



# CITY OF WALHALLA

Main Street to the Mountains

## AGENDA

### WALHALLA CITY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 20, 2025

5:30 PM

Walhalla Depot | 211 S. College St. Walhalla, SC

Tim Hall Mayor	<b>I. Order and Welcome</b>	Mayor Hall
Josh Holliday Mayor Pro-Tem	<b>II. Call for Moment of Silence</b>	
Jessie Bunning Councilmember	<b>III. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
Kenny Johns Councilmember	<b>IV. Approval of Agenda</b>	
Grant Keehn Councilmember	<b>V. Approval of Minutes</b> a. Regular Council Meeting, April 15, 2025	
Lynn McClain Councilmember	<b>VI. Public Comment</b> ( <i>Public Comment is limited to 5 minutes and must be directed to Council, per City Ordinance 2022-8</i> )	
Sarai Melendez Councilmember	<b>VII. Mayoral Proclamations</b> a. Proclamation 2025-06: A Proclamation to Observe June 16, 2025, as Juneteenth	
Michael Kozlarek City Attorney	<b>VIII. First and Final Reading of Resolutions - None</b>	
Celia Boyd Myers City Administrator	<b>IX. Administrator's Report</b> a. Monthly Reports	
	<b>X. Second, Final Reading and Public Review of Ordinance – None</b>	
	<b>XI. First Reading of Ordinances</b> a. Ordinance 2025-05: An ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for general, water, sewer and hospitality funds, herein known as the "City of Walhalla: Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026", and other matters related thereto.	
	<b>XII. Executive Session</b> a. Board Appointments: Planning Commission b. Contractual Matters: Lease Extension	
	<b>XIII. Mayor Comments</b>	Mayor Hall
	<b>XIV. Adjournment</b>	

**City of Walhalla**  
**City Council**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 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, Terry Sanford

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Mr. Johns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Hall asked for a motion for the approval of agenda. Mr. Johns made a motion; and Mr. Keehn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Mayor Hall called for any public comments. Three approached to speak against Ordinance 2025-03. Mr. Marra and Mrs. Marra from 180 Grant Drive claimed the annexation would impact them negatively. They both are in opposition of Ordinance 2025-03. Mrs. Lauren Bryson spoke on behalf of a large trucking company, stating not only does this impact truck drivers but the employees of each trucking company; and that city annexation will also cause higher crime rate, and annexation is not the answer for growth. Mrs. Bryson spoke in opposition of Ordinance 2025-03.

Mrs. Naomi Reed from the Municipal Association of South Carolina came to speak about Hospitality Tax. Hospitality Tax is collected from any place that prepares and serves food and beverages. Up to 2% is collected from these businesses. These funds are restricted and must go into a separate account. These funds can be used for tourism, highways, and advertising. If over \$900,000 is collected the funds can be used for Police, Fire Protection and emergency medical services.

**Mayoral Proclamations:** Mayor Hall read Proclamation 2025-05 to recognize Small Business Week. Mayor Hall asked for a motion to accept, Mr. Holliday accepted the motion to recognize small business week, Mayor Hall asked for any discussion. Mr. Keehn stated he was opposed the small business week proclamation due to regulations placed on the businesses by the City, adding the City should eliminate zoning regulations and the hospitality tax, as it makes it harder for small businesses to make money. The motion passed with Mr. Keehn abstaining (4-0-1).

**Discussion and/or Action Items:** Mrs. Myers recommended the City impose a hiring freeze for all vacant positions until June 30, 2025. Further decisions would be included in the budget process. Ms. Melendez said depending on the budget discussions, there was a possibility of layoffs, as well. A motion was made by Mayor Hall to approve the hiring freeze. Mr. Holliday seconded the motion. The motion to impose a hiring freeze until June 30, 2025 was approved.

**Mayor Comments:** Mayor Hall reminded attendees about the May 6 audit presentation.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Chasity Miles

**A PROCLAMATION  
TO OBSERVE JUNE 16, 2025, AS JUNETEENTH**

**WHEREAS** Juneteenth National Independence Day, also known as Juneteenth, is a historic event commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** on June 19, 1865, two-and-a-half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation, effectively freeing the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederate States; and

**WHEREAS** Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and the significant contributions of African Americans to our nation's history, culture, and achievements, and our commitment to the ongoing pursuit of equality and justice for all as we strive for a more perfect union; and

**WHEREAS** the observance of Juneteenth in the City of Walhalla provides an opportunity for all residents to celebrate freedom, embrace diversity, and appreciate the importance of freedom, equality, and greater opportunity, which are among our most cherished national principles; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Walhalla recognizes the importance of fostering an inclusive environment where all citizens feel valued, respected, and empowered; and

**WHEREAS** Walhalla City Council encourages all residents to join in activities and events that honor the significance of this day.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tim Hall, Mayor of the City of Walhalla, do hereby encourage all residents in the City of Walhalla to observe June 16, 2025, as Juneteenth.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Walhalla to be affixed this 20th day of May 2025.

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Mayor Tim Hall



# CITY OF WALHALLA

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**TO:** Mayor Hall and City Council

**RE:** April Monthly Report

**DATE:** May 8, 2025

Tim Hall  
Mayor

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

Josh Holliday  
Mayor Pro-Tem

## **Administration**

Jessie Bunning  
Councilmember

### **Economic Development/Planning**

Kenny Johns  
Councilmember

Reviewed and approved permits (zoning or sign) and 5 plats.

Grant Keehn  
Councilmember

Fielded questions from the public regarding setbacks, rezonings, subdivisions, new business process.

Lynn McClain  
Councilmember

### **Infrastructure Projects**

Sarai Melendez  
Councilmember

SCIIP funded Sewer Rehab Project for the Cane Creek Line continues; CCTV complete and lining phase on-going.

SCIIP funded West Main Water Line Project on-going with line replacements on W N Broad and beginning on W Main.

Michael Kozlarek  
City Attorney

New guard shack at Stumphouse Mountain Park; installing electronic pay gates.

Meetings with JM Cope Design-Build Team regarding the new police station on-going.

Celia Boyd Myers  
City Administrator

Continuing with Hogan Design-Build Team regarding cost and site plan of new community center.

Continuing to work with the Cities of Seneca and Westminster on a joint paving bid.

### **Meetings**

OJRSA Feasibility Committee met April 10<sup>th</sup>.

OJRSA Executive Committee met April 10<sup>th</sup>.

OJRSA Finance and Administration Committee met on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

OJRSA Board met on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

FEMA, SCEMD met on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Numerous other meetings with consultants, Oconee County, Partners for Progress, Ten at the Top, other civic organizations, residents, business owners, staff, etc.

### **Miscellaneous Highlights**

Phase II of the Springbrook software conversion on-going, including data gathering and the first set-up meeting.

Hydrant flushing and maintenance by Fire Department.



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101 E. Main St.  
Walhalla, SC 29691

Chief of Police Timothy J. Rice

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## Monthly Police Report- APRIL 2025

### **APRIL Events:**

#### **Events and Training and News:**

- Department wide Firearms/Taser Qualifications.
- Officer Salinas was a guest instructor for Practical Problems.
- Sgt Mealy attended TAC Med Instructor class.
- James M Brown Kidsfest
- Isaqueena's Last Ride
- Race to Valhalla
- Officer Thompson was promoted to Corporal

<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>1215</b>
<b>TRAINING HOURS</b>	<b>184 HOURS (K9 18 hrs)</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>17 (Adult) 0 (Juvenile)</b>
<b>Extra Patrol / Business Checks</b>	<b>630</b>

#### **BREAKDOWN OF OVERTIME BY TYPE:**

Shift Coverage	77 (18 training)
Court	6
<b>TOTAL OVERTIME</b>	<b>83 HOURS (previous month – 61hours)</b>

#### **Upcoming Events and Training and News:**

- National Police Week 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- Jeep fest
- Officer safety training department wide



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**Monthly Reference Material**  
**April 2025 – Month End Stats**

**Total Calls for Service:** 1215

**Total Traffic Stops:** 227

**Total Traffic Collisions:** 11

**Reports Filed:**

Collision Reports: 5

Pursuit After-Action: 0

Incident Reports: 42

Response to Resistance: 0

**TOTAL: 47**

**Citations/Warnings Issued:**

Warnings: 191

Traffic Related: 27

Non-Traffic Related: 3

**TOTAL: 221**

**Arrests:**

Adults: 17

Juvenile Referrals: 0

**TOTAL: 17**

**Extra Patrols:** **TOTAL: 630**

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## WALHALLA SOLID WASTE 5-6-2025

The Solid Waste Department

April 1 thru 30, 2025 the City of Walhalla picked up:

264-ton of residential garbage

152-ton of commercial garbage

17-loads of recyclable brush 425 yards

26-ton C&D Waste

1-ton mattresses

1-ton tires

Roll Carts for April

Delivered 25

Picked up 11

Repair/Replace 6

During the month of April our department continued picking up brush, leaves, trash, C&D waste, tires, and mattresses.

Thanks,

Russ Price

**STREETS AND FACILITIES 5/06/25**

Changed Flags on Main Street



Cleaned up Fallen Tree on South Cedar Street.



Cleaned up around Sertoma concession for grand opening.



Installed door locks on Sertoma Concession Stand.



Training – Chainsaw Safety Class.



Installed out and New float for sump pump at Lake Keowee pump station.



Removed old Lifeguard stand at the swimming pool.



Installed new gate switch at the water plant.



Fixed busted pipe and Urinal cap at swimming pool bath house.



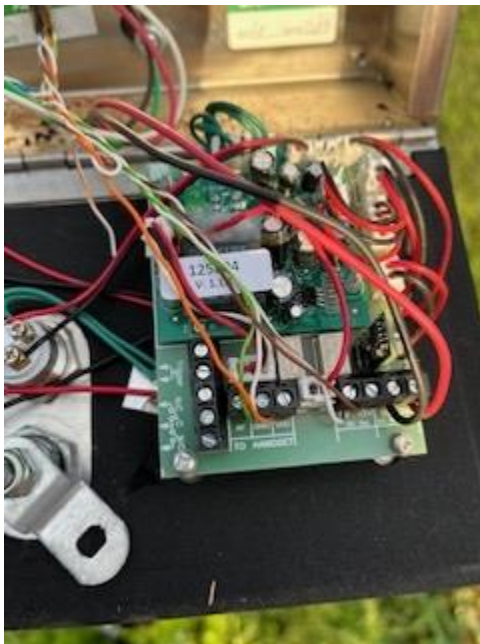
Replaced handles and flappers in depo toilets.



Weed eating graveyard.



Installed new call box for water plant gate.



Programming for Sertoma field 2 lights is complete.



Setup for 3 events on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 1 event on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



Worked on Rocky knoll pump Station Friday night and Saturday Morning. Up and running.



Other notable jobs in process.

1. Pool and splash pad start up.
2. Grass cutting
3. Equipment maintenance

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# City of Walhalla Fire Department

*Home of the Mountaineer Engine Co. Est. 1871*

## **April 2025 - Monthly Report**

For the month of April, Walhalla Fire Department concluded all hydrant testing for the city. WFD also conducted our monthly meeting/training, with the topic of Rope Rescue. The New Brush 5 Truck was placed into service, and WFD assisted with traffic control for the Race to Valhalla.

### **City Calls:**

Fire Calls: 1  
EMS Calls: 35  
Hazardous Condition Calls: 2  
Service Calls: 9  
False Alarm Calls: 2  
Good Intent Calls: 8

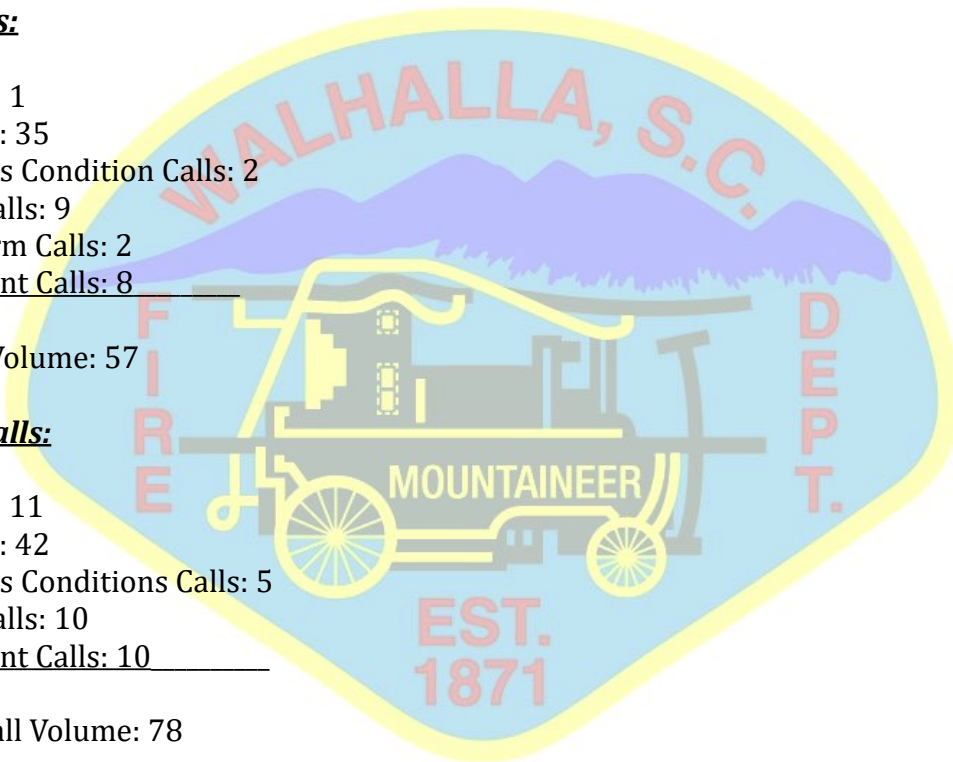
City Call Volume: 57

### **County Calls:**

Fire Calls: 11  
EMS Calls: 42  
Hazardous Conditions Calls: 5  
Service Calls: 10  
Good Intent Calls: 10

County Call Volume: 78

**TOTAL CALL VOLUME: 135**



207 E North Broad Street, Walhalla SC 29691

864-638-4345 Phone

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# City of Walhalla PRT Department

*Parks, Recreation and Tourism*

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## PRT Monthly Report

April 2025

### Highlight

**Budget** meetings

**Hispanic Heritage Festival** meeting

Meeting regarding **Pool Security Cameras**

Meeting with DJ Laws from **Clemson President's office**

Executive Leadership branch meeting for **SCRPA**

**Race to Valhalla** meeting

Meeting with **local art teachers/ artists** regarding an event

**Executive leadership** meeting SCRPA

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### Horticulture

**Depot-** Rotary has offered to help with maintenance around the building. This said, I have provided them with a maintenance plan sign-up sheet and the President of Rotary is assisting with coordination of volunteers. Irrigation is working smoothly, and the plants look happy. There are some leftover annual plants that Rotary is going to help me install next Thursday in addition to weeding and spraying.

**Main Street-** Walhalla FFA assisted with installation of 2 beds, and transplant day lilies into another bed. Constant weeding is underway. Mike from the sanitation department helped me with leaves in the medians. Josh Webb and Jacob McMillan helped me rip out the failing Abelias across main street. This will get the community's wheels turning on open space and help narrow our plan on what can be done to replace those bushes. Leigh has planted pots for business owners to create a good relationship for the city. This is all credited to funding from Partners for Progress.

**Wanderweg-** 16 trees were planted by John Bodiford with the help of another volunteer. Grass was planted to prevent erosion so roads and sidewalks do not have to be replaced anytime soon.

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## Upcoming Goals:

**ArborMaster Chainsaw Certification-** Will provide skills and knowledge to lead felling large, dead trees safely

**ISA(International Society of Arboriculture) Certification-** Will provide the knowledge and skills to make responsible, informed decisions over the trees within city limits with safety as the #1 priority

**Transplanting-** Moving plants that were placed in the wrong place.

**Installation-** this boils down to transplanting. Students in the high school that grew the plants in their greenhouse are assisting. Their perennial selection is some of the more impressive grows I have seen at their scale. I look forward to future partnerships.

**Working on Standard Operating Procedures** concerning maintenance of plants, trees, grass

## Equipment Status:

**Ford Ranger-** good condition

**Kubota side-by-side-** easy to get on sidewalks and water; good condition

## Special Project Status:

**Plant Of The Week** – choosing a highlight plant to teach maintenance, let people know growth habits and their flowering season

**Potential Fundraiser Event** – Pop of Color On Main; to raise money for Main Street, live music, plant giveaway raffle

## Upcoming Sports and Related Facility Condition:

Trash pick up and leaf/ debris removal continue.

## Current and Concluding Sports:

Baseball, Softball and Flag Football are underway.

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## **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.  
New Blades installed.

## **Routine Maintenance Update:**

**City Gym/Old Middle School Gym:** routine cleaning

**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.

One of the only significant changes moving into the month of May will be the grass area next to Arby's on Main Street. This location will no longer be maintained by city staff, as our lease with the owner has come to an end.

## **Special Project Status:**

There are currently no special projects running.

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## **Recreation**

The **Second Annual Brawl** hosted by Joe and Rob Disc Golf was held on Sunday April 6th at Walhalla Disc Golf Course. A total of 41 players came out for this event. Andrew was on site for setup and has begun discussions with the tournament director, Joe Peltierre, on the possibility of bringing a few more

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tournaments to the course later this year. Another disc golf event was held on Good Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>. This event was hosted by Adam Wright with **Just Another Rated Round**, and was a flex start event, allowing players the ability to show up at their convenience, while also allowing casual players access to the course throughout the day.

## **Pool**

Staff has been preparing the pool for the YMCA to takeover. They've replaced tile, repaired picnic tables and installed awnings. They spent hours working on the splash pad mechanics.

## **Stumphouse Mountain Park**

Online Payments for April = \$2054.89

Sold 27 stickers in April; Sold 2 t-shirts in April



# City of Walhalla PRT Department

Parks, Recreation and Tourism

## Tourism, Events and Facility Rentals

### Facility Rentals

Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Facility	Event	Revenue
4/06/2025	8:00 AM	4/06/2025	9:00 PM	Disc Golf Course	Disc Golf Sertoma - 2nd Brawl at Walhalla	\$ 100.00
4/12/2025	10:00 AM	4/12/2025	3:00 PM	Depot	Depot Bridal Shower - bridal shower	\$ 325.00
4/12/2025	5:00 PM	4/12/2025	9:00 PM	Depot	Ashleigh Mize - birthday party	\$ 254.00
4/13/2025	1:00 PM	4/13/2025	5:00 PM	Depot	Sienna Beebe - birthday party	\$ 250.00
4/14/2025	6:00 PM	4/14/2025	9:00 PM	Depot	WP2 Janet Smalley - x	\$ -
4/15/2025	4:00 PM	4/15/2025	10:00 PM	Depot	City Council/ DEPOT - City Council	\$ -
4/18/2025	4:00 PM	4/18/2025	10:00 PM	Depot	Mark Eckert - birthday party	\$ 250.00
4/19/2025	4:00 PM	4/19/2025	7:00 PM	City Green	Hayden Laye - meet & greet	\$ - permit only
4/19/2025	2:00 PM	4/19/2025	10:00 PM	Depot	Depot: Wendy Hernandez - birthday party	\$ 400.00
4/20/2025	8:00 AM	4/20/2025	2:00 PM	Stumphouse Park Pavilion	SH Pav: Tammy Chambers	\$ 50.00
4/26/2025	10:00AM	4/26/2025	6:00PM	Depot	Depot: David Rogers	\$ 500.00
4/27/2025	11:00 AM	4/26/2025	7:00 PM	Depot	Depot: Watson - birthday party	\$ 500.00
				Depot Cleaning fee	David Rogers	\$ 100.00
						<b>\$ 2,729.00</b>













### Social Media (Gray boxes are shared posts from other pages)

Top posts: Plant Sale 4/1, Farmers Market 4/17 and Farmers Market 4/10.

	<b>Calling All Creatives!</b> We need musicians, singers, artists! Contact Olivia Vassey for more information! Oconee County Chamber of Commerce	Views	Reach	Interactions
	Thu, Apr 10	14,080	8,085	76
	--	Views	Reach	Interactions
	Tue, Apr 8	1,750	1,033	4
	Still looking for a place to celebrate your 2025 graduate? We have availability at the Walhalla Depot. Check out our calendar for availability:...	Views	Reach	Interactions
	Mon, Apr 7	5,623	3,365	25
	Running a small business is tough! Need a litte help with marketing? The City of Walhalla is offering a FREE small business marketing class through the Small Business...	Views	Reach	Interactions
	Fri, Apr 4	4,904	3,023	21
	Sign up for our quarterly newsletter! Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Visit Oconee SC - Oconee County, South Carolina	Views	Reach	Interactions
	Fri, Apr 4	8,771	4,135	51
	Who needs more flowers?! Support our local future farmers! Walhalla FFA Spring Plant Sale is April 12. Check it out!	Views	Reach	Interactions
	Tue, Apr 1	52,004	33,819	302

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	<b>Celebrate National Pickleball Month at the Walhalla City Park, 101 N Maple St!</b> Mon, Apr 14	Views <b>2,679</b>	Reach <b>1,815</b>	Interactions <b>8</b>
	<b>Get ready for a fun-filled summer as the City of Walhalla teams up with the Foothills Area YMCA again this year! The Walhalla City Pool will be open from May 25th through the...</b> Mon, Apr 14	Views <b>4,612</b>	Reach <b>2,291</b>	Interactions <b>44</b>
	-- Sat, Apr 12	Views <b>1,011</b>	Reach <b>608</b>	Interactions <b>0</b>
	-- Sat, Apr 12	Views <b>960</b>	Reach <b>585</b>	Interactions <b>5</b>
	<b>Get ready for a thrilling day of sports! Walhalla Rec Baseball, Softball and T-Ball are gearing up for their opening day, and we can't wait to cheer on these amazing players! 🏆🏈🏀</b> Fri, Apr 11	Views <b>5,870</b>	Reach <b>3,412</b>	Interactions <b>34</b>
	-- Fri, Apr 11	Views <b>961</b>	Reach <b>560</b>	Interactions <b>1</b>
	<b>We are happy to welcome Golden Corner Jeeps to Walhalla for their 2nd Annual Jeep Jam on April 26th! They are accepting hygiene items to distribute to children in...</b> Mon, Apr 21	Views <b>6,623</b>	Reach <b>4,235</b>	Interactions <b>40</b>
	<b>The Walhalla Farmers Market is BACK — and better than ever! Presented by Blue Ridge Bank, the season kicks off Saturday, May 3, and we can't wait to welcome you! 🌱...</b> Thu, Apr 17	Views <b>15,507</b>	Reach <b>10,311</b>	Interactions <b>110</b>
	<b>📍 May 17 📍 Main Street, Walhalla 🇺🇸 🏆 We've got music, raffles and prizes! We are still accepting applications for vendors and registrations for participants in the 2025...</b> Thu, Apr 17	Views <b>6,276</b>	Reach <b>3,439</b>	Interactions <b>55</b>
	-- Wed, Apr 16	Views <b>1,162</b>	Reach <b>689</b>	Interactions <b>8</b>
	<b>In recognition of Good Friday, City offices will be closed on Friday, April 18th.</b> Tue, Apr 15	Views <b>2,289</b>	Reach <b>1,203</b>	Interactions <b>15</b>
	<b>Stumphouse Mountain Park t-shirts are available for sale on the website. Youth sizes S, M, L and Adult sizes S-XL. The shirt is a heavyweight, high quality cotton from Comfort Colors....</b> Tue, Apr 15	Views <b>1,198</b>	Reach <b>744</b>	Interactions <b>5</b>



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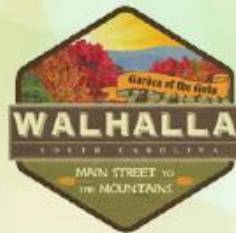
## MUSIC ★ ART ★ FOOD



**SATURDAYS**  
**MAY- SEPTEMBER**

**8:30AM**  
**TO**  
**NOON**

**OWENS PARK**  
**MAIN & COLLEGE STREETS**



**MORE INFORMATION:**  
**[WWW.CITYOFWALHALLA.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.CITYOFWALHALLA.COM/EVENTS)**



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# REGISTER Today!



17  
MAY  
2025

[www.cityofwalhalla.com/events](http://www.cityofwalhalla.com/events)

MAIN  
STREET  
WALHALLA

9AM TO  
2PM

FREE FOR  
PUBLIC



DJ  
VENDORS  
PRIZES

WARN  
WINCH  
RAFFLE

For just \$30, you're in for a t-shirt, a thrilling guided Jeep ride, a prime spot in the Show & Shine, and a whopping 10 raffle tickets!



## Celia Myers

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**From:** Laramie Hinkle  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 10:40 AM  
**To:** Celia Myers  
**Subject:** Monthly Report

Good Morning!

### WATER

10 New taps  
10 Leaks on tap lines  
6 On main water lines

### SEWER

1 New tap  
Replaced 500' of main sewer line  
123 Manhole inspections ( CONTRACTOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES COMBINED)  
25,579' of CCTV and cleaned main line inspection ( CONTRACTOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES)  
20 ( CITY EMPLOYEES ONLY)  
3000' (CITY EMPLOYEES ONLY)

Removing equipment from the old water plant  
Removing old equipment shed from water plant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA            )  
COUNTY OF OCONEE                    )                                    **ORDINANCE 2025-05**  
CITY OF WALHALLA                        )

**AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR GENERAL, WATER, SEWER AND HOSPITALITY FUNDS, HEREIN KNOWN AS THE “CITY OF WALHALLA: BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026”, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §5-9-40 the City Council shall adopt an annual budget for the operation of the City and capital improvements for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council has carefully studied and examined the financial needs for operations for the coming fiscal year after discussions with the City department heads and the City Administrator; and,

**WHEREAS**, having considered the budget requests for the coming fiscal year and having determined that it is in the best interests of the taxpayers of the City to adopt a comprehensive budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the annual budget shall be based upon estimated revenues and shall provide appropriations for City operations and debt service for all departments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §6-1-80 the City has provided notice to the public by advertising the public hearing before the adoption of the budget for the next fiscal year in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, given not less than fifteen days in advance of the public hearing in the form as prescribed by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, after a public hearing and receiving public comment the City Council finds that the attached FY July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 budget should be adopted;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the City of Walhalla in Council duly assembled, as follows:

## **ARTICLE I – Adoption of Budget**

**SECTION 1.** That the budget document entitled: “City of Walhalla: Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026” is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference, Exhibit A;

**1.1.** The prepared general fund budget and the estimated revenue for the payment of same are hereby adopted and is made part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is hereto attached and also be known as the current approved fiscal year budget document;

**1.2.** The millage rate for FY 2025-2026 includes a 2% increase from FY 2024-2025 to ninety-one (91) mills on assessed value of all real estate and personal property owned and used in the City of Walhalla, except that which is exempt pursuant to South Carolina law, is levied and shall be paid to the City Treasury improvements, and current expenses of the City;

**1.3.** The Oconee County Auditor’s Office shall levy an ad valorem tax on all taxable property owned and used in the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, except such as may be exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the state of South Carolina. The tax shall be collected and paid into the treasury of Oconee County for credit to the City of Walhalla;

**1.4.** That the prepared water and sewer budget and the estimated revenue for the payment of same, are hereby adopted and is made part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is hereto attached and also known as the current approved fiscal year budget document;

**1.5.** All enterprise funds will be self-supporting. The City will establish all user charges fees at a level related to the full costs (operating, direct, indirect and capital) of providing the service. The City will review these fees and charges annually in the budget process and target rates that meet the cost to provide the service;

**1.6.** City of Walhalla will collect and remit fees set by Oconee Joint Regional Sewer;

**1.7.** That a 2% hospitality tax will be collected for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 and will be used for the sole purpose of promoting tourism and/or tourism related activities;

**1.8.** Funds appropriated herein are to be expended only in compliance with policies adopted by City Council or, at City Council's direction, as formulated and implemented by the City Administrator, either existing or adopted;

**1.9.** City Council reserves the right to amend any appropriation contained herein;

**1.10.** Appropriations for capital expenditure or bond issuance costs or for the payment of annual installments of capitalized interest according to a predetermined schedule are made in related Bond Ordinances. Nothing in this ordinance shall modify or amend the terms of any Bond Ordinance;

**1.11.** Funds sufficient to cover all fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 budget items encumbered but unpaid at the close of fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 shall be carried forward from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 budget to the succeeding budget to meet such lawful obligations of the City of Walhalla;

**1.12.** The City Administrator will monitor the financial condition of the city and estimate present and future financial needs;

**1.13.** Department heads will be accountable for the implementing department budgets in a manner that accomplishes the programs and objectives for which the budgets were authorized and ensuring that their respective budgets stay within the prescribed funding levels.;

**1.14.** Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. Expenditures in these funds are strictly limited to the mandates of the funding source. Special Revenue Funds are not to be used to subsidize other funds, except as required or permitted by program regulations;

**1.15.** The City will prepare and maintain a Capital Improvement Program and designate said funds for the implementation of capital projects. Capital assets shall be purchased and maintained on a regular schedule. An amount determined annually by council shall be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund from general appropriations.

## **Section 2. Authorization.**

**2.1.** The City Administrator, and the City Clerk/Finance Director, for and on behalf of the City, acting jointly or individually, are fully empowered and authorized to take such further action as may be reasonably necessary to effect the changes authorized by this Ordinance in accordance with the conditions herein set forth.

## **Section 3. Severability.**

**3.1.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

**3.2.** Repeal of Conflicting Ordinance. All ordinances, orders, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**3.3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**3.4.** This ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its final passage and adoption as set forth here.

DONE AND RATIFIED in Council Duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Tim Hall, Mayor

(seal)

**ATTEST:**

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Celia Boyd Myers, City Administrator

Introduced By:

First Reading:

Public Hearing,  
Second Reading  
And Adoption:

## FY 2025-2026 OVERVIEW

### REVENUES

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$6,375,750</b>
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>	<b>\$5,900,000</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$18,792,029</b>
<i>Hospitality Fund</i>	\$700,000
<i>Community Center</i>	\$4,950,000
<i>Police Station</i>	\$3,750,000
<i>American Rescue Plan</i>	\$392,029
<i>SCIIP Water and Sewer Project</i>	\$9,000,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$31,067,779</b>

### EXPENDITURES

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$6,375,750</b>
<i>Administration</i>	\$678,420
<i>Police</i>	\$1,403,381
<i>Sanitation</i>	\$860,741
<i>Streets and Facilities</i>	\$1,267,041
<i>Fire</i>	\$1,126,940
<i>Parks and Recreation</i>	\$564,600
<i>Court</i>	\$86,651
<i>Depot</i>	\$9,000
<i>Pool</i>	\$9,000
<i>Stumphouse Mountain Park</i>	\$99,976
<i>Retiree Healthcare</i>	\$20,000
<i>Capital Improvement</i>	\$250,000
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>	<b>\$5,900,000</b>
<i>Water Crew</i>	\$2,998,347
<i>Water Billing</i>	\$358,457
<i>Water Plant</i>	\$2,336,141
<i>Sewer</i>	\$207,055
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$18,792,029</b>
<i>Community Center</i>	\$4,950,000
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## SCHEDULE OF FEES

General Fund	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
<b>Planning and Zoning</b>				
Appeals to BZA and CBA	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Demolition	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fire Pit Permit	NA	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fire Pit Permit, If Fire Dept Called	NA	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Food Vendor Permit, One Day	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$50
Food Vendor Permit, Annual In County	\$120	\$150	\$200	\$200
Food Vendor Permit, Annual Out of County	\$240	\$300	\$350	\$350
Land Disturbance Permit (5,000 – 20,000 sq ft)	NA	\$50	\$50	\$50
Land Disturbance Permit (20,000 – 43,560 sq ft)	NA	\$150	\$150	\$150
Land Disturbance Permit (over 1 acre)	NA	\$200/acre	\$200/acre	\$200/acre
Manufactured Home	NA	\$250	\$250	\$250
Moving Permit	NA	\$100	\$100	\$100
No show/Failure to Reschedule	NA	\$50	\$50	\$50
Plan Review	NA	50% of Building Permit	50% of Building Permit	50% of Building Permit
Reinspection Fee	NA	\$50	\$50	\$50
Rezoning	NA	\$100	\$100	\$100
Sign Permit	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$50
Site Plan Review	NA	\$250	\$250	\$250
Special Event	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Summary Plat (5 lots or less)	NA	\$50	\$50	\$50
Minor Subdivision (6 to 10 lots)	NA	\$100	\$100	\$100
Major Subdivision (over 10 lots)	NA	\$250	\$250	\$250
Subdivision Final	NA	\$100	\$100	\$100
Zoning Permit	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$50
<b>Building Permits</b>				
Total Valuation* (For all construction: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Fire Suppression) *Value shall be based on current ICC construction cost table or contract amount.				
Valuation does not include land value, site improvements, furnishings or non-fixed equipment.				
Under \$1,000	Administered by Oconee County prior to FY 2024	No building permit required	No building permit required	
\$1,000 - \$9,999.99		\$50 (minimum fee)	\$50 (minimum fee)	
\$10,000 to \$49,999.99		\$50 for the first \$10,000 plus \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	\$50 for the first \$10,000 plus \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	
\$50,000 to \$99,999.99		\$250 for the first \$50,000 plus \$4 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	\$250 for the first \$50,000 plus \$4 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	
\$100,000 to \$499,999.99		\$450 for the first \$100,000 plus \$3 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	\$450 for the first \$100,000 plus \$3 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	
\$500,000 or above		\$1,650 for the first \$500,000 plus \$2 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	\$1,650 for the first \$500,000 plus \$2 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof	

**If any permit is not obtained prior to commencement of work the fee is doubled.**

<b>Park &amp; Recreation Fees</b>				
Inside City Registration	\$30	\$30	\$5	\$5
Outside City Registration	\$70	\$70	\$40	\$40
Uniform Fees	Included	Included	\$40	\$40
City Gym Rental	\$25/hour	\$35/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour
Banquet Hall	\$25/hour	\$35/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour
Memorial Field	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour	\$50/hour
Tunnel Pavilion (half day)	\$75	\$50	\$50	\$50
Tunnel Pavilion (all day)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Old St John Meeting House (4 hours)	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$250
Old St John Meeting House (8 hours)	\$400	\$400	\$500	\$500
Old St John Meeting House (8 AM to 11 PM)	\$600	\$600	\$750	\$750
Depot (2 hours)	-	-	\$150	\$150
Depot (4 hours)	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$250
Depot (8 hours)	\$400	\$400	\$500	\$500
Depot (8 AM to 11 PM)	\$600	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,000
Both OSJ and Depot (weekend)	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,500	\$1,500
Stumphouse Daily Pass (car)	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Stumphouse Daily Pass (passenger van or bus)	-	-	\$10	\$15
Stumphouse Annual Pass (Oconee Resident)	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$50
Stumphouse Annual Pass (Non-Oconee Resident)	\$35	\$35	\$60	\$60
<b>Sanitation</b>				

<b>Roll Carts:</b>		<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
<b>Residential</b>				
Residential Inside	Per Month	\$ 17.82	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
Second Cart Inside	Per Month	\$ 17.82	\$ 18.00	\$ 10.00
Third Cart Inside	Per Month	\$ 17.82	\$ 18.00	\$ 10.00
Outside 1 Cart	Per Month	\$ 27.54	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00
Outside Second Cart	Per Month	\$ 27.54	\$ 28.00	\$ 10.00
Replace Roll Cart		\$ 86.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 92.00
<b>Commercial</b>	Per Week	Per Pick-Up	Per Pick-Up	Per Pick-Up
1 Roll Cart Inside	1 pick-up	\$ 30.24	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
1 Roll Cart Inside	2 pick-up	\$ 60.48	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
1 Roll Cart Inside	3 pick-up	\$ 90.72	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
2 Roll Cart Inside	1 pick-up	\$ 35.64	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
3 Roll Carts Inside	1 pick-up	\$ 41.04	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
3 Roll Carts Inside	2 pick-ups	\$ 82.08	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Replace Roll Cart Each		\$ 86.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 92.00

<b>Dumpsters:</b>				
<b>Commercial Inside</b>	Per Week	Per Pick-Up	Per Pick-Up	Per Pick-Up
6 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	1 pick-up	\$ 30.24	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
6 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	2 pick-ups	\$ 60.48	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	1 pick-ups	\$ 23.76	\$ 24.00	\$ 35.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	2 pick-ups	\$ 47.52	\$ 48.00	\$ 70.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	3 pick-ups	\$ 71.28	\$ 72.00	\$ 105.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	4 pick-ups	\$ 95.04	\$ 96.00	\$ 140.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Inside	5 pick-ups	\$ 118.80	\$ 120.00	\$ 175.00
8 Yard - 2 Dumpster Inside	3 pick-ups	\$ 142.56	\$ 144.00	\$ 210.00
8 Yard - 2 Dumpster Inside	5 pick-ups	\$ 166.32	\$ 168.00	\$ 245.00
<b>Commercial Outside</b>	Per Week	Per Pick-Up	Per Pick-Up	Per Pick-Up
<b>Must Provide Own Dumpster</b>				
6 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	1 pick-up	\$ 30.24	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
6 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	2 pick-ups	\$ 60.48	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	1 pick-ups	\$ 33.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	2 pick-ups	\$ 67.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	3 pick-ups	\$ 101.25	\$ 105.00	\$ 120.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	4 pick-ups	\$ 135.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 160.00
8 Yard - 1 Dumpster Outside	5 pick-ups	\$ 168.75	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00
6 Yard Dumpster		\$ 816.40	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,255.00
8 Yard Dumpster		\$ 1,814.40	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 1,475.00
Brush Over 5 Yard A Month	Additional 5 Yd	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

<b>Enterprise Fund</b>				
<b>Water by Rate Class</b>	<b>FY 25 Base Rate</b>	<b>FY 25 Per 1,000 gal</b>	<b>FY 26 Base Rate</b>	<b>FY 26 Per 1,000 gal</b>
Apartment, Residential, Business Inside	\$21	\$3.30	\$21	\$3.30
Apartment, Residential, Business Outside	\$38	\$5.10	\$38	\$5.10
Industrial Inside	\$52.50	\$1.60	\$52.50	\$1.60
Industrial Outside	\$83	\$2.50	\$100	\$4.00
Farm (first 40,000 gal)	\$87	\$0	\$87	\$0
Farm (per 1,000 gal after 40,000 gal)	\$0	\$2.07	\$0	\$2.07
Sprinkler (Inside and Outside per 100 sq ft)	\$0	\$0.10	\$0	\$0.10
<b>Tap Fees</b>				
¾" Meter Inside	\$1,944		\$4,000	
¾" Meter Outside	\$2,052		\$2,500	
1" Meter Inside	\$2,376		\$4,500	
1" Meter Outside	\$2,376		\$3,000	
<b>Connection Fee</b>	<b>FY 23 (No SSN)</b>	<b>FY 24 (No SSN)</b>	<b>FY 25 (No SSN)</b>	<b>FY 26 (No SSN)</b>
Rental Units, ¾" and 1"	\$150 (\$450)	\$150 (\$450)	\$150 (\$450)	\$150 (\$450)
¾" and 1"	\$70 (\$450)	\$70 (\$450)	\$70 (\$450)	\$70 (\$450)
1 ½"	\$100 (\$450)	\$100 (\$450)	\$100 (\$450)	\$100 (\$450)
2"	\$140 (\$450)	\$140 (\$450)	\$140 (\$450)	\$140 (\$450)
3"	\$380 (\$760)	\$380 (\$760)	\$380 (\$760)	\$380 (\$760)
4" or larger	\$600 (\$1,200)	\$600 (\$1,200)	\$600 (\$1,200)	\$600 (\$1,200)
Administrative Fee	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
<b>Sewer by Rate</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY24 Base, Per 1,000 gal</b>	<b>FY25 Base, Per 1,000 gal</b>	<b>FY26 Base, Per 1,000 gal</b>
Apartment Inside City	\$6.63	\$0; \$1.40	\$5, \$1.40	\$5.25, \$1.40
Apartment Outside City	\$6.63	\$0; \$1.40	\$10; \$1.40	\$10.50; \$1.40
Residential Inside City	\$6.63	\$0; \$1.40	\$5, \$1.40	\$5.25, \$1.40
Residential Outside City	\$9.28	\$0; \$1.40	\$10; \$1.40	\$10.50; \$1.40
Business Inside City	\$9.28	\$0; \$1.40	\$5, \$1.40	\$5.25, \$1.40
Business Outside City	\$9.28	\$0; \$1.40	\$10; \$1.40	\$10.50; \$1.40
Industrial Inside City	\$8.29	\$0; \$1.40	\$5, \$1.40	\$5.25, \$1.40
Industrial Outside City	\$8.29	\$0; \$1.40	\$10; \$1.40	\$10.50 ; \$1.40
Additional Sewer Rates OJRSA		OJRSA Fees	OJRSA Fees	OJRSA Fees