



CITY OF WALHALLA

Main Street to the Mountains

AGENDA City Council Meeting

October 20, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers | 206 N Church St. Walhalla, SC

Tim Hall
Mayor

Mayor Hall

David Underwood
Mayor Pro Tem

Jessie Bunning
Councilwoman

Chris Grant
Councilman

Lynn McClain
Councilwoman

Sarai Melendez
Councilwoman

Michael Kozlarek
City Attorney

David Poulson
City Administrator

I. **Call to Order and Welcome**

II. **Moment of Silence**

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

V. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Regular meeting September 15, 2026
- B. Committees meeting October 6, 2026
- C. Called Meeting October 6, 2026

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

VII. **Proclamation:**

- A. Proclamation 2026-14: A Proclamation designating November 19, 2026 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of Walhalla

VIII. **Resolution:**

- A. Resolution 2026-08: A Resolution honoring the Walhalla Fire Department for their efforts on September 17, 2026
- B. Resolution 2026-09: A Resolution honoring the Walhalla Police Department for their efforts on September 17, 2026

IX. **Administrator's Report**

- A. Monthly Reports

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

- A. Ordinance 2026-16: amend Article IV Careless Driving Ordinance, sections 295-14 and 15, and other matters related thereto.

XI. **First Reading of Ordinances**

- A. Ordinance 2026-17: establish Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board and other matters related thereto.
- B. Ordinance 2026-18: amend section 111 to prohibit dogs from athletic fields in the City of Walhalla and other matters related thereto.
- C. Ordinance 2026-19: amend section 123 to adopt state building codes and other matters related thereto.

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

- A. Committee Reports
- B. Task Force Report
- C. Policy for Offering Prayer at City Council Meetings

XIII. **Mayor Comments**

Mayor Hall

XIV. **Adjournment**

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City Council Meeting
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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 David Underwood, Jessie Bunning, Chris Grant, Lynn McClain.

Councilmembers Absent: Sarai Melendez

Staff Present: David Poulson, City Administrator, Ed Halbig, Zane Thompson

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. He recognized Dustin Raines and Chris Carter in the audience and thanked them for their good work. He then called for a moment of silence. Mrs. Bunning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Hall called for an amendment to agenda to add committee reports under discussion and action items, and to add two items to executive session to include personnel matters regarding interim city administrator and the parks tourism and events position. Mayor Hall moved to approve the amendment. Mr. Underwood seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Grant moved to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Bunning moved to approve the Council Capital Improvements Workshop Meeting minutes of August 13, 2026. Mr. Underwood seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Grant moved to approve the Called Council Meeting minutes of August 13, 2026. Mr. Underwood seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Grant moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 18, 2026. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Grant moved to approve the Called Council Meeting minutes of August 21, 2026. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Grant moved to approve the Called Council Meeting minutes of September 1, 2026. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Grant moved to approve the Committees Meeting minutes of September 1, 2026. Mrs. McClain seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comment: there being none.

Presentation: Mayor Hall asked to move this agenda item until later in the meeting as the presenter was not in attendance at that time.

Proclamation: Mayor Hall reviewed a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week in the City. He then read a proclamation recognizing October as Fire Prevention Month in the City.

First Reading of Ordinances: Mayor Hall asked for a review of the changes to the ordinance. Mr. Poulson discussed the changes to fees and requirements of applying only to first-time offenders. Mr. Grant Moved to approve Ordinance 2026-16 amending the careless driving ordinance. Mr. Underwood seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion and/or Action Items: Mayor Hall asked for an update on the

SC WARN Agreement: Mr. Halbig spoke of the reviews by the attorney and MASC. Mr. Underwood discussed some of the reimbursement details. Mayor Hall asked if this was ready for passage. Mr. Thompson stated that the need was present and the agreement was ready. Mrs. Bunning noted that the reimbursement terms were expressed in the document. Mr. Grant stated that the agreement was reasonable. Mr. Underwood agreed to the need to get it passed. Mr. Poulson discussed that this sets standards and allows for authority to negotiate assistance. Mr. Halbig noted that the agreement sets the FEMA rates to protect from price gouging. Mr. Grant moved to accept the agreement. Mr. Underwood seconded. The motion passed.

Walhalla Downtown Development Corporation: Mr. Halbig stated that he did not have the information needed to proceed. Mayor Hall moved to defer to the next meeting. Mrs. McClain seconded. The motion passed.

Walhalla Utilities Public Engagement: Mr. Underwood read the Walhalla Utilities Reorganization Report. Mayor Hall moved to approve the development of the Walhalla Water Utilities Advisory Board. Mrs. Bunning seconded. Mrs. Bunning noted that parts of the report were now incorporated into the city's processes. Mayor Hall asked to clarify when this would be up and running. Mr. Poulson stated that he felt it would be available at the next meeting. Mayor asked about when the city could start accepting applications. Mr. Poulson felt that the end of the month would be possible. Mrs. Bunning asked about procedural steps. Mr. Poulson stated that first there would be the creation of the board and then approve the bylaws at the following meeting. Mayor Hall recognized Mr. Raines. Mr. Raines asked about the purpose of the board. Mayor Hall stated that this board was meant to provide more information to the public. Mr. Raines asked Mr. Poulson about other cities and their efforts. Mr. Poulson stated that advisory committees were common and this allows customers to provide recommendations. Mrs. Bunning noted that the city had good results with ad hoc committees. Mr. Underwood noted that the majority of customers were

outside of the city limits. Mayor Hall asked for further discussion. There being none, the council voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation: Ms. Janis Keets presented her report on the Tree and Beautification Committee. She stated that the goals of the Committee were to maintain the trees of the city and maintain the Tree City USA designation and spoke of an event with James M. Brown elementary school to host a tree planting in 2027. She asked about reaching out to people who sign up for the MVP program. She asked for help with mulching. Mayor Hall asked her to ask Mr. Poulson. She asked for an ex-officio council member and Mr. Underwood volunteered to serve. Mrs. Bunning asked for an invite to the James.M. Brown event and she mentioned positive comments she had received. Ms. Keets spoke of a live oak that was lost at the city pool. Mayor Hall thanked her for her service.

Committee Reports: Mrs. McClain discussed working with Mr. Poulson to find funds in the budget to affect repairs at the Depot. Mr. Poulson stated he would get prices for the repairs. Mrs. Bunning highlighted both the Community Center grand opening and the Hispanic Heritage Festival. Mr. Underwood discussed citizen concerns with their water. He allowed Mr. Poulson to elaborate. Mr. Poulson noted that DES did not issue any notification of any water quality issues.

Executive session: Mr. Grant moved to go into executive session. Mrs. Bunning seconded. Mayor Hall noted that Mr. Chris Carter, Mr. Poulson and Mr. Halbig would attend executive session. It began at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Grant moved to exit executive session. Mrs. McClain seconded. The motion passed and executive session ended at 7:39 PM.

Adjournment: Mr. Grant moved to adjourn. Mr. Underwood seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward R. Halbig, City Clerk

**City of Walhalla
Committees Meeting
October 6, 2026 • 5:30 PM
Council Chambers | 206 N Church St
Walhalla, South Carolina
Minutes**

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Councilmembers Present: Mayor Tim Hall, Mayor Pro-Tem David Underwood, Jessie Bunning, Lynn McClain, and Sarai Melendez.

Councilmembers Absent: Chris Grant

Staff Present: David Poulson, Brittney Martin, Ed Halbig, Cathy Whetstone, Petey Ridley, John Galbreath.

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. He noted that the Planning Committee would not meet for lack of a quorum.

Finance, Budgeting, Purchasing and Contracting Committee: Mrs. McClain called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Budget Update: She asked for a budget update from Brittney Martin. Mrs. Martin distributed budget information and discussed the highlights of her findings in her first months. She discussed her goals for the city's financial tracking and reporting. Ms. Melendez asked if they projected any challenges. Mr. Poulson discussed the ability to do such projections once the information is entered into the financial tracking system.

Buy Local Ordinance: Mrs. McClain asked about a Buy Local Ordinance for Walhalla. Mr. Underwood asked about conflicts of interest. Mayor Hall noted that the Municipal Association had some guidance. Mrs. McClain asked that Mr. Poulson and Mrs. Martin come back to the Committee with a draft ordinance. Mrs. Bunning asked that the term "local" be clearly defined. Mrs. McClain moved to have the Administrator and Clerk to come up with a draft ordinance for a "buy local" policy.

Adjournment: Mrs. McClain made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Underwood seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee: Jessie Bunning called the committee to order at 5:43 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Melendez moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2026. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Melendez moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2026. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed.

Upcoming Events: Mrs. Bunning asked Mr. Ridley to present the fall team sports schedule. Ms. Melendez asked about All Star tournaments. Mr. Ridley discussed the tournaments for November. Mrs. Bunning discussed the October special events of Oktoberfest and Walhalloween with the dog parade downtown. Mr. Underwood asked about improving the

walkways past the site of the fire. Mr. Poulson expressed concerns about safety but stated that they were trying to help nearby businesses with foot traffic. Mrs. Bunning noted that Boo in the Bay was scheduled for Halloween. Ms. Melendez reviewed the Hispanic Heritage Fest. She discussed feedback and the debriefing meeting and the effort to model it after Oktoberfest. Mrs. Bunning noted that the model would involve becoming an event that is sponsored by a stand-alone committee with city support. She spoke of the concerns of the fall merchant's market being cancelled. Mrs. McClain spoke of downtown businesses aligning their activities with those of the city. Mayor Hall spoke of the need for volunteers and the Municipal Volunteer Program. Mr. Halbig noted that there were inquiries into the Christmas Parade. Mrs. Bunning directed the issue to Mr. Poulson who stated that Mrs. Chasity Miles would be leading the parade efforts for the time being. Ms. Melendez discussed the MVP – Municipal Volunteer Program as being useful for the whole of the city.

Adjournment: Mrs. Bunning moved to adjourn. Ms. Melendez seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Public Works, Streets, Sanitation and Facilities Committee: Ms. Melendez called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Bunning moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2026. Mrs. McClain seconded. The motion passed.

Depot Facility Update: Ms. Melendez asked for a Depot facilities update. Mr. Poulson reported on the city's efforts to address the list of improvements needed and the estimated costs.

Depot Ponds Update: Ms. Melendez asked about the Depot Ponds update. Mr. Poulson spoke of the cleaning of the ponds and the costs of the liners and installation. Mayor Hall asked about the pipe repairs. Mr. Galbreath noted that the pipes were not included in the costs projected.

Community Center Facility Maintenance Plan: Ms. Melendez asked about the Community Center facility maintenance plan, and the cleaning schedule. Mr. Poulson noted that staff was maintaining the facility and that the center would be considered in an RFP for building maintenance. Mrs. McClain asked about replacing a sign at North Catherine and Broad Streets warning against buses. She noted two buses had gotten stuck there in one week. Mayor Hall asked about a state sign at the community center in the right-of-way.

Adjournment: Mrs. McClain moved to adjourn. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Public Utilities Committee: Mr. Underwood called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Walhalla Water Citizens' Advisory Board: Mr. Underwood asked Mr. Poulson to present on the Walhalla Citizens' Advisory Board. Mr. Poulson outlined the two documents to establish and govern the board. Mr. Poulson then discussed the new phone system. He asked Mrs. Whetstone to present on the features and benefits of the new system. Mrs. Whetstone discussed the many features and the opportunities to improve customer service. Mr. Underwood asked about training. Mrs. Whetstone discussed the training, savings, changeover efforts and the timeline for implementation. Ms. Melendez asked about bilingual features of the system. Mrs. Whetstone said she would look into those.

Adjournment: Mrs. Bunning moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Underwood seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward R. Halbig
City Clerk

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Councilmembers Absent: Chris Grant

Staff Present: David Poulson, Zane Thompson, Brittney Martin.

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM. He noted that the committees meetings ran late. He spoke of the intent to discuss the efforts to recover from the fire.

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. McClain Moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The motion passed.

Resolution: Mayor Hall asked about a resolution to request action from the OJRSA. Mr. Poulson noted that the OJRSA had agreed at a meeting the day prior to waive fees for businesses relocating from the fire damaged property to other developed properties, and that the Authority would work with the city in other ways as well. Mayor Hall asked about what the OJRSA would be willing to do. Mr. Poulson discussed his meeting with them and under what conditions the fees would be waived, and how they would work to do that legally.

Discussion Action Items

Overview of assistance: Mayor Hall asked Mr. Poulson to report on the progress of moving forward from the fire. Mr. Poulson stated that the Small Business Administration application for declaring a state of emergency was complete and on Governor McMaster's desk for signature, and that that would make the businesses eligible for low interest loans under the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. Mr. Poulson stated that the first disbursement of the chamber's fire relief fund had taken place. Mr. Underwood offered applause to the community for their assistance. Mr. Poulson noted that Walhalla was still open for business. He noted that the city was looking at ways to further assist the downtown businesses when they start rebuilding. Mayor Hall asked about the walkway and safety near the damaged buildings. He asked to find a way to detour safely. He asked about the status of the demolition of the buildings and the conditions of the property. Mr. Poulson discussed the steps taken with providing dumpsters and was making sure that things were being done safely and legally. Mayor Hall asked about health issues. Mr. Poulson noted that the property owners and renters were working with their insurance agents to address the situation. Mayor Hall asked about reaching out to the owner of the end building. Mr. Poulson said he had the owner's information but had not yet had contact. Ms. Melendez mentioned that there were three tiers of the city, the property owners and the tenants needing to work together to resolve the safety issues. Mr. Poulson stated that the building owner was complying with the city and was still working through the insurance company. Mayor Hall asked about the ongoing SLED investigation. Mr. Poulson stated he had no update from the Police. Mr.

Underwood asked about temporarily enhancing parking at Owens Park. Mr. Poulson stated that city staff could look into that.

HTAX efforts: Mayor Hall asked about the impact of waiving HAT fees for the businesses affected by the fire. Mr. Poulson expected it would be less than \$5000. Mr. Poulson discussed the allowances of the ordinance and the possibility of arranging fees in lieu agreements with the busiensses. Mayor Hall asked for a motion to waive HAT fees for the month of September for the businesses displaced by the fire. Mr. Underwood so moved. Mrs. McClain seconded. The motion passed.

Additional assistance: Mayor Hall asked about additional means to assist. Mrs. McClain asked about the efforts of SC Works. Ms. Melendez asked about the activities of the food truck committee considering changes in light of the fire. Mayor Hall mentioned a proposal to use building bricks for a crosswalk of as a means of memorializing the building. He discussed a meeting with the business community on the coming Thursday at 6 pm at the Community Center for the whole of the business community. Mr. Underwood recognized Mr. Zane Thompson. Mr. Thompson stated that he had instructed his staff to stop billing the addresses affected by the fire on the day it occurred. Mrs. Brittney Martin stated that Visit Oconee indicated it would promote the open businesses in the downtown, and she agreed to take the lead. Mr. Poulson noted that the Oktoberfest Committee indicated that they would spotlight downtown businesses as well and Mrs. Martin would head that up as well.

Sale of Track hoe: Mr. Poulson noted that the council needed to authorize the possible sale, and that there was still a balance on the equipment. Mrs. McClain moved to start looking into selling or trading the water department track hoe. Mrs. Bunning seconded. Mr. Thompson stated it might be possible to trade the equipment. The motion passed.

Executive Session: Mayor Hall noted that there was an executive session for a personnel matter. Mrs. Bunning moved to go into executive session. Ms. Melendez seconded. The council entered into executive session at 6:47 PM.

Mrs. McClain moved to exit executive session. Mrs. Bunning seconded. The council exited executive session at 7:17 PM. Mrs. Bunning moved to extend an offer to Mr. David Liner to serve as Parks, Tourism and Events Coordinator. Ms. Melendez seconded. The motion passed. Mrs. McClain moved to adjourn. Mrs. bunning seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward R. Halbig
City Clerk

CITY OF WALHALLA , SOUTH CAROLINA

**A PROCLAMATION
TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 19, 2026
AS WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY
IN THE CITY OF WALHALLA**

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is projected to become the second leading cause around 2030; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer is an alarmingly low 13 percent, making it one of the most aggressive cancers; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer symptoms often present themselves only in the later stages of the disease, when recovery chances have significantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death across the world; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Walhalla are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risks of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Tim Hall, Mayor of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the day November 19, 2026 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of Walhalla, and I urge the community to become aware of this disease and take the precautions necessary to protect themselves and their loved ones.

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 Twentieth Day of October in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Mayor Tim Hall

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

RESOLUTION 2026-08

CITY OF WALHALLA)

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE WALHALLA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MUTUAL AID PROVIDERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING AND AFTER THE FIRE OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of September 17, 2026, a devastating fire broke out at approximately 3:30 a.m. along East Main Street in downtown Walhalla, and

WHEREAS, Walhalla Fire Department's C-Shift firefighters Emmie Grace Brock and Holly Merritt arrived on the scene and immediately began staging equipment and resources for the fight to come; and

WHEREAS, Walhalla firefighters, joined by mutual-aid partners, responded with exceptional courage, dedication, and professionalism to contain the fire, protect surrounding properties, and safeguard the public, with no injuries to the public reported; and

WHEREAS, firefighters worked for hours under dangerous and demanding conditions, confronting heavy debris, persistent hot spots, and the threat of rekindling while continuing to monitor the scene and support a safe transition into cleanup and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the fire caused profound losses for businesses that helped define the heart of downtown Walhalla, yet the response of our firefighters and the outpouring of community support demonstrated that Walhalla faces hardship as a unified community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Walhalla, together with and on behalf of a grateful community, do hereby honor and commend the Walhalla firefighters and all responding personnel and mutual-aid agencies for their extraordinary service during the downtown Walhalla fire of September 17, 2026, and express their deepest appreciation for the courage, discipline, teamwork, and steadfast commitment to protecting life and property.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 20th day of October 2026.

Mayor Tim Hall

Attest:

David Poulson, City Administrator

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

RESOLUTION 2026-09

CITY OF WALHALLA)

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE WALHALLA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS
DURING AND AFTER THE FIRE OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of September 17, 2026, a devastating fire broke out at approximately 3:30 a.m. along East Main Street in downtown Walhalla; and

WHEREAS, the Walhalla Police Department immediately responded, with Officer Hunter McCall on patrol in the area and being first on the scene, and Chief Aaron Alexander and other officers coming back on duty to serve, and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Walhalla Police Department responded quickly and professionally at the scene, enduring heat, explosion, smoke and debris while working to secure the surrounding area by keeping motorists and bystanders clear for their safety and so fire crews could combat the blaze; and

WHEREAS, officers worked through the night, morning and all of Thursday protecting both the public and the emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, following the suppression of the fire, the Walhalla Police Department assisted the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division in providing local investigative assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Walhalla Police Department continues in its responsibility to protect the public as the property owners undertake their recovery efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Walhalla, together with and on behalf of a grateful community, do hereby honor and commend the Walhalla Police Department for their disciplined and steadfast service during and after the downtown Walhalla fire of September 17, 2026, and for their continued commitment to the safety and recovery of our community.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 20th day of October 2026.

Mayor Tim Hall

Attest:

David Poulson, City Administrator

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

ORDINANCE 2026-16

CITY OF WALHALLA)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 295 OF THE WALHALLA MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO TO STANDARDIZE FINES AND PROTECT POLICE OFFICERS' PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the Walhalla Police Department officers operate as prosecuting officers in the municipal court and have discretion to enter into plea agreements; and

Whereas, subsection 295-15 limits officers' ability to exercise such discretion when they would otherwise be able to apply such discretion; and

Whereas, the Municipal Judge of the City of Walhalla is authorized to impose fines according to Subsection 1-1 of the city ordinance; and

Whereas, the Walhalla City Council finds that updated policies regarding Careless Driving are necessary to better align the penalties of subsection 295-14 with the rest of the city's code of ordinances;

Now Therefore: it is ordained and enacted by the Mayor and Council members of the City of Walhalla, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Chapter 295 of the Walhalla Municipal Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

§ 295-14 Penalties.

Any person found guilty of this offense will be fined up to \$500 plus all applicable state-mandated fees and assessments and/or up to 30 days' imprisonment.

§ 295-15 Purpose and scope.

This article will not be used as a means of increasing revenue, but is to be used as an alternative method to avoid an increase in insurance rates.

2. The remaining terms and provisions of the City of Walhalla Code of Ordinances not revised or affected hereby remain in full force and effect.
3. Should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the

remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

4. All Ordinances, Orders, Resolutions, and actions of Walhalla City Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked and rescinded.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon the Second Reading and Enactment by Walhalla City Council. The City Council shall review this Article within eighteen (18) months of its effective date to assess its operation and any related litigation exposure.

DONE AND RATIFIED in Council Duly assembled this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

Tim Hall, Mayor

(seal)

ATTEST:

David Poulson, City Administrator

Introduced By:

First Reading:

Public Hearing,
Second Reading
And Adoption:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

ORDINANCE 2026-17

CITY OF WALHALLA)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE WALHALLA WATER CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR ITS PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY; TO RECOGNIZE ITS BYLAWS AND CHARTER; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, have expressed a desire to establish a Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board to encourage participation by customers of the City of Walhalla water system who reside outside the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Water Citizens Advisory Board complements the continued commitment of the Mayor and City Council to transparency, public engagement, and open communication with the customers served by the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Board will provide an additional opportunity for water customers to share their perspectives, offer constructive recommendations, and contribute valuable community insight regarding water system operations, services, policies, and other matters that directly affect them; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize the importance of maintaining open lines of communication with water customers residing both within and outside the corporate limits of the City of Walhalla; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee held on _____, the Committee Chairman approved the bylaws and charter documentation establishing the purpose, authority, responsibilities, membership structure, and operating procedures of the Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Walhalla held on October _____, _____, the City Council approved the creation of the Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the establishment of such a Board serves the public interest by promoting citizen involvement, encouraging constructive dialogue, and strengthening the relationship between the City and its water system customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board,” is hereby established as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Board shall be to provide a forum for communication, public input, and constructive recommendations concerning the City of Walhalla water system, with particular emphasis on providing water customers who reside outside the corporate limits of the City an opportunity to participate in discussions regarding matters affecting their water service.

The Board shall seek to:

- A. Promote transparency and open communication between the City and its water customers;
- B. Provide an opportunity for water customers to express concerns, share perspectives, and offer recommendations concerning water system services and operations;
- C. Provide community insight to the Mayor and City Council regarding issues affecting water customers;
- D. Encourage constructive dialogue and public engagement concerning water system policies, services, and improvements; and
- E. Support the City's efforts to maintain effective communication and positive relationships with all customers served by its water system.

SECTION 3. ADVISORY AUTHORITY

The Board shall serve in an advisory capacity and may provide recommendations and feedback to the Mayor, City Council, and appropriate City committees concerning matters related to the City's water system.

The Board shall not possess independent legislative, regulatory, administrative, or operational authority over the City's water system. All final decisions and actions shall remain with the Mayor and City Council or other City officials and bodies having lawful authority over the matter.

SECTION 4. BYLAWS AND CHARTER

The bylaws and charter documentation prepared for the Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board, as approved by the Public Utilities Committee on _____, are hereby recognized as the governing framework for the Board's purpose, responsibilities, membership, organization, and operating procedures, subject to applicable law and any further approval required by the City Council.

The Board shall operate in accordance with its approved bylaws and charter, applicable City ordinances and policies, and all applicable federal and state laws.

Any amendments to the Board's bylaws or charter requiring City Council approval shall be submitted to the City Council for consideration and approval.

SECTION 5. MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATIONS

The membership, appointment procedures, terms of service, leadership, meeting procedures, and other operational requirements of the Board shall be governed by its approved bylaws and charter.

The Board shall conduct its activities in a manner that promotes public participation, transparency, accountability, and constructive communication with the City's water customers.

All meetings and records of the Board shall comply with applicable South Carolina laws, including the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as applicable.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION

The Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and appropriate City staff are hereby authorized to take such administrative actions as may be reasonably necessary to implement this Ordinance and facilitate the organization and operation of the Walhalla Water Citizens Advisory Board, consistent with applicable law and the approved bylaws and charter.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment and approval in accordance with applicable law.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Tim Hall, Mayor

Seal

Attest

David Poulson, City Administrator

Introduced by:

First Reading:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF OCONEE)

ORDINANCE 2026-18

CITY OF WALHALLA)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #1976-14, THE CITY OF WALHALLA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 111 ANIMALS, AS ADOPTED APRIL 26, 1976 BY AMENDING SECTION 111-11 ANIMALS AT LARGE, AND OTHERS 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 #1976-14, the City of Walhalla Animal Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), which Ordinance contains the City of Walhalla Animal Regulations (the "Regulations"); and,

WHEREAS, Municipal councils may determine rules and regulations to provide a healthy and safe environment for the citizens, visitors, employees and officials of City of Walhalla; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla wishes to provide regulation on the control of animals within the City of Walhalla; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance contains provisions to establish regulations on animal owners for the keeping and care of animals; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to amend the regulations to include the limits on areas where dogs are permitted;

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 7, Article 30.
2. The City of Walhalla Council hereby amends the City of Walhalla Animals Regulations as previously adopted April 26, 1976, by City of Walhalla Ordinance #1976-14 to state:

§ 111-11 Dogs at large.

A. It shall be unlawful for an owner of any dog to permit such dog to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, without keeping such dog under restraint by a leash and in the control of a competent person.

B. It shall be unlawful to allow dogs to cause damage or destruction to, or defecate on, public or private property other than on the property of the person owning or harboring such dog.

C. Dog owners walking dogs on public property, including parks, natural areas, and sidewalks, where allowed, ~~must~~ **shall** clean up after their dogs.

D. It shall be unlawful for dog owners to allow dogs to be on any public athletic fields used for organized team sports within the city.

~~D.~~ **E. These** provisions shall not apply ~~for~~ **to** a service animal in performance of its trained duties.

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 _____ 2026.

Tim Hall, Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

David Poulson, City Administrator

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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ORDINANCE 2026-19

CITY OF WALHALLA)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-16 AND ADOPTING THE MINIMUM STATE STANDARDS FOR REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS, AND STRUCTURES, KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE, 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 Ordinance 2023-16 to adopt building codes; and,

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina mandates that all municipalities shall appoint or contract with a building official and enforce building codes, related to the construction, livability, sanitation, erection, energy efficiency, alteration, repair, occupancy, classification, or removal of structures located within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walhalla desires to adopt and direct enforcement of building codes to protect life and property, improving the community's overall quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Walhalla Council, in meeting duly assembled, adopts these regulations, collectively known as the Building Code, to establish the minimum regulations governing the construction, conditions, and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures, by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures. The adoption of construction related codes for mandatory enforcement by all jurisdictions within the state is in compliance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 and amendments by the South Carolina Building Codes Council (BCC) in accordance with Section 6-9-50 A and Section 6-9 60 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Section 1. The certain documents, which are on file with the City of Walhalla, being marked and designated as following shall be and is hereby adopted as the Building Code for the City of Walhalla, for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each of the regulations, provisions, penalties, and conditions, and terms of said Building Codes are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as in full set out in this ordinance, with additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance:

- 1) 2024 International Building Code with modifications;
- 2) 2024 International Residential Code with modification;
- 3) 2024 International Fire Code with modifications;
- 4) 2024 International Plumbing Code, with modifications;
- 5) 2024 International Mechanical Code, with modifications;
- 6) 2024 international Fuel Gas Code with modifications;
- 7) 2023 National Electrical Code with modifications;

In addition, the certain documents, which are on file with the City of Walhalla, being marked and designated as following shall be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code and the Existing Building Code for the City of Walhalla, for the control of properties, buildings and structures as herein provided; and each of the regulations, provisions, penalties, and conditions, and terms of said Codes are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as in full set out in this ordinance, with additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance:

- 1) 2024 International Property Maintenance Code;
- 2) 2021 International Existing Building Code;

Section 2. The following sections are hereby revised.

International Building Code 2024

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

International Residential Code 2024

Section R101.1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section R103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

International Fire Code 2024

Section 101 1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

Section 113.4 Insert: Violation of Municipal Ordinance, \$500.00, 30 days

Section 5501-5505.5.2 Replace: storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited inside the City of Walhalla fire limits as described in Ordinance 1993-12

International Plumbing Code 2024

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

Section 114.4 Insert: Violation of Municipal Ordinance, \$500.00, 30 days

International Mechanical Code 2024

Section 101 .1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

Section 114.4 Insert: Violation of Municipal Ordinance, \$500 00, 30 days

International Fuel Gas Code 2024

Section 101 .1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

Section 113.4 Insert: Violation of Municipal Ordinance, \$500 00, 30 days

International Property Maintenance Code 2024

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 103 .1 Insert: Administration Department

Section 302.4 Insert: 12 inches

Section 304.14 Insert: March 1 until October 31 of that year

Section 602.3 Insert: October 1 until March 31 of the following year

Section 602.4 Insert: October 1 until March 31 of the following year

International Existing Building Code 2021

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Walhalla

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

DONE AND RATIFIED in council duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Tim Hall, Mayor

Seal

Attest

David Poulson, City Administrator

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To: Walhalla City Council

From: Kelvin Bryant, Community Commerce & Public Space Task Force Chair

Date: 10/19/2026

Re: Recommendations from The Task Force regarding Food Truck operation in Walhalla

The Community Commerce & Public Space Task Force met on Tuesday, October 13th for the purpose of providing recommendations to City Council regarding the continued operation of food trucks in the city.

The Task force settled on these alternatives for food truck operations. They are not an exhaustive list, but do provide a range of options for council to consider.

1. End the operation of the food trucks at the lot on Main Street and have no city involvement other than enforcing food truck regulations on private properties to protect brick-and-mortar restaurants.
2. Develop a program for rotating food trucks throughout the city at various city locations during various times of the year. As an example, locating food trucks at the city pool during the months of operation, and relocating to other sites as interests and/or activities change.
3. Selecting one city-owned site of comparable size and dedicating that to food truck operations with an emphasis on making the location its own destination.

The First alternative runs contrary to the public opinions of the recent survey that encourages more food truck activity and variety in the city.

The second alternative was not popular with food truck operators who participated in the task force meetings as they find that consistency in location is important to building a following and being successful.

The third alternative was most popular, and participants felt it could boost interest and support other activities downtown. A rendering of a proposed site is on the following page.

The task force also discussed the ordinances that are in need of updating, regardless of the alternative(s) considered. The Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance and its amendments need to be changed to correct Sections 204-6, which directs food trucks specifically to the city-leased property from which they are to be removed by the end of the year. The task force also recommended that operating hours should end earlier than 2 AM, and that sound restrictions be placed on any power generation.

