

AN ORDINANCE NO. 476

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 4 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE HOME RULE ACT, AND IN THE SPIRIT OF PROVIDING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE CITIZENS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY TO PURCHASE GOODS ON SUNDAYS AND FOR BUSINESSES TO OPERATE AND TO ALLOW BUSINESSES TO OPERATE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS TO PROVIDE CONSUMER GOODS TO VISITORS AND PERSONS INVOLVED IN SPECIAL EVENTS AS CONTEMPLATED IN SAID CODE, THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY ENACTS AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION OF SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 53 OF SAID CODE; OF ALLOWING BUSINESS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY OPEN AT 1:30 SUNDAY UNDER CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 53 TO OPERATE ON SUNDAY, AND SUSPENDING, TO THE EXTENT IT CAN, THE APPLICATION OF WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BLUE LAWS PROVIDED IN SECTION 53-1-5, ET. SEQ., OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, AS AMENDED.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Home Rule Acts as aforesaid, the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY:

Section I. Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 53-1-160 (A), the Sunday work prohibition as provided in Chapter 1 of Title 53, is hereby suspended in Fairfield County, subject to an employees option of refusing to work on Sundays as provided in Section 53-1-160 of said code.

Section II. Business normally not allowed to open prior to 1:30 PM on Sundays as provided in Chapter 1 Title 53 shall be allowed to operate on Sundays.

Section III. The sale or offer to sale on Sunday of all consumer goods is allowed.

Section IV. Severability. If any Section, Sub-Section or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, sub-sections and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

Section VI. Conflicting Ordinances repealed. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section VII. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take affect upon signing.

Fairfield County Council

By: 
Carnell Murphy, Chairman

Attested:  4/27/04
Phil Hinely, Fairfield County Administrator

First Reading:

February 23, 2004

Second Reading:

March 8, 2004

Third Reading:

April 12, 2004

Public Hearing:

April 12, 2004 -----