



CITY OF WALHALLA

Main Street to the Mountains

AGENDA

WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 2025

5:30 PM

LOCATION CHANGE

Walhalla Depot | 211 South College St, Walhalla, SC

Tim Hall
Mayor

Josh Holliday
Mayor Pro-Tem

Kenny Johns
Councilmember

Grant Keehn
Councilmember

Sarai Melendez
Councilmember

Vacant
Councilmember

Vacant
Councilmember

Michael Kozlarek
City Attorney

Celia Boyd Myers
City Administrator

I. **Call to Order and Welcome**

Mayor Hall

II. **Moment of Silence**

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

V. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2025

VI. **Public Comment** (*Public Comment is limited to 5 minutes and must be directed to Council, per City Ordinance 2022-8*)

A. Presentation: Jeff Hopkins, Net Doctors

VII. **Mayoral Proclamations**

A. Proclamation 2025-04: A Proclamation to recognize Arbor Day

VIII. **First and Final Reading of Resolutions**

A. Resolution 2025-02: A Resolution to designate April as Fair Housing Month

B. Resolution 2025-03: A Resolution to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of the Walhalla Rec 10U Girls Basketball Team

C. Resolution 2025-04: A Resolution to honor and celebrate the Walhalla High School Girls Basketball Team on their accomplishment winning the State Championship

IX. **Administrator's Report**

A. Monthly Reports

X. **Second, Final Reading and Public Review of Ordinances**

- A. Ordinance 2025-03: An Ordinance to amend the City of Walhalla Code of Ordinances, Chapter 310, Section 201 to provide for the requirement for annexation covenants at time of application; and other related matters.
- B. Ordinance 2025-04: An Ordinance to amend the City of Walhalla Code of Ordinances, Chapter 330, Article III, Section 1.19 and 1.21, the Establishment of Zoning Districts: Rules for Interpretation of Boundaries, Application of District Regulations to provide for the conditional use of drive-throughs, as amended by Ordinance #2021-17, and matters related thereto.

XI. **First Reading of Ordinances - None**

XII. **Discussion and/or Action Items** *(to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required)*

- A. Police Station Design-Build RFQ
- B. 2025 Goals

XIII. **Executive Session** *(to include Vote and/or Action on matters discussed, if required)*

XIV. **Mayor Comments**

Mayor Hall

XV. **Adjournment**

City of Walhalla
City Council
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 • 5:30 PM
Walhalla Depot | 211 South College Street
Walhalla, South Carolina
Minutes

In accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-10 et seq., South Carolina Code, 1976, the media was duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Tim Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Josh Holliday, Kenny Johns, Grant Keehn and Sarai Melendez

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Celia Myers, Tim Rice and Terry Sanford

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, with a quorum present to conduct the meeting and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Moment of Silence: Mayor Hall called for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hall asked for Councilwoman Melendez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Hall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Melendez moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Keehn seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Hall called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Council meeting. Mr. Holliday moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Keehn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Mr. Cliff Powell, N Church Street, spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance 2025-04 which would allow drive-thrus conditionally in the Core Commercial Zoning District. Mr. Kelvin Bryant, S Tugaloo Street, recommended that sidewalks be included in the new community center plan allowing residents to walk to the facility. Mr. Charlie Chrissy, Mountain Mocha, spoke in opposition of the proposed Ordinance 2025-05, stating the goal of bringing people into the shops versus driving-through the town.

Mayoral Proclamations:

Mayor Hall read Proclamation 2025-02 to recognize March as Women's History Month. Mr. Johns moved to approve this proclamation. Mr. Holliday seconded. The vote to approve Proclamations 2025-03 was 4-0 with Mr. Keehn abstaining.

Resolution 2025-01: Mayor Hall introduced Resolution 2025-01 which would adopt the Oconee Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Johns moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Melendez seconded. Mr. Keehn asked Chief Rice and Sanford if they had any concerns. Chief Sanford and Rice both recommended the adoption and stated many items are already in progress and the risk assessment was beneficial and the adoption could help with funding opportunities. The motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01 was passed 5-0.

Administrator's Comments: Mrs. Myers presented the monthly reports as presented in the packet.

Second, Final Reading and Public Review of Ordinances:

Ordinance 2025-01: An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2024-11, the City of Walhalla FY24-25 Budget Ordinance, as adopted June 18, 2024 to appropriate the funding for a new police station and HTAX transfer to the General Fund; and other matters related thereto.

Mayor Hall opened the public comment section for Ordinance 2025-01, which would amend the FY 24-25 budget to include the \$4.25 million appropriation received from the State for the construction of a new police station, increase the projected HTAX revenues by \$60,000 based on funds received and account for the expected expenditures for the increase HTAX revenues. Hearing no comments, the public comment section was closed. Mr. Holliday moved to approve Ordinance 2025-01 at second reading; Mr. Johns seconded. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01 at second reading passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-02: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Walhalla, South Carolina to finance and acquire a certain trackhoe and related equipment in an amount not exceeding \$200,000; to execute and deliver all documents necessary to carry out the financing and acquisition; and other related matters.

Mayor Hall opened the public comment section for Ordinance 2025-02, authorizing the City to enter into a lease purchase for a trackhoe. Ms. Lynn McClain, Woodland Dr, approached and stated that the explanation provided for why this purchase was needed helped with understanding. Hearing no other comments, the public comment section was closed. Mr. Keehn moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 at second reading; Mr. Holliday seconded. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 at second reading was passed 5-0.

First Reading of Ordinances:

Ordinance 2025-03: An Ordinance to amend the City of Walhalla Code of Ordinances, Chapter 310, Section 201 to provide for the requirement for annexation covenants at time of application; and other related matters.

Mrs. Myers presented Ordinance 2025-03, which would require new water customers to sign an annexation covenant at the time of application. Mrs. Myers noted that exemptions would be made for spouses and surviving children, changing a water account into their name. Mr. Johns moved to approve Ordinance 2025-03; Mr. Holliday seconded. Mr. Keehn questioned the benefit to the outside customer and why existing customers did not request annexation now. He stated his opposition to the new requirement. Mr. Holliday noted that people have a choice to apply for the City services. Mr. Johns stated that the City had the right to make this requirement as a condition of services and that it would not impact

existing customers. Ms. Melendez added that this is part of smart growth and planning for the future, adding that the customers had a choice in applying for service. Mayor Hall stated that this new requirement would only impact new customers and cited the obligation to the citizens of Walhalla. The motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03 at first reading was passed 4-1, with Mr. Keehn opposing.

Ordinance 2025-04: An Ordinance to amend the City of Walhalla Code of Ordinances, Chapter 330, Article III, Section 1.19 and 1.21, the Establishment of Zoning Districts: Rules for Interpretation of Boundaries, Application of District Regulations to provide for the conditional use of drive-throughs, as amended by Ordinance #2021-17, and matters related thereto.

Mrs. Myers presented Ordinance 2025-04, which would allow drive-throughs to be conditional permitted within the Core Commercial Zoning District. Drive-thrus are currently prohibited. Conditions include distance from intersections, allowances for pedestrian lanes, distances between drive-throughs and locations on non-arterial roads. Mr. Holliday moved to approve Ordinance 2025-04; Mr. Johns seconded. Mr. Holliday stated his appreciation for the process and giving applicants a possible path. Mr. Keehn noted that all should be treated equally. Ms. Melendez noted that we would be able to evaluate and make amendments if needed. The motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04 at first reading was passed 5-0.

Discussion/Action Items:

Recommendation of Award for both Division II and Division III of the City of Walhalla SCIP A-23C202 – Water and Sewer Improvements Project

Mrs. Myers presented HDH Construction Group and Stillwell Enterprises as the lowest bidders for two SCIP projects, offering their recommendation for award. She added that Mr. Rich Anderson, Summitt Engineering and project manager, reviewed their credentials an also recommended their selection. Mr. Keehn moved to accept staff's recommendation and award Division II to HDH Construction Group and Division III to Stillwell Enterprises; Mr. Holliday seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Virtual Attendance Policy

Ms. Melendez moved to adopt the proposed Virtual Attendance Policy, as it was presented and discussed at Council Committee. Mr. Johns seconded. Hearing no further comments, the motion to adopt the Virtual Attendance Policy was passed 5-0.

Municipal Volunteer Program

Mr. Holliday moved to adopt the proposed Municipal Volunteer Program, as it was presented and discussed at Council Committee. Ms. Melendez seconded the motion. Mr. Keehn noted his request to run easy on the new volunteers. Ms. Melendez stated that the program could receive feedback on how its workings and make changes in needed. Mr. Holliday expressed the need to have a plan in place. Mr. Johns noted the need for boundaries. Mayor Hall concluded Council comments by stating that this is a living document. The motion to adopt the Municipal Volunteer Program was passed 5-0.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Hall reminded the public that the Wagner Award nomination period was still open and encouraged all to nominate an organization or individual that has contributed to the betterment of the City of Walhalla.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Myers

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE ARBOR DAY AS APRIL 25, 2025

WHEREAS, trees are a vital component of the Earth's ecosystem, providing essential benefits such as clean air, water, habitat for wildlife, and the mitigation of climate change; and

WHEREAS, trees improve the quality of life in our communities, reduce energy consumption, and increase property values; and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees helps prevent soil erosion, combats deforestation, and fosters the stewardship of our natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationwide to recognize the importance of trees and to inspire citizens of all ages to take part in efforts to protect and plant trees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla recognizes the vital role that trees play in maintaining a healthy, sustainable environment and is committed to promoting awareness about the importance of tree care and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day shall be a time to encourage citizens to engage in tree planting, learn about the benefits of trees, and continue to foster a greener future for our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Hall do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2025**, as **Arbor Day** in the City of Walhalla and urge all residents to recognize the importance of trees, celebrate Arbor Day through education, tree planting, and other community-based environmental activities, and support efforts to safeguard and nurture our natural resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina to be affixed this Twenty First day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty- Five.

Mayor Tim Hall

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF OCONEE)
CITY OF WALHALLA)

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2025 AS BEING FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April 11, 2025, marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended and the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989, that both support the policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Walhalla that the City of Walhalla does hereby designate April 2025 as being Fair Housing Month and recognizes the policy supporting Fair Housing by encouraging all citizens to endorse Fair Housing opportunities for all not only during Fair Housing Month but throughout the year.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 25th day of March 2025.

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Mayor Tim Hall

Attest:

Celia Myers, City Administrator

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

CITY OF WALHALLA)

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE WALHALLA 10 AND UNDER BASKETBALL TEAM AND THEIR COACHES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING THE OCONEE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND A RUNNERUP FINISH IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla takes immense pride in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of its youth in sports; and

WHEREAS, the Walhalla 10 and Under Basketball Team, under the guidance of their coaches Joan Carver, Brady Crane and Melissa Wilkie have exhibited exceptional skill, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout their season; and

WHEREAS, the team consisting of Georgia Cantrell, Brenlyn Carver, Nina Galeazzi, Karli Partin, Shelly Partin, Mary Phylow, Callie Queen, Genisis Rodriguez, Laurel Smith, Mary Wilkie, Adelina Stewart and Lily Helmer has demonstrated remarkable teamwork and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and guidance of their coaches have played a pivotal role in the team's success, instilling in them the values of discipline, resilience, and unity; and

WHEREAS, their collective efforts have resulted in their Oconee County championship as well as their participation in the SCAP Western District, hosted in the City of Pickens, a testament to their talent, dedication, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla wishes to extend its deepest appreciation and congratulations to the players, coaches, and supporters of the Walhalla 10 and Under Basketball Team for their outstanding achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WALHALLA, that the Walhalla Recreation 10 and Under Basketball Team and their coaches, Joan Carver, Brady Crane and Melissa Wilkie are hereby recognized and congratulated for their remarkable accomplishment of a County Championship and a Western District runner up finish.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 25thth day of March 2025.

Mayor Tim Hall

Attest:

Celia Myers, City Administrator

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

CITY OF WALHALLA)

RESOLUTION 2025-04

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE WALHALLA HIGH SCHOOL
RAZORBACKS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH BRYON WIMPHRIE FOR
WINNING THE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Walhalla High Lady Razorbacks reigned victorious and claimed the 3A Girls Basketball State Championship on March 6, 2025, a truly outstanding achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Razorbacks defeated Dillon High School in the state finals, with a score of 52-37, capturing Walhalla's first-ever state championship in girls basketball and making school history; and

WHEREAS, the athletes have been superbly coached and tremendously inspired by Head Coach Byron Wimphrie and Coach Gary Woodard, building a legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member; and

WHEREAS, the members of this team will surely carry the unforgettable memories they made along the way, whether it be the long hours of grueling practices or the lessons of hard work, dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season, throughout their lives, as they remember the feeling of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group of student athletes who have brought honor to their team, their school, their community and to the City of Walhalla;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL, on March 25, 2025, that we do hereby commend and congratulate the Walhalla High School Razorbacks Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Bryon Wimphire for winning the 2025 State Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future championships.

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Mayor Tim Hall

Attest:

Celia Myers, City Administrator



CITY OF WALHALLA

Main Street to the Mountains

TO: Mayor Hall and City Council

RE: February Monthly Report

DATE: March 17, 2025

Tim Hall
Mayor

Please find enclosed an update on the City's recent activities for the month of February 2025, along with monthly department reports.

Keith Pace
Mayor Pro Tem

Administration

Josh Holliday
Councilman

HR/Personnel

Kenny Johns
Councilman

One full-time firefighter was hired.

Grant Keehn
Councilman

Economic Development

Worked with three prospective/existing businesses and industries.

Sarai Melendez
Councilwoman

Reviewed and approved 7 zoning permits.

Josh Thomas
Councilman

Infrastructure Projects

SCIIP funded Sewer Rehab Project for the Cane Creek Line continues.

SCIIP funded Rocky Knoll Project and West Main Water Line Project were awarded – received bonding information. Preconstructed meetings will be held the last week of March.

Site work continues for the new guard shack at Stumphouse Mountain Park.

Site work continues for the new combo concession stand and restroom at Sertoma Fields.

land purchase for the new Police Station.

Met with Hogan Design-Build Team regarding design of new community center – two open houses were held for public engagement.

Sidewalk repairs (C-Fund appropriation) continue.

Additional funding request made for paving projects to C-Fund Committee.

Michael Kozlarek
City Attorney

Celia Boyd Myers
City Administrator

Meetings

OJRSA Feasibility Committee met February 13th.

OJRSA Finance and Administration Committee met on February 25th.

OJRSA Board met on February 3rd.

Oconee Economic Alliance (OEA) – February 20th.

Planning Commission met February 10th.

Board of Zoning Appeals met on February 6th.

Hosted Mrs. Evelyn Lugo, President of the SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on February 26th.

Numerous other meetings with YMCA (pool), Chamber of Commerce, FEMA, consultants, Partners for Progress, Ten at the Top, other civic organizations, residents, business owners, staff, etc.

Community Engagement/Events

February 8th – Chilly Chili Bang Bang Disc Golf Tournament

February 20th – TATT Upstate Downtown Academy

March 1st – 10U Basketball Championship

Miscellaneous Highlights

A video highlighting sanitation services and recycling is complete and has been posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

Budget meetings with departments on-going.

Attended a CDBG Grant workshop.

Phase I of III of the conversion to Springbrook financial software complete.



Walhalla Police Department
101 E. Main St.
Walhalla, SC 29691

Chief of Police Timothy J. Rice

Monthly Police Report- JANUARY 2025

JANUARY Events:

- Officer Chenault along with Officer Thompson attended SMD (Speed Measuring Device) training.

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	1042
TRAINING HOURS	110 HOURS (K9 18 hrs)
Total Arrests	16 (Adult) 0 (Juvenile)
Extra Patrol / Business Checks	527

BREAKDOWN OF OVERTIME BY TYPE:

Shift Coverage	16
Court	7.5
TOTAL OVERTIME	23.5 HOURS (previous month –50 hours)

Upcoming Events and Training and News:

- The department will all have EVO(Emergency Vehicle Operation) training.
- Sgt Hunter McCall will attend mid level management training.



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Monthly Reference Material

January 2025 – Month End Stats

Total Calls for Service: 1042

Total Traffic Stops: 221

Total Traffic Collisions: 12

Reports Filed:

Collision Reports: 8

Pursuit After-Action: 0

Incident Reports: 27

Response to Resistance: 0

TOTAL: 35

Citations/Warnings Issued:

Warnings: 193

Traffic Related: 9

Non-Traffic Related: 7

TOTAL: 209

Arrests:

Adults: 16

Juvenile Referrals: 0

TOTAL: 16

Extra Patrols: **TOTAL: 527**



Walhalla Police Department
101 E. Main St.
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Monthly Police Report- February 2025

February Events:

- Sgt Hunter McCall attended Mid Level Management training.
- Officer Austin Chenault participated in Community Worker Day at James M Brown Elementary school.
- Department wide training this months focus was EVO (Emergency Vehicle Operations) which was held at Coneross Campground. West Union and Salem Police Depts were included.

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	1042
TRAINING HOURS	111 HOURS (K9 18 hrs)
Total Arrests	14 (Adult) 0 (Juvenile)
Extra Patrol / Business Checks	489

BREAKDOWN OF OVERTIME BY TYPE:

Shift Coverage	41
Court	5
TOTAL OVERTIME	46 HOURS (previous month -23.5hours)

Upcoming Events and Training and News:

- Department quarterly meeting along with computer training for our system Zuercher.
- City wide training on harassment in the workplace.
- Lt Dwayne Kelley will be a guest driving instructor at the Police Academy.
- Lt Zach McCall will be a guest gun instructor at the Police Academy.
- Cpl Vic Gomez will be guest practical problems instructor at the Police Academy.



Walhalla Police Department
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Monthly Reference Material

February 2025 – Month End Stats

<u>Total Calls for Service:</u>	1097
<u>Total Traffic Stops:</u>	292
<u>Total Traffic Collisions:</u>	16

Reports Filed:

Collision Reports:	7
Pursuit After-Action:	0
Incident Reports:	30
Response to Resistance:	0
TOTAL:	37

Citations/Warnings Issued:

Warnings:	201
Traffic Related:	11
Non-Traffic Related:	11
TOTAL:	223

Arrests:

Adults:	14
Juvenile Referrals:	0
TOTAL:	14

<u>Extra Patrols:</u>	TOTAL:	489
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Stumphouse Mountain Park
100 Stumphouse Tunnel Rd.
Walhalla, SC 29691
Chief of Police Timothy J. Rice

Monthly Stumphouse Mountain Park Report- February 2025

Updates:

- 12.5 hours of volunteer work for January.
- Welcome and Fee Station has been built and is at the Bennett Buildings staging lot.
- Site preparation work for Welcome and Fee Station continues. Electrical panel and conduit for power, data, and cameras has been installed.
- Site survey has been completed by DHEC for the new well system.

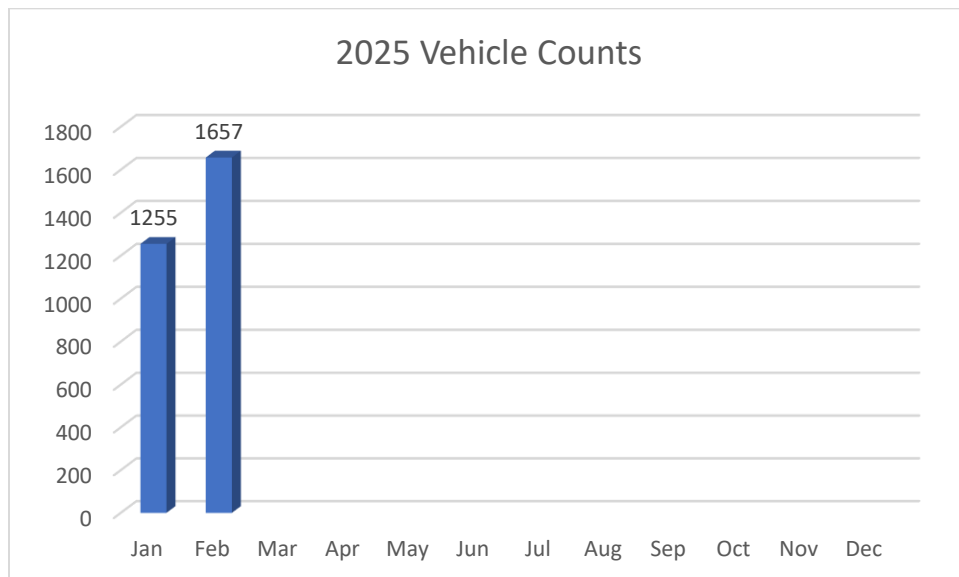
Upcoming Projects

- Installation of new main entrance sign.
- Continue work on the Welcome and Fee Station installation
- Installation of new payment collection boxes near the Welcome and Fee Station and relocation of existing collection boxes to Stumphouse 2 (Ross Mountain entrance),
- Installation of payment collection signage at Stumphouse 2 (Ross Mountain entrance) after collection boxes are installed.



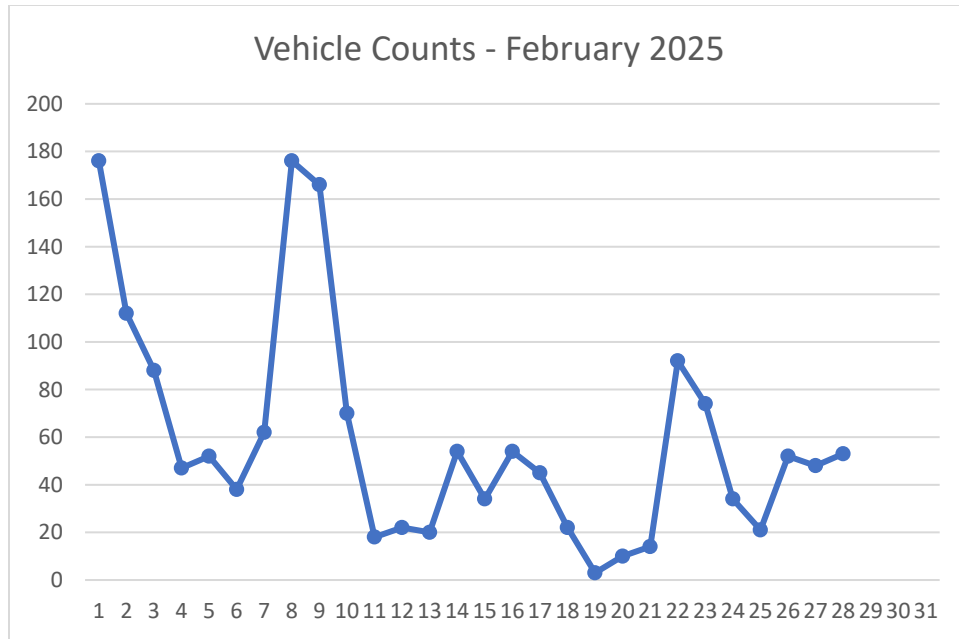
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Statistics





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Photos





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City of Walhalla Sanitation Department

Public Works Division

Sanitation & Solid Waste Department Monthly Report

February 2025

Collection Data (January 1 – 31, 2025)

Residential Garbage – 247 Tons

Commercial Garbage – 121 Tons

Recyclable Brush/Storm Debris – 11 Loads

C&D Waste – 14.5 Tons

Mattresses – 1.3 Ton

Collection Data (February 1 – 28, 2025)

Residential Garbage – 211 Tons

Commercial Garbage – 117 Tons

Recyclable Brush/Storm Debris – 15 Loads

C&D Waste – 13 Tons

Mattresses – 1 Ton

Collection Data (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Residential Garbage – 2,909 Tons

Commercial Garbage – 1,401 Tons

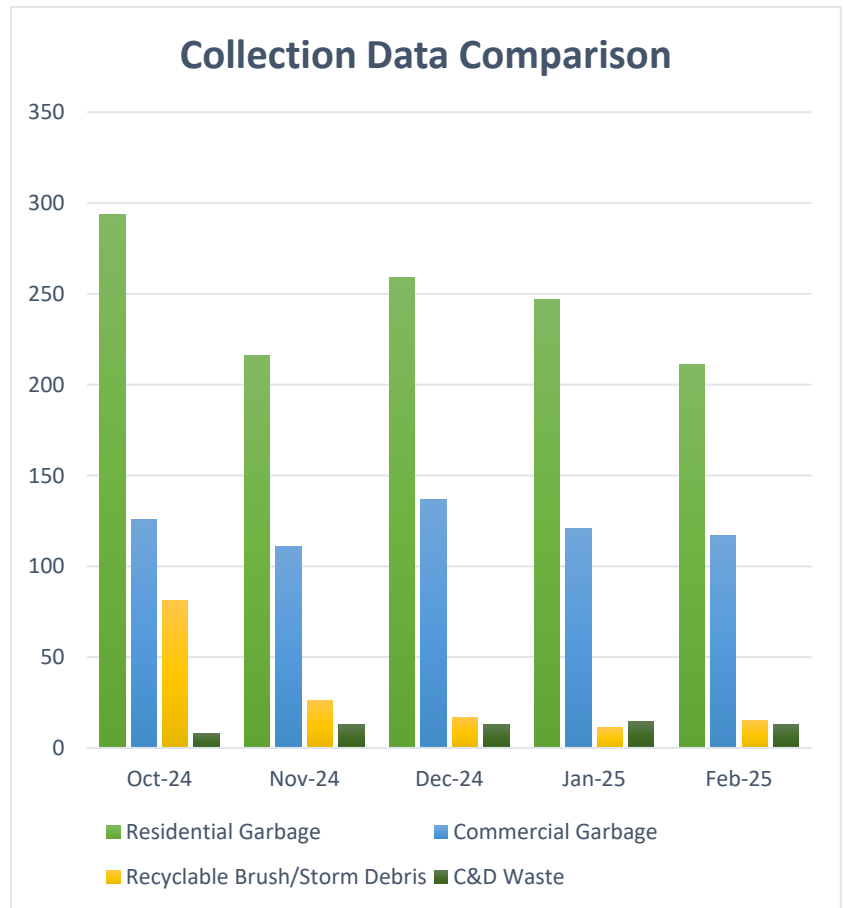
Recyclable Brush/Storm Debris – 945 Tons

C&D Waste – 179 Tons

Mattresses – 18 Tons

Tires – 2 Tons

Yard Waste – 186 Tons



Activities

Delivered 25 roll carts; picked up 8 and repaired/replaced twelve.

During the month of January our department continued picking up brush, leaves, trash, C&D waste, tires, and mattresses. Continued working on waste oil and recycling grants.



City of Walhalla Streets & Facilities Department

Public Works Division

Streets & Facilities Department Monthly Report

February 2025

Activities

Removed tree from Median in front of First Baptist Church.



Concrete pad completed for Sertoma Concession Stand.





City of Walhalla Streets & Facilities Department

Public Works Division

Installed timers for outdoor lights at Depot and Earle house.



Replaced outlet at Depo Gazebo.





City of Walhalla Streets & Facilities Department

Public Works Division

Installed lighting controller on Sertoma baseball field.



Installed lights and timer on Depo Gazebo.

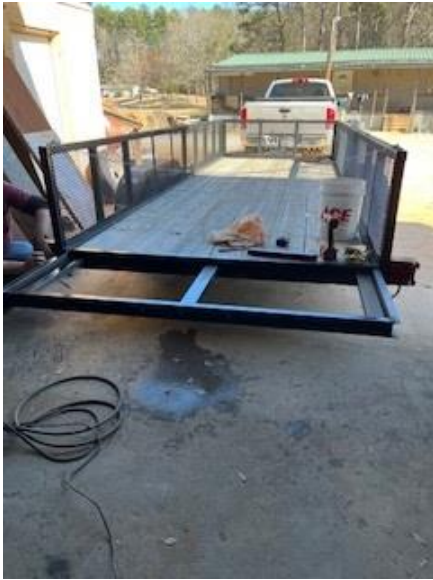




City of Walhalla Streets & Facilities Department

Public Works Division

Built platform on back of cone trailer



Sealed trailer floor with waterproofing.



Cleared brush from city park at swimming pool area.

Cleared tree from end of Memorial field.

Started cleaning pool area preparing for start-up.



City of Walhalla Fire Department

Home of the Mountaineer Engine Co. Est. 1871

Fire Department Monthly Report

February 2025

FIRE-EMS Response

The Fire Department hired one new firefighter during the month, which brought the fire department to full staff. The Department answered a total of 119 calls during the month of February – 48 within the City limits and 71 in the outside Fire District.

Within City Limits (40.3%)

EMS Calls – 35

- Medical/MVA

Fire Calls – 2

- Grass Fire/Dumpster Fire

Hazardous Conditions – 1

- Landing Zone

Service Calls – 6

- Assist Invalid/Public Service

Good Intent Calls – 4

- Dispatched Canceled Enroute

Service Calls – 11

- Assist Invalid/Public Service

Good Intent Calls – 10

- Control Burn/Canceled Enroute

Sever Weather Calls – 3

- Wind Storm

Total Calls

EMS Calls – 71

Fire Calls – 12

Hazardous Conditions – 2

Service Calls – 17

Good Intent Calls – 14

Severe Weather Calls - 3

Outside City Limits/Mutual Aid (59.7%)

EMS Calls – 36

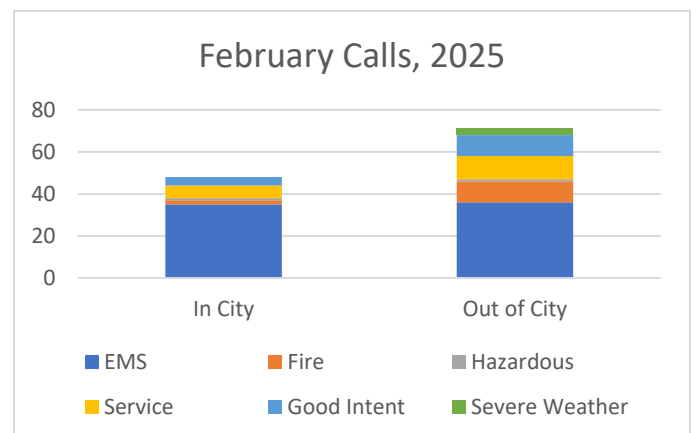
- Medical/MVA/Lost Person

Fire Calls – 10

- Building Fire/Woods Fire/Vehicle Fire

Hazardous Conditions – 1

- Gas Leak



City of Walhalla PRT Department

Parks, Recreation and Tourism

PRT Monthly Report

February 2025

Highlights

Presentation at Walhalla Rotary.

Attended two RecDesk trainings, Springbrook Purchase Order training, the SCPRT Governor's Conference, Parks Maintenance Institute (Andrew), Ten at the Top's Upstate Downtown Academy and Chamber events.

Meetings with Oconee History Museum, Walhalla Women's Club, Erin Ramos (Oconee Food Council), Lamar Advertising, Jeff Shumate (Spectrum Advertising), Luther Lyle (Hwy 11 & 28 Interchange), Committee Chair, YMCA (pool), facility renters, members of the public, etc.

Chilly Chili Bang Bang Disc Golf tournament was held.

Banquet Room HVAC issue; Received quote

Arranged for two billboards to be designed and installed advertising Stumphouse Mountain Park and City of Walhalla.

Issued 4 Press Releases; met with, designed and posted business spotlight for Blue Daisies Boutique.

Installed 77 plants at the Depot

Submitted budget request for FY26

Assisted in the organization of the Trees Upstate Giveaway: 377 trees were given

Met printers regarding the design and printing of Stumphouse t shirts, etc

YMCA Pool meeting and pre-season pool evaluation to ensure ready for the pool season (Memorial Day week).

Updated the Trademark application for Stumphouse Mountain Park (previous trademark was for Stumphouse Mountain Bike Park).

Created and ordered Stumphouse Stickers (selling fast)

City of Walhalla PRT Department

Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Parks

We welcomed Leigh Northrop to the Parks department in February. She is our Horticulturist. She and Andrew are working very well together. Our department was excited to add Leigh Northrop to our team and look forward to seeing her upcoming ideas and projects for the PRT! Andrew is looking ahead to working closely with Leigh and attending committee meetings to gain knowledge of how these groups work and the outreach that can be achieved together. One of Leigh's projects carried over into our department has been a collaboration with the Tree Committee in planting a wide array of plants and trees around The Walhalla Depot. This project is still underway and should have irrigation moving in shortly, as well as a fresh layer of compost and new mulch.

There has been a great cooperative effort between the Streets and Facilities maintenance crew to help Andrew learn and understand their maintenance plan on sites that are being transitioned into the Parks oversight, including but not limited to mowing schedules, problematic areas when grass cutting, areas of interest, as well as general knowledge sharing of site specific duties. These conversations and collaborative efforts have helped Andrew create his own basis for what a maintenance plan will look like.

Andrew attended the Spring Session of the Parks Maintenance Institute hosted by the South Carolina Recreation, and Parks Association. This seminar brought together many professional leaders within the South Carolina Forestry, Parks professionals from across the state, as well as Pesticide Educators. This community networking opportunity was a way for a more 1 on 1 talk amongst other professionals within the industry to better understand the hardships departments are facing, raising awareness of trends being seen across the industry, and to provide important information regarding what help is available within the state.

On February 13, 2025, the Walhalla Women's Club gathered for a special Galentine's Day dinner, where members celebrated friendship and shared a generous gift with representatives from the City of Walhalla's Parks Department. The club presented a check to city staff to support ongoing planting efforts at the Walhalla Depot in Kaufmann Square. This donation complements other contributions from the Rotary Club of Walhalla, Walhalla Partners for Progress and the Walhalla Tree and Beautification Committee, furthering the City's beautification goals.

Just days later, on February 18, a dedicated group of volunteers from the Rotary Club and Tree & Beautification Committee, alongside the city's park staff, worked together to install 77 new plants at the Walhalla Depot, with an additional 9 plants to be placed soon. Funded by the Walhalla Rotary Club,

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this project also includes the installation of an irrigation system to ensure the long-term health of the new plantings. These additions will bring vibrant color to the Depot, expected to bloom in the spring and provide year-round beauty for the space.

On February 21, 2025, city officials gathered alongside members of the Walhalla Tree Committee to celebrate the community's commitment to urban forestry by planting a tree at Kaufmann Square. As part of the ceremony, Mayor Tim Hall delivered a proclamation, officially designating April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in Walhalla. This event underscored the city's dedication to preserving and expanding its green spaces for future generations.

Later that afternoon, city officials and staff partnered with TreesUpstate at Owens Park at Brown's Square for a large-scale tree giveaway. A total of 377 trees, including redbuds, red maples, pawpaws, tulip poplars, Shumard oaks, and bald cypress, were distributed to community members eager to enhance their properties with native and beneficial species

Upcoming Sports and Related Facility Condition:

Most green space facilities are dormant but trash pick up and leaf/ debris removal continue. March will be a time for pruning and cleaning beds in preparation for spring plantings.

Current and Concluding Sports:

Practice for softball, baseball and flag football has begun.

Equipment Status:

Trucks: Both trucks are in working order.

Trailer: in working order

Gators: in working order

Bobcat: The Bobcat is still in fine working order.

Mowers: All mowers are still in working order. 60" mower is used daily for park and disc golf

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Routine Maintenance Update:

City Gym/Old Middle School Gym: Basketball season has ended

City Park: Weekly trash pickup is still occurring.

Memorial Field: Preparation for the Flag Football season has begun.

Sertoma Field: Preparation for baseball and softball has begun.

Disc Golf: The Disc Golf Course has been maintained alongside Sertoma Field as the weather has been keeping things hard to keep up with.

Special Project Status:

There are currently no special projects running.

Recreation

As we are getting ready to transition into Spring, some locations are beginning to see an increase in use. One such site is the Sertoma Field Disc Golf Course. On February 8th, 2025, Sertoma Field was host to the annual Chilly Chili Bang Bang Disc Golf Tournament. This Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) C-Tier event hosted 90 players from multiple states, with many more on a waiting list. Andrew was able to be onsite during the tournament and assist with setup, course traffic, and tournament teardown.

Sertoma Field Disc Golf Course will host the 3rd annual St. Patty's Day Sling hosted by the Greater Oconee Disc Golf Club. This PDGA B-Tier event will bring 72 professional and amateur disc golfers to Walhalla on Saturday, March 8th, 2025. This event features a players' party and indoor Putting League at The Garage on Main Street on Friday, March 7th. This event is the first B-Tier event of the year and has attracted the attention of a few touring Professional disc golfers, one of whom is a prior Walhalla Native and came up in our community as a youth athlete in our very own Recreation Department, Ben Wolff.

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Pool

On March 27, 2025, Celia and Olivia attended a meeting with the YMCA director and pool staff, Christle Ross, Sydney Lia and Carmen Negrón to discuss the city partnership with the YMCA to operate the pool under contract. Moving forward, we will conduct a pre-season inspection of the pool. This year the inspection occurred on March 4, 2025 and involved myself, John Galbreath, Andrew Martinez and Josh Chambers. The pool is scheduled to open on or around May 10, 2025 for staff training and will ultimately be open for the public prior to Memorial Day weekend as per the contract.

Stumphouse Mountain Park

An order of shirts has been placed in order to re-sell to the public in order to support the Park and future improvements. Also for sale are stickers, shown below. The trademark application has been completed by the attorney.



Tourism, Events and Facility Rentals

Olivia attended the SC Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel in Spartanburg. Charlotte Waters from Visit Oconee was there so it was opportunity to start building a professional relationship. Olivia reunited with a number of tourism colleagues and has scheduled several meetings with advertising vendors that will help push the tourism initiative in Walhalla.

Released:

2025 Farmers Market Application

2025 Vendor Application

2025 Event Sponsor Application

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Logos for Farmers Market, Jeep Fest, Get Outdoors Day, Independence Fest and Merchant's Market



Business Spotlight: Blue Daisies Boutique



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Reach ⁱ

1,282

Interactions ⁱ

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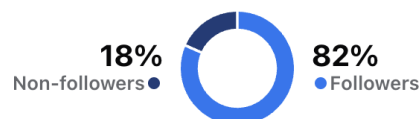
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Facility Rentals

Depot: 2 paid and 6 non-profit

\$500

Special event permits for the year \$200

Upcoming events:

March 8: 8am Sertoma Field St. Patty's Day Sling Disc Golf Tournament; 72 players



City of Walhalla Public Utilities Division

Water Crew, Water Billing, Water Plant, Sewer

Public Utilities Division Monthly Report

February 2025

Water Activities

Crews responded to customer reported issues and routine maintenance. Locations included, but aren't limited to, Ashley Drive, Johns Street, Hwy 183, Main Street, North Catherine Street, E Wildwood, etc.

New Water Taps - 6

Leaks Repaired – 5 (3 caused by independent contractors/construction)

Line, Tap, Valve Maintenance – 2

Meter Replacement – 2

Worked at Stumphouse Mountain Park on guard shack site prep.

Sewer Activities

Crews responded to reported issues and performed routine maintenance.

New Sewer Taps – 1

Sewer Tap Maintenance/Replacement - 3

Clean Outs – 3

Worked on sewer consent orders.

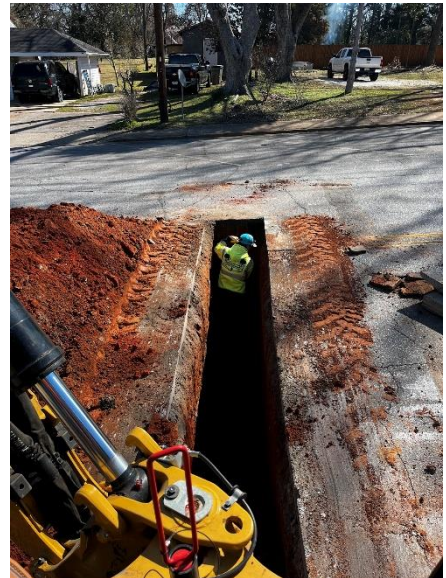
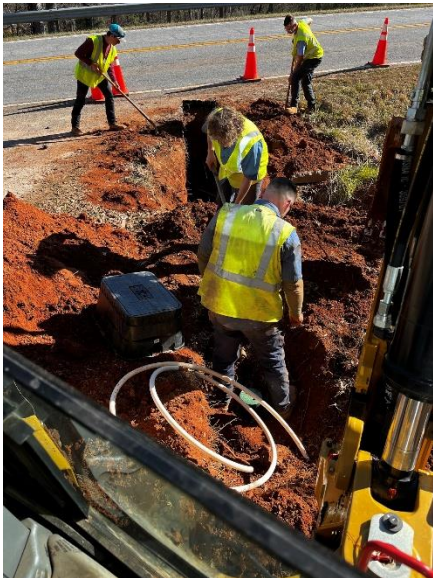
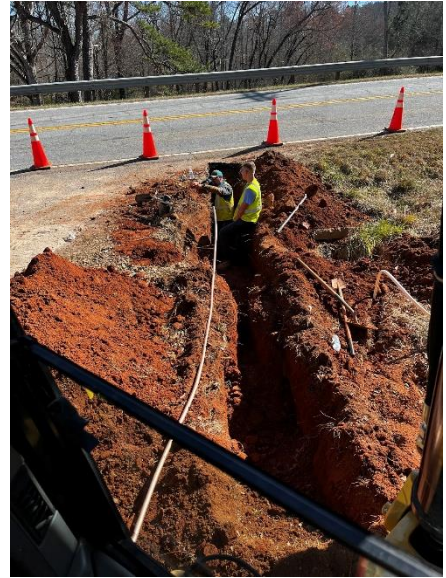
Worked with NCRS on funding for Cane Creek streambank restoration.

Additional work includes assisting in the flushing program, repaired and/or replaced sewer mains, FOG maintenance, meter replacement, etc.



City of Walhalla Public Utilities Division

Water Crew, Water Billing, Water Plant, Sewer



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF OCONEE

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ORDINANCE 2025-03

CITY OF WALHALLA

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2023-17, THE CITY OF WALHALLA WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, TO REQUIRE AN ANNEXATION COVENANT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICE OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "City"), acting by and through its City Council (the "City Council") has previously adopted City of Walhalla Ordinance # 2023-17, the City of Walhalla Water & Sewer Ordinance (the "Ordinance"); and,

WHEREAS, SC Code Sections 5-3-10 through 5-3-315 establish the methods to change the corporate limits of a municipality, including the increase of corporate limits by consolidating with another political subdivision or by annexing land; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that annexation may provide potential benefits to both the property owners and the municipality, such as additional and improved services, lower service charges, a higher level of fire protection and law enforcement, lower property insurance premiums and participation in municipal government for property owners; and economy of scale in providing services, increased revenue sharing and revenue base to support services, better long-range planning for the urban area for the municipality; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to amend the Ordinance to include a requirement of an annexation covenant to the provision of service outside of city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Walhalla Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. The City of Walhalla Council hereby finds that this proposed amendment is in accord with requirements of the South Carolina Code of Laws Title 5, Chapter 3.
2. The City of Walhalla Council hereby amends the City of Walhalla Water & Sewer Ordinance as previously adopted September 19, 2023, by City of Walhalla Ordinance #2023-17 to include:

Section 216 Provision of Service Outside of City Limits

A. Purpose and intent.

An article requiring execution of an agreement and real property covenant to be annexed upon request by the City before City water and sewer services are provided to a landowner

outside the corporate limits of the City. Provision of water and/or sewer service to property located outside of the City's boundaries is subject to the sole discretion of the City, which reserves the right to negotiate the terms for agreements for such service. Provision of service is subject to the City's current rate schedules, rules, and regulations.

B. Requirement.

It shall be required that the landowner agree to annexation prior to extending water and sewer services beyond the corporate limits of the city. The landowner shall execute a covenant encumbering and restricting the real property, which covenant shall be a covenant running with the real property, so as to bind the landowner, his heirs, personal representatives, grantees, devisees, successors and assigns to submit to annexation of the real property in to the town at such time as the said real property becomes contiguous to the corporate limits of the city and the city requests that the annexation take place. Such covenant shall be in writing and upon such form and with such content as the city shall designate, and shall be filed of record in the office of the Oconee County Register of Deeds.

1. Contiguous Properties.

If the property where water and/or sewer service is desired is contiguous to the corporate boundaries of the City and if the property is not already subject to a legal and properly recorded covenant, a properly executed petition for annexation must be submitted at the time service is requested. Service shall not be provided, connected, transferred, permitted, or allowed until such petition has been submitted and accepted by the City. Submission of the annexation petition does not guarantee annexation, nor does it guarantee the point in time at which annexation might take place. Should City Council decide not to annex the property immediately, the property owner(s) must also execute a properly executed, recordable annexation covenant to be filed with the Oconee County Register of Deeds and which shall run with the land. Service shall not be provided, connected, transferred, permitted, or allowed until such annexation covenant, if required, has been submitted to and accepted by the City.

2. Non-Contiguous Properties.

If the property where water and/or sewer service is desired is not contiguous to the corporate boundaries of the City at the time the request for service is submitted and if the property is not already subject to a binding legal and properly recorded covenant, the property owner(s) must execute a properly executed, recordable annexation covenant to be filed with the Oconee County Register of Deeds and which shall run with the land. No water and/or sewer service shall be provided, connected, transferred, permitted, or allowed until such time as a properly executed petition annexation covenant is submitted to and accepted by the City.

3. Format.

Annexation petitions and covenants each must be in formats approved by the City Attorney.

4. Exceptions.

This requirement shall not apply to a renter requesting a new water and/or sewer account or when the application is a result of a transfer of ownership between spouses or children.

C. Authority to Annex.

The decision whether or not and when to annex any particular property upon submission of an annexation petition or based on a covenant once a property becomes contiguous rests solely with City Council, in accordance with applicable State law and City ordinances.

3. Should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining terms and provisions of this ordinance, all of which are hereby deemed separable.
4. All orders, resolutions, and enactments of City of Walhalla Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.
5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after second reading and enactment by City of Walhalla Council.

AND IS DONE AND RATIFIED in Council Duly assembled this ____ Day of _____ 2025.

Tim Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia Boyd Myers, City Administrator

Introduced By:

First Reading: February 18, 2025

Public Hearing,
Second Reading
And Adoption:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

ORDINANCE 2025-04

CITY OF WALHALLA)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF WALHALLA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 330, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.19 and 1.21 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS; RULES FOR INTERPRETATION OF BOUNDARIES; APPLICATION OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE OF DRIVE-THROUGHS AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #2021-17, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Whereas, the City of Walhalla, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "City"), acting by and through its City Council (the "City Council") has previously adopted City of Walhalla Ordinance # 2021-17, amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), which Ordinance contains language prohibiting drive-throughs in the Office Commercial and Core Commercial Zoning Districts; and

Whereas, City Council is authorized to amend zoning regulations ; and

Whereas, goals of the zoning ordinance include the orderly growth of City and standards that lead to an attractive, safe and inviting City; constructing a visually attractive and economically vibrant City; and assuring new developments relates to the character of downtown and is compatible with surrounding neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the City of Walhalla Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 10, 2025 and recommended approval; and

Now Therefore: it is ordained and enacted by the City Council of the City of Walhalla, in Council assembled, that Chapter 330, Section 1.19, and Chapter 330, Section 1.21 shall be amended as follows:

1. Amend Article III Establishment of Zoning Districts; Rules for Interpretation of Boundaries; Application of District Regulations to include:

§ 330-1.19 Office Commercial District

C. Conditional uses. The following uses shall be permitted on a conditional basis in any OC Zoning District:

(12) Drive-Throughs, provided they adhere to the following conditions:

(i.) They must comply with the Downtown Design Guidelines;

(ii.) Maintain ingress and egress on a roadway classified as Urban-Local or submit a traffic impact study for a roadway classified as Collector or Arterial;

(iii.) Must be placed so that pedestrians entering and exiting the building are not required to cross the driving lane. When it is necessary for individuals to have to cross drive-through lanes, crosswalks have to be clearly differentiated from the parking area to the building entrance.

(iv.) Lanes must be situated so that other vehicles leaving or entering the parking lot won't be hindered by others using the drive-through.

(v.) Entrances and exits to drive-throughs must be placed so they do not come within 150 feet of the centerlines of intersecting streets.

(vi.) Buildings of businesses that use drive-throughs to serve food primarily for off site consumption may not be located within 500 feet of one another.

E. Other requirements. Uses in Office Commercial Zoning Districts shall be required to conform to the standards set forth below. All other relevant portions of this Part 1 shall apply.

~~(7) No drive-throughs of any kind are permitted. [Added 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 2021-17]~~

§ 330-1.21 **Core Commercial District**

E. Other requirements. Uses permitted in CC Zoning Districts shall be required to conform to the standards set forth below. All other relevant portions of this Part 1 shall apply.

~~(5) No drive-throughs of any kind are permitted. [Added 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 2021-17]~~

2. Should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining terms and provisions of this ordinance, all of which are hereby deemed separable.
3. All orders, resolutions, and enactments of City of Walhalla Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.
4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after second reading and enactment by City of Walhalla Council.

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AND IS DONE AND RATIFIED in Council Duly assembled this ____Day of _____ 2025.

Tim Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia Boyd Myers, City Administrator

Introduced By:

First Reading: February 18, 2025

Public Hearing,
Second Reading
And Adoption:

Item XII. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Police Station Design-Build RFQ

City staff recommends awarding the Design-Build project to the JM Cope Team based on their experience in similar size projects, especially two recent projects (SLED regional offices and Tega Cay Police Department), as well as their experience in working with the Textile tax credit program; and the timeframe to complete the project. Below are pictures of recent projects. They illustrate the space/design staff needs, particularly the evidence rooms and storage.



2025 Goals Draft, March 4th Council Committee

Administration/General

1. Competitive Pay
2. Balanced and Realistic Budget
3. Infrastructure Improvements
4. Grant Funding
5. Upgrade City Hall (\$ Broad St)

Police

1. Continue to upgrade equipment
2. New police station
3. Three person shifts (prioritize night/weekend)

Sanitation/Solid Waste

1. Upgrade shop

Streets & Facilities

1. Provide facilities at Cedar St
2. C-Funds Request

Fire

1. Fire Contract Renewal
2. Continue to upgrade equipment

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

1. SMP Development/Marketing (Product Management)
2. Maintain/Upgrade/Develop Other Parks
3. Increase PRT Revenue
4. Community Center (Fields, Sidewalks)

Water & Sewer

1. Move shop to Church Street (new storage building)
2. Improved Maintenance of system/facilities

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Goals for Walhalla in 2025/2026 fiscal year:

- competitive employee pay
- a TRUE COLA that makes up for the loss of employee income due to inflation over the past 3 years
- elimination of all city-given grants and non-governmental spending
- H-tax used only for permitted city expenses and PRT, specifically Stumphouse Park and the rec. department
- utility income to stay with the utility department ENTIRELY
- change in council meeting dates to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month so we can participate in county council meetings when needed
- renegotiation of the county fire contract in a council to council meeting
- commence construction of both the community center and police station
- sell various unused city properties, including “Owens Park” and the old water plant
- continue to use all possible means to fix the utility infrastructure
- open Stumphouse tunnel to the back for the public
- make interpretive trail to all tunnel sites and entrances along the old railway bed within Stumphouse park
- fill in and eliminate the Depot park pond
- change the focus of the city from caring about “appearances” to caring about its residents and employees
- restore freedoms to residents that don’t interfere with the freedoms of their neighbors, specifically the raising of chickens
- encourage the building of apartment complexes in the appropriately-zoned areas
- MERGE with the Town of West Union!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!