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Walterboro City Council
Regular Meeting

December 11, 2012 City Hall 6:15 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order:

- 1. Invocation.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Input on Agenda Items:

III. Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of the October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting (Minutes attached).

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business:

- 1. Ordinance # 2013-01, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 8, Article II. Business and Professional Licenses, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions Thereof and to Provide for an Annual Classification Update, First Reading (Ordinance attached).
- 2. Request for Street Closing for Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade January 20, 2013 (Permit request attached).

VII. Committee Reports:

VIII. Executive Session:

1. Receipt of Legal Advice.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Paul Siegel, Dwayne Buckner, Charles Lucas, Randy Peters, Tom Lohr and Bobby Bonds. City Manager Jeff Lord, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were 18 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Council Member Buckner led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments were made on agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance # 2012-14, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Walterboro to Join
with the Walterboro-Colleton County Airport Commission and the County of
Colleton in Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Over Property on Rivers Street Near Robertson Boulevard, TMS # 236-00-00139, Second Reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2012-14.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked what are the plans SCE&G has for this easement? City Manager Lord noted that SCE&G would be running their new transmission line to the south side of town.

The motion for approval then passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 2012-15, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Walterboro to Join with the County of Colleton in Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Over Property on Rivers Street Near Robertson Boulevard, TMS # 179-04-00-154 and TMS # 179-04-00-189, Second Reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Bonds, giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2012-15. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Council Member Buckner then stated that he wanted to go on record acknowledging that his mother-in-law passed away with pancreatic cancer, and this is a very debilitating type of cancer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration to Have the City Manager Investigate the Construction and Operation of a City Community Swimming Pool

A motion was made by Council Member Buckner to have the City Manager investigate the construction and operation of a City community swimming pool. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion.

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In discussing the motion, Council Member Siegel asked what has already been done regarding recreation, such as a YMCA or some other public initiative to provide those type of recreational facility?

Mayor Young responded that over the years, the question of the City building a community swimming has come up. This goes back as far as I can remember with my association with Council, where this has come up every so often. I think, a lot of people know there was a push at one time to try to have a YMCA which went on over several years. I think there was a board that met that tried to work toward doing that. Of course, they never really got to the swimming pool stage. They started out, but it did not materialize.

Mayor Young further stated that the County considered having a swimming pool and I think, did a good bit of research. I assume it did not get funded as a park project and it was decided that it was cost prohibitive. The other part of that is, and this is certainly a noble idea, whether or not it's economically feasible for us to do. I think this is why it is on the agenda. We don't have any information and most of this is to gather information. The County actually is taking over the active recreation for the County. They did not do it, or plan to do it, but this certainly falls under active recreation. We (the City) agreed to do the passive recreation. Of course, you know that we are in the process of spending \$1.2 million on renovations of our parks. This is some of the history, which I know, and this is certainly a noble idea.

Council Member Lohr then said, I was on the Recreation Commission for some time until about 2006 or 2007, and I was asked to do some research to see if any other recreational facilities had done this. Mr. Lohr noted that he had talked with several persons in the recreational department from other counties. I think that the County just wanted some information. Basically, I will give you a synopsis. It's a real expensive thing. You are not going to have any swimming in the months probably from September to March. School begins and school activities usually take up some of the young folks time. The facility won't crank up again until March or April. So, I will say April, May, June, July and August. That's 5 months and you are going to have to maintain it for 12 months. Mr. Lohr mentioned other problems with weather conditions and paying employee wages during those times. As one result of his research Mr. Lohr stated, you are not going to have a lot of young folks using the pool, as compared with their use of other sports activities. So, be cautious about what other things may compete with having a swimming pool. Council Member Lohr also pointed out that this is not a moneymaking thing. He noted that older persons would probably use the pool more. They would like it for exercising and rehabilitation. One person Mr. Lohr spoke with suggested that if we were going to have a swimming pool that it is structured right and that we stick to the rules made. It's not free. Somebody will have to pay. In conclusion, you will have about 5 months of swimming and 12 months of maintenance.

Mayor Young then said, I think that the question before Council is whether or not we want our staff to spend the time to get us more information on this, and I think that is the motion. If Council wants staff to spend the time to do that, then it would be appropriate to have it as an agenda retreat item as we go into the budget year.

Council Member Bonds then questioned why this item was on the agenda today?

Council Member Buckner responded, I asked to put this on the agenda. We had a presentation at our last meeting from the Colleton Co. Recreational Commission and I asked them specifically whether or not they had in their plans to build a swimming pool. His answer to me was no. So, that was something that was off the table. It is clear that we have a need for this in our community. The newspapers can find where

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several individuals have drowned in Colleton County in the Edisto River. We currently have no opportunities for individuals to learn how to swim. Right now, our Colleton County Sheriff Department is busing some kids to South Carolina State University to teach them how to swim. That happened last summer. I think they had about 40 or 50 children in that program. We need a pool, and it is something that is needed. Everybody can benefit from it. I am concerned about the issue of whether or not we can afford it, but if we should do at least a study to see what it's going to cost, this is just the first baby steps. Just to see whether we can do it and how much it would cost, and then come back and make a decision as to whether or not this is something we want to do. I think it is needed, and we've got new construction and new things going on in Walterboro. It will be a part of a new Walterboro. This needs to be a place where folks can swim and learn to swim. We had a swimming pool back when I was a small child and I don't know what happened to it. It was over there at the end of Ivanhoe Drive. So, I am urging my colleagues on Council to at least take the first baby steps and direct the City Manager to at least look into it. That's all this motion is, to just look into it.

Council Member Lucas pointed out that the YMCA had community support and they had another YMCA willing to charge to have one here, but they required that you had to have \$500,000 in the bank before you could even get started. The money was the factor. I am in favor of the County having the swimming pool. I don't see any need for us to venture into something if we are not going to do it, or keep it up. I think the liability is going to be high, including the initial cost. As the Mayor has said, that's an active recreational facility and the County should be the one providing that service or possibly the school system.

Mayor Young then said, I couldn't imagine us having a community swimming pool and then saying nobody but City residents can use it. What I am saying is that City people pay County tax, so if this were going to happen, it would be better that it's a County entity. I think the County did look at it, but again the question before Council is whether or not you want staff to gather this information, and to at least take the first step toward seeing what would be involved.

Council member Bonds pointed out that this might be something on the horizon by the County. He suggested that the City wait and see what happens.

Council Member Buckner again expressed concern that Council act on this now. He said that this type facility would just make our City better. It would be beneficial to not only City residents and County residents, but also anybody who wants to come to swim and learn. I am just asking our Council to just let our manager look into it. We are not agreeing to it and how we could possibly pay for it. But if we have the alcohol sales amendment that's on the ballot for November, that's a possible revenue stream that would pay for an aquatic center or a swimming pool to be built and keep it running.

Mayor then stated, even if we don't pass this motion, I don't see why we couldn't ask the County, informally, to give us whatever research and data they may have gathered when they were looking at the pool. We could see what they had and how much it would cost, and that might not require too much time for our staff, since it's probably already in a file over there. That might be an informal way for us to get more information.

The Mayor then asked the Council Members if they would object to staff contacting the County to get whatever information they have? No objections were made.

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The motion made by Council Member Buckner to have staff investigate the construction and operation of a City community pool then failed on a vote of 1/6 with Council Member Buckner voting in favor of the motion, and Mayor Young and Council Members Siegel, Lucas, Peters, Lohr, and Bonds voting against the motion. Mayor Young then added, but staff can call the County to get their information to see if there is anything we can do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter an Executive Session was then made by Council Member Buckner, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for receipt of legal advice.

The meeting then entered into an Executive Session.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and there being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Buckner, seconded by Council Member Lohr and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

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To:

Mayor and Council

CC:

George Cone, City Attorney

From: Jeff Lord, City Manager Jc

Date: 12/7/2012

Re:

Business Licenses Ordinance Update

From time to time it is important to update our Business License Ordinance to match the model ordinance as published by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC). Having our ordinance match those of the other jurisdictions in the state, which also issue Business Licenses, is important for two reasons.

First, having the same rules everywhere prevents business licenses from being attacked in the courts and by the legislature on the basis of unequal taxation. Second, by have the same rules statewide it makes it easier for businesses to know what the rules are and thus removes a barrier to economic development, confusing regulations.

The proposed ordinance is almost identical to our current ordinance and the specific differences are listed below. Each of these are improvements, be they to simplify enforcement, close loopholes or help businesses reduce the penalties they may have to pay.

It is important to note that second section of the ordinance updates our comprehensive fee schedule as well. In this update there is no change in the rates for each rate class. These rates are exactly the same as in your current ordinance. However, it does update the schedule that defines what types of businesses are in each rate class based in the latest IRS data. Therefore, it is possible for businesses to move between rate classes and thus pay more or less than previous years.

- 1. Adds definitions for "Charitable Organization", "Charitable Purpose", "Licensee", and "Municipality".
- 2. Prorated the fee for annexed business and clarifies that there is no refund for discontinued businesses.
- 3. Strengthens the exception for charitable organizations by closing a loophole that allowed businesses to incorporate as a non-profit and avoid paying business license fees even though they were still operating like any other business.

- 4. Allows the acceptance of partial payments to stop the imposition of penalties for the portion paid.
- 5. Expands the reasons for denial of license to match the reasons for revocation of license.
- 6. Removes the three month grace period for failure to pay Accommodations and Hospitality Tax before a license may be suspended or revoked (Suspensions and revocations must be heard before Council so you can still maintain this standard in practice.).
- 7. New language added related to the City's Franchise Authority.
- 8. Severability clause added.
- 9. Updates classifications to reflect latest IRS statistics (Rates are unchanged).

ORDINANCE # 2013-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8
ARTICLE II. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES SO AS TO
CLARIFY AND STRENGTHEN PORTIONS THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR
AN ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION UPDATE.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) regularly updates the Model Business License Ordinance to incorporate improvements necessitated by changes in the legal and economic application of business license regulations; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City and the operators of businesses within the City that the business license ordinance be revised and updated to be consistent with the statewide application of business license regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED,

SECTION I

That Chapter 8 Article II is hereby deleted in its entirety and replace with the following:

"Article II. Business and Professional Licenses

Sec. 8-19. License Required.

Every person engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession, in whole or in part, within the limits of the City of Walterboro South Carolina, is required to pay an annual license tax for the privilege of doing business and obtain a business license as herein provided.

Sec. 8-20. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed herein:

"Business" means a calling, occupation, profession, or activity engaged in with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either directly or indirectly.

"Charitable Organization" means an organization that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from Federal income taxes under 26 U.S.C. section 501 (c) (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (10) or (19).

"Charitable Purpose" means a benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, or eleemosynary purpose which does not result in personal gain to a

sponsor, organizer, officer, director, trustee or person with ultimate control of the organization.

"Classification" means that division of businesses by major groups subject to the same license rate as determined by a calculated index of ability to pay based on national averages, benefits, equalization of tax burden, relationships of services, or other basis deemed appropriate by the Council.

"Gross Income" means the total income of a business, received or accrued, for one calendar year collected or to be collected from business done within the Municipality, excepting therefrom income earned outside of the Municipality on which a license tax is paid to some other municipality or a county and fully reported to the Municipality. Gross income for brokers or agents means gross commissions received or retained, unless otherwise specified. Gross income for insurance companies means gross premiums collected. Gross income for business license tax purposes shall not include taxes collected for a governmental entity, escrow funds, or funds which are the property of a third party. The value of bartered goods or trade-in merchandise shall be included in gross income. The gross income for business license purposes may be verified by inspection of returns and reports filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the South Carolina Department of Revenue, the South Carolina Insurance Commission, or other government agency.

"License Official" means a person designated to administer this ordinance.

"Licensee" means the business, the person applying for the license on behalf of the business, an agent or legal representative of the business, a person who receives any part of the net profit of the business, or a person who owns or exercises control of the business.

"Municipality" means the City Walterboro, South Carolina.

"Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, LLP, LLC, cooperative non-profit membership, corporation, joint venture, association, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, holding company, or other group or combination acting as a unit, in the singular or plural, and the agent or employee having charge or control of a business in the absence of the principal.

Sec. 8-21. Purpose and Duration.

The business license levied by this ordinance is for the purpose of providing such regulation as may be required for the business subject thereto and for the purpose of raising revenue for the general fund through a privilege tax. Each license shall be issued for one calendar year ending December 31. The provisions of this ordinance and the

rates herein shall remain in effect from year to year as amended by the Council.

Sec. 8-22. License Tax.

- (a) The required license tax shall be paid for each business subject hereto according to the applicable rate classification on or before the $15^{\rm th}$ day of April in each year, except for those businesses in Rate Class 8 for which a different due date is specified.
- (b) A separate license shall be required for each place of business and for each classification or business conducted at one place. If gross income cannot be separated for classifications at one location, the license tax shall be computed on the combined gross income for the classification requiring the highest rate. A license tax based on gross income shall be computed on the gross income for the preceding calendar or fiscal year, and on a twelve-month projected income based on the monthly average for a business in operation for less than one year. The tax for a new business shall be computed on the estimated probable gross income stated in the license application for the balance of the license year. The initial tax for an annexed business shall be prorated for the number of months remaining in the license year. No refund shall be made for a business that is discontinued.

Sec. 8-23. Registration Required.

- (a) The owner, agent or legal representative of every business subject to this ordinance, whether listed in the classification index or not, shall register the business and make application for a business license on or before the due date of each year; provided, a new business shall be required to have a business license prior to operation within the Municipality. A license for a bar (NAICS 722410) must be issued in the name of the individual who has been issued a State alcohol, beer or wine permit or license and will have actual control and management of the business.
- (b) Application shall be on a form provided by the License Official which shall contain the Social Security Number and/or the Federal Employer's Identification Number, the business name as reported on the South Carolina income tax return, and all information about the applicant and the Licensee and the business deemed appropriate to carry out the purpose of this ordinance by the License Official. Applicants may be required to submit copies of portions of state and federal income tax returns reflecting gross income figures.
- (c) The applicant shall certify under oath that the information given in the application is true, that the gross income is accurately reported, or estimated for a new business, without any unauthorized deductions, and that all assessments, personal property taxes on business property and other monies due and payable to the Municipality have been paid.

(d) Insurance agents and brokers shall report the name of each insurance company for which a policy was issued and the total premiums collected for each company for each type of insurance coverage on a form approved by the License Official. An insurance agent not employed by a company shall be licensed as a broker.

Sec. 8-24. Deductions, Exemptions, and Charitable Organizations.

- (a) No deductions from gross income shall be made except income earned outside of the Municipality on which a license tax is paid to some other municipality or a county and fully reported to the Municipality, taxes collected for a governmental entity, or income which cannot be included for computation of the tax pursuant to State or Federal law. The applicant shall have the burden to establish the right to exempt income by satisfactory records and proof.
- (b) No person shall be exempt from the requirements of the ordinance by reason of the lack of an established place of business within the Municipality, unless exempted by State or Federal law. The License Official shall determine the appropriate classification for each business in accordance with the latest issue of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for the United States published by the Office of Management and Budget. No person shall be exempt from this ordinance by reason of the payment of any other tax, unless exempted by State law, and no person shall be relieved of liability for payment of any other tax or fee by reason of application of this ordinance.
- (c) A Charitable Organization shall be exempt from the business license tax on its gross income unless it is deemed a business subject to a business license tax on all or part of its gross income as provided in this section. A Charitable Organization or any for-profit affiliate of a Charitable Organization, that reports income from for-profit activities, or unrelated business income, for Federal income tax purposes to the Internal Revenue Service shall be deemed a business subject to a business license tax on the part of its gross income from such for-profit activities or unrelated business income.

A Charitable Organization shall be deemed a business subject to a business license tax on its total gross income if (1) any net proceeds of operation, after necessary expenses of operation, inure to the benefit of any individual or any entity that is not itself a Charitable Organization as defined in this ordinance, or (2) any net proceeds of operation, after necessary expenses of operation, are used for a purpose other than a Charitable Purpose as defined in this ordinance. Excess benefits or compensation in any form beyond fair market value to a sponsor, organizer, officer, director, trustee or person with ultimate control of the organization shall not be deemed a necessary expense of operation.

Sec. 8-25. False Application Unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person subject to the provisions of this ordinance to make a false application for a business license, or to give or file, or direct the giving or filing of, any false information with respect to the license or tax required by this ordinance.

Sec. 8-26. Display and Transfer.

- (a) All persons shall display the license issued to them on the original form provided by the License Official in a conspicuous place in the business establishment at the address shown on the license. A transient or non-resident shall carry the license upon his person or in a vehicle used in the business readily available for inspection by any authorized agent of the Municipality.
- (b) A change of address must be reported to the License Official within ten (10) days after removal of the business to a new location and the license will be valid at the new address upon written notification by the License Official and compliance with zoning and building codes. Failure to obtain the approval of the License Official for a change of address shall invalidate the license and subject the licensee to prosecution for doing business without a license. A business license shall not be transferable and a transfer of controlling interest shall be considered a termination of the old business and the establishment of a new business requiring a new business license, based on old business income.

Sec. 8-27. Administration of Article.

The License Official shall administer the provisions of this article, collect license taxes, issue licenses, make or initiate investigations and audits to insure compliance, initiate denial or suspension and revocation procedures, report violations to the municipal attorney, assist in prosecution of violators, produce forms, make reasonable regulations relating to the administration of this ordinance, and perform such other duties as may be duly assigned.

Sec. 8-28. Inspection and Audits.

- (a) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance, the License Official or other authorized agent of the Municipality is empowered to enter upon the premises of any person subject to this ordinance to make inspections, examine and audit books and records. It shall be unlawful for any such person to fail or refuse to make available the necessary books and records. In the event an audit or inspection reveals that the licensee has filed false information, the costs of the audit shall be added to the correct license tax and late penalties in addition to other penalties provided herein. Each day of failure to pay the proper amount of license tax shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) The License Official shall make systematic inspections and random audits of all businesses within the Municipality to insure

compliance with the ordinance. Financial information obtained by inspections and audits shall not be deemed public records, and the License Official shall not release the amount of license taxes paid or the reported gross income of any person by name without written permission of the licensee, except as authorized by this ordinance, State or Federal law, or proper judicial order. Statistics compiled by classifications are public records.

Sec. 8-29. Assessments, Payment under Protest, Appeal.

- (a) If a person fails to obtain a business license or to furnish the information required by this ordinance or the License Official, the License Official shall examine such records of the business or any other available records as may be appropriate, and conduct such investigations and statistical surveys as the License Official may deem appropriate to assess a license tax and penalties as provided herein.
- (b) A notice of assessment shall be served by certified mail or personal service. An application for adjustment of the assessment may be made to the License Official within five (5) days after the notice is mailed or personally served or the assessment will become final. The License Official shall establish a uniform procedure for hearing an application for adjustment of assessment and issuing a notice of final assessment.
- (c) A final assessment may be appealed to the Council only by payment in full of the assessment under protest within five (5) days and the filing of written notice of appeal within ten (10) days after payment pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance relating to appeals to Council.

Sec. 8-30. Delinquent License Taxes, Partial Payment.

- (a) For non-payment of all or any part of the correct license tax, the License Official shall levy and collect a late penalty of five (5%) percent of the unpaid tax for each month or portion thereof after the due date until paid. Penalties shall not be waived. If any license tax remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after its due date, the License Official shall report it to the municipal attorney for appropriate legal action.
- (b) Partial payment may be accepted by the License Official to toll imposition of penalties on the portion paid; provided, however, no business license shall be issued or renewed until the full amount of the tax due, with penalties, has been paid.

Sec. 8-31. Notices.

The License Official may, but shall not be required to, mail written notices that license taxes are due. If notices are not mailed, there shall be published a notice of the due date in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality three (3) times prior to the due

date in each year. Failure to receive notice shall not constitute a defense to prosecution for failure to pay the tax due or grounds for waiver of penalties.

Sec. 8-32. Denial of License.

The License Official shall deny a license to an applicant when the License Official determines:

- (a) The application is incomplete, contains a misrepresentation, false or misleading statement, evasion or suppression of a material fact; or
- (b) The activity for which a license is sought is unlawful or constitutes a public nuisance per se or per accidens; or
- (c) The applicant, Licensee or prior Licensee or the person in control of the business has been convicted of an offense under a law or ordinance regulating business, a crime involving dishonest conduct or moral turpitude, or an unlawful sale of merchandise or prohibited goods; or
- (d) The applicant, Licensee or prior Licensee or the person in control of the business has engaged in an unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business or to a similar business in the Municipality or in another jurisdiction; or
- (e) The applicant, Licensee or prior Licensee or the person in control of the business is delinquent in the payment to the Municipality of any tax or fee; or
- (f) The license for the business or for a similar business of the Licensee in the Municipality or another jurisdiction has been denied, suspended or revoked in the previous license year.

A decision of the License Official shall be subject to appeal to Council as herein provided. Denial shall be written with reasons stated.

Sec. 8-33. Suspension or Revocation of License.

When the License Official determines:

- (a) A license has been mistakenly or improperly issued or issued contrary to law; or
- (b) A Licensee has breached any condition upon which the license was issued or has failed to comply with the provisions of this ordinance; or

- (c) A Licensee has obtained a license through a fraud, misrepresentation, a false or misleading statement, evasion or suppression of a material fact in the license application; or
- (d) A Licensee has been convicted of an offense under a law or ordinance regulating business, a crime involving dishonest conduct or moral turpitude, or an unlawful sale of merchandise or prohibited goods; or
- (e) A Licensee has engaged in an unlawful activity or nuisance related to the business; or
- (f) A Licensee is delinquent in the payment to the Municipality of any tax or fee,

the License Official shall give written notice to the Licensee or the person in control of the business within the Municipality by personal service or certified mail that the license is suspended pending a hearing before Council for the purpose of determining whether the license should be revoked.

The notice shall state the time and place at which the hearing is to be held, which shall be at a regular or special Council meeting within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the notice, unless continued by agreement. The notice shall contain a brief statement of the reasons for suspension and proposed revocation and a copy of the applicable provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 8-34. Appeals to Council.

- (a) Any person aggrieved by a decision, final assessment, proposed revocation, suspension, or a denial of a business license by the License Official may appeal the decision to the Council by written request stating the reasons therefore, filed with the License Official within ten (10) days after service by certified mail or personal service of the notice of decision, final assessment, proposed revocation, suspension or denial.
- (b) An appeal or a hearing on proposed revocation shall be held by the Council within thirty (30) days after receipt of a request for appeal or service of notice of suspension at a regular or special meeting of which the applicant or licensee has been given written notice, unless continued by agreement. At the hearing, all parties shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to present testimony and evidence and to cross-examine witnesses. The proceedings shall be recorded and transcribed at the expense of the party so requesting. The rules of evidence and procedure prescribed by Council shall govern the hearing. Council shall by majority vote of members present render a written decision based on findings of fact and application of the standards herein which shall be served upon all

parties or their representatives and shall be the final decision of the Municipality.

Sec. 8-35. Consent, franchise or license required for use of streets.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, install, maintain or operate in, on, above or under any street or public place under control of the municipality any line, pipe, cable, pole, structure or facility for utilities, communications, cablevision or other purposes without a consent agreement or franchise agreement issued by the Council by ordinance that prescribes the term, fees and conditions for use.
- (b) The annual fee for use of streets or public places authorized by a consent agreement or franchise agreement shall be set by the ordinance approving the agreement and shall be consistent with limits set by State law. Existing franchise agreements shall continue in effect until expiration dates in the agreements. Franchise and consent fees shall not be in lieu of or be credited against business license fees unless specifically provided by the franchise or consent agreement.

Sec. 8-36. Confidentiality.

Except in accordance with proper judicial order or as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any official or employee to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required under this ordinance. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of particular reports or returns. Any license data may be shared with other public officials or employees in the performance of their duties, whether or not those duties relate to enforcement of the license ordinance.

Sec. 8-37. Violations.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or both, upon conviction. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense. Punishment for violation shall not relieve the offender of liability for delinquent taxes, penalties and costs provided for herein.

Sec. 8-38. Severability.

A determination that any portion of this ordinance is invalid or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining portions.

Sec. 8-39. Classification and Rates.

(a) The Class Structure Model by the North American Industry Classification System code, designated as Appendix B to this ordinance, and the Class Structure Model by rate class, designated as

Appendix C to this ordinance, may be amended by the Council from time to time, and current copies shall be filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Appendices B and C are tools for classification and not a limitation on businesses subject to a license tax. The License Official shall determine the proper class for a business according to the applicable NAICS code.

(b) The license tax for each class of businesses subject to this ordinance shall be computed in accordance with the Rate Schedule, designated as Appendix A to this ordinance, which may be amended by the Council from time to time and a current copy filed in the office of the municipal clerk.

Secs. 8-40---8-70. Reserved"

Section II

That Appendix B. Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Finance Department Fees be deleted in its entirety and the following inserted at the end of the Comprehensive Fees schedule:

"FINANCE DEPARTMENT FEES

Accommodations TaxesMunicipal Code Chapter 30, Article II
Hospitality TaxesMunicipal Code Chapter 30, Article II
Audit/Budget Preprinted Book Fee\$15.00
Returned Check Fee\$25.00
Setoff Debt Collection Fee\$25.00

BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

	INCOME: \$0 - \$2,000	INCOME OVER \$2,000
RATE CLASS	MINIMUM TAX	Rate per Thousand or fraction thereof
1	\$40.00	\$1.00
2	\$45.00	\$1.15
3	\$50.00	\$1.30
4	\$55.00	\$1.45
5	\$60.00	\$1.60
6	\$65.00	\$1.75
7	\$70.00	\$1.90
8	See Individual	Business in Class 8

NON-RESIDENT RATES

Unless otherwise specifically provided, all minimum taxes and rates shall be doubled for nonresidents and itinerants having no fixed principal place of business within the municipality.

CLASS 8 RATES

Each NAICS Number designates a separate sub-classification. The businesses in this section are treated as separate and individual subclasses due to provisions of State law, regulatory requirements, service burdens, tax equalization considerations, etc., which are deemed to be sufficient to require individually determined rates. Non-resident rates do not apply except where indicated.

NAICS	3 230000 - Contractors, Construction, All Types
8	Having permanent place of business within the municipality
	Minimum on first
\$2,00	00\$50.00
PLUS	
	Each additional \$1,000\$1.10
9	Not having permanent place of business within the municipality
	Minimum on first
\$2,00	00\$100.00
PLUS	•
	Each additional \$1,000\$2.20 (non-resident double rates do not apply)

A trailer at the construction site or structure in which the contractor temporarily resides is not a permanent place of business under this ordinance.

The total tax for the full amount of the contract shall be paid prior to commencement of work and shall entitle contractor to complete the job without regard to the normal license expiration date. An amended report shall be filed for each new job and the appropriate additional license fee per \$1,000 of the contract amount shall be paid prior to commencement of new work. Only one base tax shall be paid in a calendar year.

No contractor shall be issued a business license until all state and municipal qualification examination and trade license requirements have been met. Each contractor shall post a sign in plain view on each job identifying the contractor with the job.

Sub-contractors shall be licensed on the same basis as general or prime contractors for the same job. No deductions shall be made by a general or prime contractor for value of work performed by a sub-contractor.

No contractor shall be issued a business license until all performance and indemnity bonds required by the Building Code have been filed and approved. Zoning permits must be obtained when required by the Zoning Ordinance.

Each prime contractor shall file with the License Official a list of sub-contractors furnishing labor or materials for each project.

209 NAICS 5171, 5172 - Telephone Companies:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Business License Ordinance, the business license tax for "retail telecommunications services", as defined in S. C. Code Section 58-9-2200, shall be at the maximum rate authorized by S. C. Code Section 58-9-2220, as it now provides or as provided by amendment. The business license tax year shall begin on January 1 of each year. Declining rates shall not apply.
- (b) In conformity with S.C. Code Section 58-9-2220, the business license tax for "retail telecommunications services" shall apply to the gross income derived from the sale of retail telecommunications services for the preceding calendar or fiscal year which either originate or terminate in the municipality and which are charged to a service address within the municipality regardless of where these amounts are billed or paid and on which a business license tax has not been paid to another municipality. The measurement of the amounts derived from the retail sale of mobile telecommunications services shall include only revenues from the fixed monthly recurring charge of customers whose service address is within the boundaries of the municipality. For a business in operation for less than one year, the amount of business license tax shall be computed on a twelve-month projected income.
- (c) The business license tax for "retail telecommunications services" shall be due on January 1 of each year and payable by January 31 of that year, without penalty.
- (d) The delinquent penalty shall be five percent (5 %) of the tax due for each month, or portion thereof, after the due date until paid.
- (e) Exemptions in the business license ordinance for income from business in interstate commerce are hereby repealed. Properly apportioned gross income from interstate commerce shall be included in the gross income for every business subject to a business license tax.
- (f) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to interfere with continuing obligations of any franchise agreement or contractual agreement in the event that the franchise or contractual agreement should expire after December 31, 2003.

- (g) All fees collected under such a franchise or contractual agreement expiring after December 31, 2003, shall be in lieu of fees or taxes which might otherwise be authorized by this Ordinance.

 (h) As authorized by S. C. Code Section 5-7-300, the Agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina for collection of current and delinquent license taxes from telecommunications companies pursuant to S. C. Code Section 58-9-2200 shall continue in effect.
- NAICS 517110 Television: Cable or Pay
 Services using public streets......See Franchise
- NAICS 22112 Electric Power/Natural Gas Distribution... See Franchise
- 12 NAICS 423930 Junk or Scrap Dealers [Non-resident rates apply rate code 13]

 Minimum on first \$2,000\$70.00

Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000 \$1.60

14 NAICS 4411, 4412 - Automotive, Motor Vehicles, Boats, Farm Machinery or Retail

One sales lot not more than 400 feet from the main showroom may be operated under this license provided that proceeds from sales at the lot are included in gross receipts at the main office when both are operated under the same name and ownership. Gross receipts for this classification shall include value of trade-ins. Dealer transfers or internal repairs on resale items shall not be included in gross income.

NAICS 454390 - Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door-To-Door Sales direct retail sales of merchandise.

- 20 Peddlers Ordinance 2009-02......\$150.00 per 7 day period or portion thereof the permit period
- 21 Transient Merchant Ordinance 2009-02

	Minimum on	first \$2,000	\$250
PLUS			
	Per \$1,000,	, or fraction,	over \$2,000\$3.10

Applicant for a license to sell on private property must provide written authorization from the properly owner to use the intended location.

NAICS 5241 - Insurance Companies:

Except as to fire insurance, "gross premiums" means gross premiums written for policies for property or a risk located within the municipality. In addition, "gross premiums" shall include premiums written for policies that are sold, solicited, negotiated, taken, transmitted, received, delivered, applied for, produced or serviced by (1) the insurance company's office located in the municipality, (2) the insurance company's employee conducting business within the municipality, or (3) the office of the insurance company's licensed or appointed producer (agent) conducting business within the municipality, regardless of where the property or risk is located, provided no tax has been paid to another municipality in which the property or risk is located based on the same premium.

Solicitation for insurance, receiving or transmitting an application or policy, examination of a risk, collection or transmitting of a premium, adjusting a claim, delivering a benefit, or doing any act in connection with a policy or claim shall constitute conducting business within the municipality, regardless of whether or not an office is maintained in the municipality.

As to fire insurance, "gross premiums" means gross premiums (1) collected in the municipality, and/or (2) realized from risks located within the limits of the municipality.

Gross premiums shall include all business conducted in the prior calendar year.

Gross premiums shall include new and renewal business without deductions for any dividend, credit, return premiums or deposit.

Declining rates shall not apply.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, license taxes for insurance companies shall be payable on or before May 31 in each

year without penalty. The penalty for delinquent payments shall be 5% of the tax due per month, or portion thereof, after the due date until paid.

Any exemptions in the business license ordinance for income from business in interstate commerce are hereby repealed. Gross income from interstate commerce shall be included in the gross income for every business subject to a business license tax.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 38-45-10 and 38-45-60, the Municipal Association of South Carolina, by agreement with the municipality, is designated the municipal agent for purposes of administration of the municipal broker's premium tax. The agreement with the Association for administration and collection of current and delinquent license taxes from insurance companies as authorized by S.C. Code § 5-7-300 and administration of the municipal broker's premium tax in the form attached hereto is approved, and the Mayor is authorized to execute it

[The South Carolina General Assembly, in order to ensure consistency with the federal Non-admitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010 ("NRRA"), ratified an act (Rat# 283) on June 28, 2012, amending S.C. Code §§ 38-7-16 and 38-45-10 through 38-45-195. The act establishes a blended broker's premium tax rate of 6 percent comprised of a 4 percent state broker's premium tax and a 2 percent municipal broker's premium tax. The act states a municipality may not impose on brokers of non-admitted insurance in South Carolina an additional license fee or tax based upon a percentage of premiums.]

NAICS 713120 - Amusement Machines, coin operated (except gambling) - Music machines, juke boxes, kiddy rides, video games, pin tables with levers, and other amusement machines with or without free play feature licensed by SC Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code \$12-21-2720(A)(1) and (A)(2) - [Type I and Type II]

- 208 <u>Distributor selling or leasing machines</u> (not licensed by the State as an operator pursuant to \$12-21-2728) [Nonresident rates apply.] Minimum on first \$2,000\$50.00 PLUS

Per \$1,000 or fraction over \$2,000.....\$1.20

NAICS 713290 - Amusement Machines, coin operated, non-payout

Amusement machines of the non-payout type or in-line pin game licensed by SC Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code \$12-21-2720(A)(3) [Type III]

26	<u>NAICS 713290</u> - Bingo halls, parlors - Minimum on first \$2,000\$50.00
PLUS	Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000\$1.30
23 PLUS	<pre>NAICS 711190 - Carnivals and Circuses - Minimum on first \$2,000\$200.00 Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000\$1.60</pre>
issue	NAICS 722410 - Drinking Places, bars, lounges, cabarets (Alcoholic beverages consumed on premises) Minimum on first \$2,000
22	NAICS 713990 - Billiard or Pool Rooms, all types\$5.00 potable PLUS Minimum on first \$2,000\$50.00 Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000\$1.20
	NAICS 45421 - Vending Machines and all other coin-operated matic Merchandising Machines [Non-resident rates apply - #197] included in Business Gross Income): First \$2,000

NAICS 48531 - Taxicabs - Public Service Commission certificates A and B are exempt from business license. License required for holders of certificate E and F if the business is located within city limits. Holders of certificate C are required to obtain a license once the application, inspection and insurance is approved by the Walterboro Public Safety Police Chief

Business License Class Schedule, by NAICS Code and by Rate Class

These schedules shall be updated annually based on the latest available IRS statistics as published by MASC.

2012 BUSINESS LICENSE CLASS SCHEDULE BY NAICS CODE

NAICS Code	Industry Sector	Class
110000 210000	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing Mining	2 6
221100	Electric Power Generation, Transmission and	8.0
221200	Natural Gas Distribution	8.0
220000	Utilities	1
230000	Construction	8.1
31-33	Manufacturing	3
311000	Food manufacturing	2
313000	Textile and textile product mills	1
315000	Apparel	2
316000	Leather and allied products	3
321000	Wood products	1
322000	Paper products	3
323000	Printing and related support activities	2
324000	Petroleum and coal products	3
325000	Chemical manufacturing	5
327000	Nonmetallic mineral products	2
331000	Primary metal industries	1
332000	Fabricated metal products	2
333000	Machinery	3
334000	Computer and electronic products	4
335000	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components	2
336000	Transportation equipment	1
337000	Furniture and related products	2
339000	Other miscellaneous manufacturing	3
420000	Wholesale trade	1
423930	Recyclable Material Merchant Wholesalers (Junk)	8.4
44-45	Retail trade	1
441000	Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1.
441100	Automobile Dealers	8.5
441200	Other Motor Vehicle Dealers	8.5
442000	Furniture and home furnishing stores	2
443000	Electronic and appliance stores	2
444000	Building material and garden equipment and	2
445000	Food and beverage stores	1
446000	Health and personal care stores	2
447000	Gasoline stations .	1
448000	Clothing and accessories stores	2

NAICS Code	Industry Sector	Class
451000 452000	Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores General merchandise stores	1 2
453000	Miscellaneous store retailers	2
454000	Nonstore retailers	2
454000 454390	Other Direct Selling Establishments (Peddlers)	8.6
48-49	Transportation and warehousing	2
482000	Rail Transportation	8.2
486000	Pipeline transportation	1
493000	Warehousing and storage facilities	3
510000	Information	4
511000	Publishing industries (except internet)	4
512000	Motion picture and sound recording	2
515000	Broadcasting (except internet) and	3
517000	Telecommunications	4
517100	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.3
517110	Cable, DSL, VoIP, etc.	8.4
517200	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.3
518000	Internet service providers, web search portals, and	4
519000	Other Information Services	5
520000	Finance and insurance	7
522000	Credit intermediation and related activities	5
522298	Pawnshops	8.4
523000	Securities, commodity contracts, and other	7
524000	Insurance agents, brokers, and related activities	2
524100	Insurance Carriers	8.7
524210	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance	8.7
530000	Real estate and rental and leasing	3
531000	Real estate	3
531100	Lessors of real estate (including miniwarehouses and self storage)	5
532000	Rental and leasing services	2
540000	Professional, scientific, and technical services	6
541600-541900	Other professional, scientific, and technical	7
550000	Management of companies	6
	Administrative and support and waste	
560000	management and remediation services	3
561000	Administrative and support services	3
562000	Waste management and remediation services	3
610000	Educational services	5

NAICS Code	Industry Sector	Class
620000	Health care and social assistance	5
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facility	1
710000	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
711190	Other Performing Arts Companies (Carnivals and	8.9
712000	Museums, Historical Sites and similar institutions	1
713100	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.8
713200	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.8
713290	Bingo Halls	8.9
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries (pool tables)	8.1
721000	Accommodation	1
722000	Food services and drinking places	2
722410	Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)	8.9
810000	Other services	4
811000	Repair and maintenance	2
811100	Auto repair and maintenance	3
812000	Personal and laundry services	5
813000	Religious, grantmaking, civic, professional, and similar organizations	6

Note: Class Schedule is based on 2009 IRS data.

2012 BUSINESS LICENSE CLASS SCHEDULE BY RATE CLASS

NAICS Code	Industry Sector	Class
220000	Utilities	1
313000	Textile and textile product mills	1
321000	Wood products	1
331000	Primary metal industries	1
336000	Transportation equipment	1
420000	Wholesale trade	1
44-45	Retail trade	1
441000	Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1
445000	Food and beverage stores	1
447000	Gasoline stations	1
451000	Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores	1
486000	Pipeline transportation	1
623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facility	1
712000	Museums, Historical Sites and similar institutions	1
721000	Accommodation	1
110000	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	2
311000	Food manufacturing	2
315000	Apparel	2
323000	Printing and related support activities	2
327000	Nonmetallic mineral products	2
332000	Fabricated metal products	2
335000	Electrical equipment, appliances, and components	2
337000	Furniture and related products	2
442000	Furniture and home furnishing stores	2
443000	Electronic and appliance stores	2
444000	Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	
446000	Health and personal care stores	2 2
448000	Clothing and accessories stores	2
452000	General merchandise stores	2
453000	Miscellaneous store retailers	2
454000	Nonstore retailers	2
48-49	Transportation and warehousing	2
512000	Motion picture and sound recording	2
524000	Insurance agents, brokers, and related activities	2
532000	Rental and leasing services	2
722000	Food services and drinking places	۷

NAICS Code	Industry Sector	Class
811000	Repair and maintenance	2
31-33	Manufacturing	3
316000	Leather and allied products	3
322000	Paper products	3
324000	Petroleum and coal products	3
333000	Machinery	3
339000	Other miscellaneous manufacturing	3
493000	Warehousing and storage facilities	3
515000	Broadcasting (except internet) and	3
517000	Telecommunications	4
530000	Real estate and rental and leasing	3
531000	Real estate	3
560000	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	3
561000	Administrative and support services	3
562000	Waste management and remediation services	3
710000	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
811100	Auto repair and maintenance	3
334000	Computer and electronic products	4
510000	Information	4
511000	Publishing industries (except internet)	4
518000	Internet service providers, web search portals, and	4
810000	Other services	4
325000	Chemical manufacturing	5
519000	Other Information Services	5
522000	Credit intermediation and related activities	5
531100	Lessors of real estate (including miniwarehouses and self storage)	5
540000	Professional, scientific, and technical services	6
610000	Educational services	5
620000	Health care and social assistance	5
812000	Personal and laundry services	5
210000	Mining	6
550000	Management of companies	6
813000	Religious, grantmaking, civic, professional, and similar organizations	6
520000	Finance and insurance	7
523000	Securities, commodity contracts, and other financial investments	s 7

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CITY OF WALTERBORO PARADE/PROCESSION PERMIT REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION REQUESTED)

	Dr. MARtin Lather King JR. PARAde Application Date: 11/13/12
1.	Person submitting application: Herman G. Bright Address: 538 St. Peters Read-Walterboro SC 27488
	Address: 538 St. Peters Road-Walterboro SC 27488
	Telephone: 543-573-3336 / 543-211-5000
2.	Name of Organization: Walterborn Shrine Club #139
	Chairperson/President: Willie White
	Address: 755 Heary St. Walterhore St 201100
	Address: 155 Henry St. Walterboro SC 29488 Telephone: 843-599-1923/543-893-3698
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٠.	Parade Chairman: Herman G. Bright Address: 538 St. Peters Road Walterboro SC 29488
	Telephone: 543-893-3336 /843-217-5000
4.	Date/Time of Parade: Jan wary 20, 2013
5.	Parade Route requested (Attach Sketch)
6.	Number of Vehicles/Floats: 100 Number of Animals: 10
7.	Portion (width) of street parade will occupy:
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Oti	s L. Rhodes, Chief of Police Jeff Lord, City Manager

NOTE:>>>Call Police Dept. (549-1811) to confirm Parade/Procession Route three days prior to parade.

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