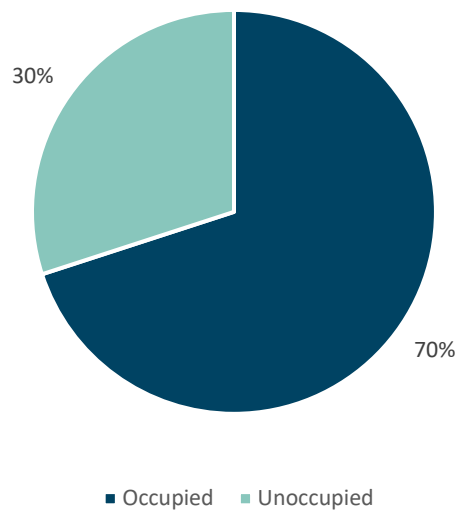
June Call Summary				
Call Type		June 2025	June 2026	% Change
911	Inbound	463	484	4.5%
	Inbound	1,686	1,305	-22.6%
	Outbound	739	752	1.8%



June 2026 Animal Control Activity



June 2026 Kennel Usage



Sanitation

- 580.62 tons of waste sent to landfill
- 1 open driver position

Streets and Grounds

- 486 bags of litter
- S Main landscaping clean up

Sewer / Storm Water

- ReWa Quarterly Report
 - o 87,897 LF CCTV
 - o 260 Manhole Inspections
 - o Dye testing 2%
- SCIIP Quarterly Report
 - o 61,609LF CIPP Sewer Mains
 - o 3,223LF Sewer Main replacement
 - o 13 Manhole replacements
 - o 97 Point repairs
 - o 78 Sewer Lateral Replacements
 - o 84 Manhole Rehabilitations

Parks

- 14 Park Rentals
- 46 baseball / softball field preparations
- 3rd round of fertilization

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“With willing hearts and skillful hands, the difficult we do at once, the impossible takes a little bit longer.”

- **Summer Youth Sports Camps** were a success this year! The **Volleyball** camp saw 62 participants from June 1st to 5th, up from 43 registered last year while the **Basketball** camp saw 51 coed players ages 7 - 13, up from 39 registered last year.



Fall Sports Registrations: (as of Wednesday 7/1)

Tackle Football:

- 8U - 29
- 10U - 35 (7 waitlisted)
- 12U - 61 (14 waitlisted)
- Conditioning - 98

Flag Football:

- 6U - 29
- 9U - 32
- 12U - 17

Cheer:

- 8U - 24
- 10U - 13
- 12U - 4

Baseball:

- 8U - 33
- 10U - 24
- 12U - 9
- 15U - 10

Softball:

- 8U - 18
- 10U - 22
- 12U - 14

Volleyball:

- 3rd-5th - 14
- 6th-8th - 15

Upcoming Summer Camps:

**PARKS RECREATION
FOUNTAIN INN**

Registration required.
Limited spaces.

DATES	TIME	LOCATION	AGES
Fridays July 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2026	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Fountain Inn Activity Center	7-12

4 WEEKS. 4 PROJECTS. 4 TAKE-HOME KEEPSAKES!

NATURE SUNCATCHERS
Create a colorful stained-glass-inspired window hanging that glows in the sunshine.

CLAY ANIMAL CREATIONS
Sculpt and paint your favorite woodland or park animal.

MOSAIC MASTERPIECES
Design a real glass tile mosaic using pattern and color.

BUILD & PAINT WORKSHOP
Assemble and decorate a laser-cut wooden keepsake to display at home.

WHY PARENTS LOVE IT!

- ✓ Four exciting themed art projects
- ✓ STEAM-based learning through creativity and play
- ✓ All supplies included
- ✓ Small-group, hands-on instruction
- ✓ A special end-of-session art showcase for families

Encourages creativity, confidence, and hands-on learning!
Every child goes home with a growing collection of one-of-a-kind summer keepsakes!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - JUST BRING YOUR IMAGINATION!

- July is **Parks & Rec Month**. Come out and celebrate with us!







PARKS & REC MONTH

PARKS RECREATION
FOUNTAIN INN

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT THEM ALL...

PD Terry City Park · 116 Cannon Ave
 Sanctified Hill Park · 437 Putnam St
 Georgia Street Park · 104 Georgia Street Park
 Emanuel Sullivan Park · 700 Woodside Ave
 Fairview Street Park · 410 Fairview St
 Fountain Inn Splash Pad · 104 N Main St
 Fountain Inn Activities Center · 610 Fairview St

JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS:

Wednesday, July 1 · 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Splash Pad Party

Tunes, Popsicles, & Water Fun!
 Don't forget your sunscreen & towel!

Friday, July 24 · 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Craft Day for 55+

Don't forget your sunscreen & towel!

Fridays July 10, 17, 24, & 31
STEAM Camp

Ages 7-14
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Fountain Inn Activity Center

Friday, July 17
Parks & Recreation Professionals Day

On your own – Thank a Parks & Recreation Team member!

Saturday, July 31 · 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Game Night

Music, popcorn, & games at the activity center!

Participants will explore art, science, engineering, and design through hands-on projects that inspire creativity and problem-solving. Children will create and take home four unique projects, including nature art, clay creations, mosaics, and painted wooden crafts. All supplies are included, and no experience is required. Limited spots & registration is required..


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Adult Coed Softball: The season will end in a week of playoffs beginning on Monday July 6th. Games are played at PD Terry City Park Monday through Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00p. Come out and support these local players!!

Events:

- 7/6 - **Digital Drop-In**
- 7/9 - **Nutrition Class** -
- 7/14 - **BINGO** sponsored by Peggy Masterson, a Dementia Care Coach
- 7/16 - **55+ Night Out** at Javi's River Mexican Restaurant
- 7/21 - **Birthday Celebration**
- 7/24 - **Crafting with Donna** from Peachy Palm Studios
- 7/28 - **Diabetes Support Group** with Camden Bryan. TOPIC: "Basics of Behavior Change: How to Make Your Healthy Habits Last"
- 7/28 - **55+ Night Out** at Break on the Lake
- 7/30 - **Ask a CPT**
- 7/30 - **Movin' & Groovin'**



Freedom BINGO July 14th

Games @ 11:00
Lunch @ 12:00

**** Hot Dogs ****

Sponsored by
Peggy Masterson

\$5 donation



Javi's River Mexican Restaurant

Thursday July 16th
4:30-6:00p

345 E. Main St
Laurens, SC

Join us for a fun evening out and enjoy some of the best Mexican cuisine in the county at this family-owned restaurant, which has been serving traditional dishes in South Carolina for more than 30 years. Come ready to enjoy delicious food, beautiful river views, and great company with Heather and Sue!!



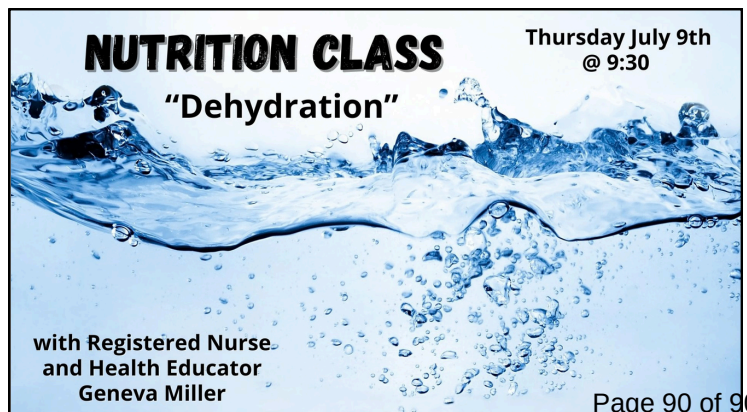
Crafting with Donna
from Peachy Palm Studios

Friday July 24th
9:00-11:30a

Join us for a fun and relaxing morning of painting as we create an adorable Watermelon Door Hanger, complete with farmhouse-style accents, a cheerful sunflower, and charming summer details.

Painting isn't just about creating something beautiful—it's about spending time with friends, sharing laughs, and enjoying a creative experience that leaves you feeling refreshed and accomplished. By the end of class, you'll take home a finished piece that's ready to brighten your front door, porch, or favorite spot in your home all summer long.

\$25 per person - cash or check payable to Peachy Palm Studios



NUTRITION CLASS Thursday July 9th @ 9:30

"Dehydration"

with Registered Nurse
and Health Educator
Geneva Miller