

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF SALUDA )

ORDINANCE NO. 16-25

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLES I AND II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Section 4-9-25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, gives the County Council of Saluda County, South Carolina (the “*County Council*”), as the governing body of Saluda County (the “*County*”), the power to enact the regulations, resolutions, and ordinances that are necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the County and for the preservation of health, peace, order, and good government within;

WHEREAS, following favorable public referendum held November 8, 2022, and in accordance with Section 4-9-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the County changed its form of government from Council to Council-Administrator, effective January 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Saluda County, South Carolina (the “*County Code*”) addresses the administration of County government, including the form of government, the County officials tasked with administering that form of government, and the format of County Council meetings;

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to amend Chapter 2, Articles I and II, of the County Code to reflect the current Council-Administrator form of government;

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that it is important to have public participation in its meetings, as such participation enhances transparency and accountability, strengthens community trust, cultivates civic engagements, and improves decision making;

WHEREAS, consistent with this belief, the County Council, additionally desires to amend Chapter 2, Article II, of the County Code to change the procedure associated with the public comment and presentation period held during its meetings; and

WHEREAS, these desired amendments to Chapter 2, Articles I and II, of the County Code are set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto, the language of which is incorporated by reference as if restated verbatim.

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

**Section 1. Findings.** The Saluda County Council incorporates the above findings by reference as if restated herein verbatim.

**Section 2. Amendment and Restatement of Chapter 2, Articles I and II, of the Saluda County Code.** The Saluda County Council amends and restates Chapter 2, Articles I and

II, of the Saluda County Code in the manner set forth in the tracked changes attached as **Exhibit A**, which are incorporated by reference as if restated verbatim.

**Section 3.** The County Administrator and Clerk to Council are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to codify these amendments to the Code and are further authorized to make such revisions to the lettering, numbering, formatting, or other non-substantive changes to the chapters, sections, subsections, or clauses comprising this amendment to the Code as may be necessary to provide for the codification thereof.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Ordinance, or the amendment to the Code enacted hereby, are for any reason held or determined to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Ordinance or amendment to the Code.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance, and the amendments to the Code enacted hereby, shall be effective upon the third and final reading of this Ordinance.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL

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Regina Turner, Clerk to Council

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James L. Moore, Chairman

First Reading:  
Second Reading:  
Third Reading: