



## **ORDINANCE 25-08**

### **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina Code § 4-9-120, § 4-9-130 and § 4-9-140 require that County Council shall adopt an annual budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual budget shall be based upon estimated revenues and shall provide appropriations for County operations and debt service for all County departments and agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained and enacted by the Lexington County Council as follows:

#### **SECTION 1 - GENERAL**

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County budget for Lexington County, South Carolina, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by way of reference, is hereby adopted.

#### **SECTION 2 - COUNTY-WIDE TAX LEVY**

There shall be levied, for County operations and for County designated millage agencies (Midlands Technical College) on all taxable property in Lexington County, sufficient taxes to fund the referenced budget in the number of mills allowed in Code Section 6-1-320.

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| County Ordinary                       | 24.1        |
| Law Enforcement                       | 32.9        |
| Fire Service                          | 21.7        |
| Library                               | 5.5         |
| Solid Waste                           | 7.0         |
| Indigent Care                         | 0.4         |
| <b>Total County Operating Millage</b> | <b>91.6</b> |
| Midlands Technical College            | 2.6         |
| Midlands Tech - Capital               | 1.2         |

#### **SECTION 3 - DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY**

The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy millages for all County and special district debt service funds in amounts sufficient to retire their respective debts.

## **SECTION 4 - SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT TAX LEVY**

There shall be levied, for the special purpose districts (Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission, Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission, Irmo Fire District, and Hollow Creek Watershed) on all taxable property in their respective districts, sufficient taxes to fund their respective budgets in the number of mills, allowed in Code Section 6-1-320.

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| Lexington Recreation Commission   | 10.9 |
| Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission | 11.9 |
| Irmo-Fire District                | 20.0 |
| Hollow Creek Watershed            | 1.4  |

## **SECTION 5 - BUDGETARY ESTIMATES**

Anticipated revenues are stated as estimates and the respective appropriations are maximum and conditional. Should actual funding sources for any such fund be less than projected, the Administrator shall reduce budgeted expenditures attributable to said fund.

## **SECTION 6 - BUDGETARY CONTROL**

Departments and/or other organizational units are bound to the appropriated expenditures incorporated herein. Upon the written request of the department head, the County Administrator, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized to effect transfers between line items.

On January 26, 2016, Lexington County Council approved the Lexington County Financial Management Practices, also known as the Fiscal Policies. These policies are used as a guide for financial management practices and procedures. The policies will be reviewed on an annual or as needed basis to make sure that they stay current.

## **SECTION 7 - LINE ITEM CARRYOVERS**

Any line items previously appropriated and/or properly encumbered as of June 30, 2025, shall be carried forward as an appropriation of fiscal year 2025-2026 upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, and by passage of a budgetary amendment resolution by County Council.

## **SECTION 8 - NEW GRANTS**

Grant funds applied for or received after the budget year, and therefore not stated in this budget ordinance, shall, by passage of a budgetary amendment resolution by County Council authorizing the acceptance of the grant and its appropriations, be accounted for in appropriate special revenues funds. The specific grant provisions shall direct the manner of expenditure of these funds.

## **SECTION 9 - OTHER MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS**

Revenues other than those originally budgeted may be expended as directed by their respective revenue source after they are accepted and appropriated by the County Council by passage of the budgetary amendment resolution. Such funds include, but are not limited to, contributions, donations, special events, insurance and similar recoveries. These funds may be appropriated for any costs or overruns or new projects upon approval of County Council.

## **SECTION 10 - LINE OF CREDIT AUTHORIZATION**

From time to time it may be necessary for the administration of the County (or any other agency for which the County levies taxes) to borrow in anticipation of tax revenues to guarantee continuity in regular operations. To provide for such contingencies, the administration of the County (or the respective agencies) is hereby authorized to borrow in anticipation of ad valorem tax collections. Such authorization may only be exercised upon certification of need by both the County Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer (or the CEO of the agency) and any amount borrowed must be obtained at the lowest possible interest rate and repaid as quickly as practical.

**SECTION 11** - All appropriations, except those appropriations required by law, are subject to the availability of funds.

## **SECTION 12 - SEVERABILITY**

If for any reason any provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

Enacted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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M. Todd Cullum  
Chairman, Lexington County Council

**ATTEST:**

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Jessica C. Hendrix, Clerk to Council

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