

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF PICKENS)

ORDINANCE No. 519

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDIZED FEES AND CHARGES FOR COPIES OF RECORDS AS WELL AS COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, Pickens County, South Carolina (the "County") is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, and as such has all powers granted to counties by the Constitution and the general laws of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly has enacted the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Section 30-4-10 *et seq.* (hereinafter "SCFOIA") pursuant to which members of the public may obtain copies of records and documents from governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS Pickens County endeavors to produce many of its public records and documents free of charge via the County's internet website; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County has determined that there are substantial costs in both time and direct expenses to county taxpayers in providing copies of records and documents not otherwise available online; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County further recognizes that state law, along with equity and fairness, provides that those requesting such documents reimburse the County for time and expense in researching and producing official records; and

WHEREAS Pickens County is authorized by state law to establish reasonable rates for the reimbursement of taxpayers for production of records and documents pursuant to SCFOIA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Pickens County, South Carolina as follows:

Section 1. Pickens County Council has determined that a minimal fee is required for compliance with SCFOIA requests. County Council has determined that the following fee schedule is fair, reasonable, and places the burden of complying with SCFOIA requests on the requestor and not the taxpayers of the County. Accordingly, fees for copies and service charges are hereby established as follows:

1. Copies: \$1.00 for first page, 0.25 for each additional page
2. Staff Research minimum: \$5.00
3. Additional staff research (as needed): gross hourly rate of the staff member required to adequately perform the search for, and copying of records
4. All fees for research to be paid in advance by the requestor

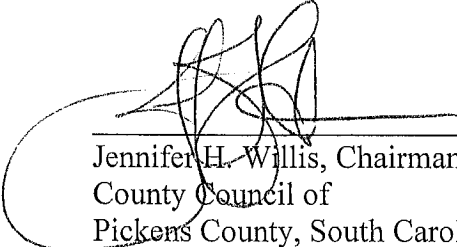
Section 2. County Council may amend the fee schedule established herein by Resolution of Council at a duly advertised public meeting thereof, by amending this Ordinance, or by providing for an updated fee schedule as a part of Council's annual operating budget for the County.

Section 3. In the discretion of the County Administrator, or his designee, it is determined to be in the best interest of the taxpayers to waive the requirements of this Ordinance, such fees may be waived in whole or in part. The County Administrator, or his designee, is further authorized to make any and all determinations necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance or inconsistent with its provision are hereby repealed or superseded to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Passed and approved, this 7th day of November, 2016.


COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA



Jennifer H. Willis, Chairman
County Council of
Pickens County, South Carolina

(SEAL)

Attest:



Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk of County Council of
Pickens County, South Carolina

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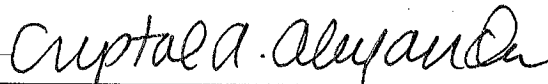
CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Clerk to County Council of Pickens County, South Carolina, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of an Ordinance which
was given three readings on three separate days, with an interval of not less than seven dates
between the second and third readings. The original of this Ordinance is duly entered in the
permanent records of minutes of meetings of the County Council, in my custody as such Clerk.

That each of said meetings was duly called, and all members to the County Council were
notified of the same; that all/a majority of the membership were notified of each meeting and
remained throughout the proceedings incident to the adoption of this Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of
November, 2016.



Clerk to County Council of Pickens County,
South Carolina

First reading: September 19, 2016
Second reading: October 3, 2016
Public Hearing: November 7, 2016
Third reading: November 7, 2016