

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, Subsection 3 of Section 5-7-260 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, requires that a municipal council shall act by ordinance to levy taxes and adopt a budget pursuant to public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled, that the following provisions are hereby adopted and enacted:

SECTION 1. A tax to cover the period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, both inclusive for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Goose Creek for the use and service thereof; i.e., a tax of \$6.00 on every hundred (\$100.00) dollars in assessed value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Goose Creek for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements, current expenses and the payment of interest and retirement of outstanding bonds and debts of the City of Goose Creek, making a total levy of sixty (60.0) mills for tax purposes. The total tax levy of sixty (60.0) mills is apportioned as follows: forty nine and one-half (49.5) mills for the general operation of the City, and, ten and one-half (10.5) mills to fund the Recreation Enterprise Fund. Such tax is levied on such property as is assessed by the Berkeley County Tax Assessor for County and State purposes.

SECTION 2. A sanitation tax to cover the period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, both inclusive for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Goose Creek for the use and service thereof, i.e., a tax of one hundred eighty-five (\$185.00) dollars is assessed on every single-family occupied residential lot within the corporate limits of the City of Goose Creek, to be paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Goose Creek for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements and for the purpose of paying current expenses of said municipality.

SECTION 3. The water rates, service fees, origination fees and other miscellaneous revenues of the Water Fund of the City are those as established in the proposed budget for the same, which is attached hereto in Exhibit A and made part hereof by reference; a copy of such rates, fees, etc. shall be maintained on file in the offices of the Finance Director and City Clerk.

The prepared budget and estimated revenue for the payment of the same for business licenses are in accordance with the classifications established in the latest edition of the *United States North American Industry Classification System Manual* (NAICS codes). The rate schedules established and approved through the budget are on file in the offices of the Finance Director and City Clerk.

SECTION 4. The prepared budget and estimated revenue for the payment of the same is hereby adopted and made a part hereof as if fully incorporated herein and a copy Budget Summary thereof is attached hereto in Exhibit B. A copy of the full budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

EXHIBIT A

2025	
Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)	
INSIDE	OUTSIDE
\$ 2.52	\$ 5.04

Description Meter Size	AWWA Factors (1)	Monthly Demand Charge	
		INSIDE	OUTSIDE
5/8 & 3/4 Inch	1.00	\$ 12.80	\$ 25.60
1.0 Inch	2.50	\$ 32.00	\$ 64.00
1.5 Inch	5.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 128.00
2.0 Inch	8.00	\$ 102.40	\$ 204.80
3.0 Inch	15.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 384.00
4.0 Inch	25.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 640.00
6.0 Inch	50.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,280.00
8.0 Inch	80.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 2,048.00
10.0 Inch	115.00	\$ 1,472.00	\$ 2,944.00

Notes: (1) Meter-size equivalency factors established by the AWWA and identified in AWWA Standards C700, M1 and M22. Such factors are commonly applied for water rate design.

Description	INSIDE	OUTSIDE
Hydrant Fee	N/A	\$1.00 per Month
Tap Fee	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Water Tap Impact Fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

SECTION 5. By mutual agreement between the City of Goose Creek and Berkeley County, Berkeley County will bill and collect the taxes enumerated herein, and pay the same over to the treasury of the City of Goose Creek in the manner as agreed by both parties.

SECTION 6. The billing dates, the penalty dates and the amount of the penalty which shall be levied for delinquent taxes shall be the same as those adopted by Berkeley County Council.

SECTION 7. The Finance Director shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes in accordance with the provisions established for the collection of the same with Berkeley County.

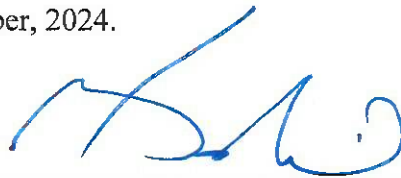
SECTION 8. The City Administrator shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget as established by City Council.

SECTION 9. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2025.

INTRODUCED the 8th day of October, 2024.

DONE the 12th day of November, 2024.



Mayor Gregory S. Habib

Attest:


Kelly J. Lovette, MMC, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Debra Green-Fletcher

Councilmember Jerry Tekac

Councilmember Christopher Harmon

Councilmember Gayla S.L. McSwain

Councilmember Hannah J. Cox

Councilmember Melissa Enos-Sims

**CITY OF GOOSE CREEK
BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

General Fund

General Fund Revenues	\$	47,327,687
General Fund Expenditures	\$	47,327,687

	FY 2024		FY 2025
Legislative	\$ 421,493		\$ 461,863
Economic Development	\$ 199,746		\$ 247,548
Human Resources	\$ 421,637		\$ 588,163
Administration	\$ 2,322,257		\$ 2,372,064
Planning	\$ 1,618,517		\$ 1,668,064
Information Technology	\$ 1,668,220		\$ 1,873,515
Police	\$ 14,295,985		\$ 16,272,861
Fire	\$ 9,557,481		\$ 10,711,940
Sanitation	\$ 2,781,986		\$ 2,440,431
Maintenance	\$ 1,969,685		\$ 2,101,982
Garage	\$ 668,571		\$ 984,160
Court	\$ 677,802		\$ 759,372
Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,333,888		\$ 2,679,058
Non-Departmental	\$ 675,908		\$ 4,166,666

General Fund Reserve	\$	-
Total Expenditure and Reserve	\$	47,327,687

Water Utility Enterprise Fund

Water Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$	6,714,884
Water Enterprise Fund Expense	\$	6,706,150
Water Enterprise Fund Reserve	\$	8,734
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	6,714,884

Golf Enterprise Fund

Golf Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$	2,660,833
Golf Enterprise Fund Expense	\$	2,606,901
Golf Enterprise Fund Reserve	\$	53,932
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	2,660,833

Recreation Enterprise Fund

Recreation Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$	5,173,534
Recreation Enterprise Fund Expense	\$	5,134,081
Recreation Enterprise Fund Reserve	\$	39,453
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	5,173,534

Capital Projects Fund

Capital Projects Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	840,085
Capital Projects Fund Expenditures	\$	857,488
Capital Projects Fund Reserve	\$	(17,403)
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	840,085

Impact Fee Fund

Impact Fee Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	5,845,859
Impact Fee Fund Expenditures	\$	1,000,000
Impact Fee Fund Reserve	\$	4,845,859
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	5,845,859

Hospitality Fund

Hospitality Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	8,060,630
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	\$	3,866,546
Hospitality Fund Reserve	\$	4,194,084
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	8,060,630

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund

ARPA Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	5,137,564
ARPA Fund Expenditures	\$	5,137,564
ARPA Fund Reserve	\$	-
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	5,137,564

Goose Creek Municipal Finance Corporation Fund

Goose Creek Municipal Finance Corporation Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	632,132
Goose Creek Municipal Finance Corporation Fund Expenditures	\$	632,132
Goose Creek Municipal Finance Corporation Fund Reserve	\$	-
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	632,132

Fireman's 1% Fund

Fireman's 1% Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	220,611
Fireman's 1% Fund Expenditures	\$	205,201
Fireman's 1% Fund Reserve	\$	15,410
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	220,611

Confiscated/Forfeiture Drug Money Fund

Confiscated/Forfeiture Drug Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	166,673
Confiscated/Forfeiture Drug Fund Expenditures	\$	13,000
Confiscated/Forfeiture Drug Fund Reserve	\$	153,673
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	166,673

Tree Trust Fund

Tree Trust Fund Balance/Reserves	\$	847,126
Tree Trust Fund Expenditures	\$	135,000
Tree Trust Fund Reserve	\$	712,126
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	847,126

Emergency 911 Fund

Emergency 911 Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	306,351
Emergency 911 Fund Expenditures	\$	266,724
Emergency 911 Fund Reserve	\$	39,627
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	306,351

Victim's Assistance Fund

Victim's Assistance Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	59,416
Victim's Assistance Fund Expenditures	\$	88,296
Victim's Assistance Fund Reserve	\$	(28,880)
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	59,416

Opioid Fund

Opioid Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	164,537
Opioid Fund Expenditures	\$	117,654
Opioid Fund Reserve	\$	46,883
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	164,537

Tourism Fund

Tourism Revenue Fund Balance/Revenues	\$	217,488
Tourism Revenue Expenditures	\$	38,546
Tourism Revenue Reserves	\$	178,942
Total Expenditures and Reserve	\$	217,488

Total All Funds

Total Revenue (All Funds)	\$	84,375,410
Total Expenditures (All Funds)	\$	74,132,970
Reserve For Contingencies (All Funds)	\$	10,242,440
Total City of Goose Creek Budget	\$	84,375,410