



ORDINANCE NO. 778

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED BY FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

WHEREAS, Fairfield County has received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to appropriate for the approved needs of the County;

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 Pandemic commenced, the County estimates that it has lost approximately \$2,700,000 in expected revenues;

WHEREAS, as a result of the revenue losses, the County has not provided its normal cost of living increases for employees during the FY 2022 budget year;

WHEREAS, the loss revenue has also hindered the County's ability to fund a number of short-term capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. From the funds received by the county, in the amount of \$2,170,321.50 from the first tranche of funding from the United States government and authorized in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Fairfield County appropriates \$2,171,600 as follows:

- (a) \$1,046,600 to provide a bonus to active County employees;
- (b) \$500,000 to repair the roof on the Department of Health and Human Services building;
- (c) \$350,000 for a Community Mini Park on Overlook Road, Blackstock SC. Parcel ID-019-00-00-002-000;
- (d) \$150,000 for upgrades to Willie Lee Robinson Park, 17460 Newberry Road, Blair SC 29015. Parcel ID-081-00-00-040-000;
- (e) \$75,000 to provide funding for the Project Manager position in the Economic Development Department;
- (f) \$30,000 to repair a fire truck engine;
- (g) \$8,000 to the Communities in Schools program to enhance participation; and
- (h) \$12,000 to the Fairfield County Library.

Section 2.

(A) The funds appropriated in Section 1(a) shall be disbursed to County employees who are actively employed on the date of the third reading of this Ordinance, as follows:

- (1) Safety sensitive employees – a one-time payment \$4,000;
- (2) Full Time employees - a one-time payment of \$1,200;
- (3) Part Time employees - a one-time payment of \$600;
- (4) As Needed Emergency Medical Services employees and volunteer firefighters – a one-time payment of \$600;

(5) Employees employed on a Temporary or As Needed basis - a one-time payment of \$200.

(B) The payments to employees authorized herein shall be paid no later than the second pay period after the adoption of the ordinance.

(C) (1) For purposes of this Ordinance, members of County Council are not considered County employees.

(2) For purposes of this Ordinance, poll workers are not considered County employees.

(D) For purposes of this Ordinance, a “safety-sensitive employee” is a person who currently works for the County and who works for a department that is responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. The employee must work for one of the following County agencies or departments:

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| (1) | Building Maintenance | 011; |
| (2) | Detention Center | 015; |
| (3) | Public Works: Road Maintenance | 016; |
| (4) | Public Works: Solid Waste | 017; |
| (5) | Animal Control | 018; |
| (6) | Coroner’s Office | 025; |
| (7) | Sheriff’s Office | 026; |
| (8) | Emergency Management | 034; |
| (9) | Transit System | 056; |
| (10) | Emergency Medical Services | 101; |
| (11) | Fire Services | 102; |
| (12) | Recreation Department | 036. |

(E) No employee shall receive a payment in more than one category identified in this Section.

Section 3. The provisions of the Ordinance are separable. If any part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, unenforceable then the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance is unaffected.

Section 4. *General Repealer.* Any ordinance, resolution, or other order of County Council, the terms of which are in conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

Section 5. *Effectiveness.* This Ordinance is effective after third reading and a public hearing.

[signatures on next page]

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Moses W. Bell

Moses Bell, Chair of County Council
Fairfield County, South Carolina

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ATTEST:

Kimberly Roberts

Kimberly Roberts, Clerk to County Council
Fairfield County, South Carolina

READINGS:

First Reading (Title Only): September 27, 2021

Second Reading: October 25, 2021

Public Hearing: October 25, 2021

Third Reading: November 8, 2021