

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2007, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS FISCAL YEAR 2007; TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDS OF SAID COUNTY FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY INCLUDING THE AWENDAW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, EAST COOPER FIRE DISTRICT, WEST ST. ANDREW'S FIRE DISTRICT, AND TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007; TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM SUCH SPECIAL FUNDS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE AWENDAW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, EAST COOPER FIRE DISTRICT, WEST ST. ANDREW'S FIRE DISTRICT, AND TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE NECESSARY FUNCTIONS OF SAID UNITS; TO PROVIDE FOR BUDGET CONTROL OF SAID APPROPRIATIONS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF SAID COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000,000 FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY AND UP TO \$200,000 FOR AWENDAW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Charleston County:

SECTION 1: As set by County Council, the Charleston County Auditor shall levy in the year 2006 and the Charleston County Treasurer shall collect 40.2 mills (before adjustment for reassessment refund) for General Fund Purposes and 6.6 mills (before adjustment for reassessment refund) for the Debt Service Fund.

Proceeds of the levy upon all taxable property in Charleston County shall be collected by the Charleston County Treasurer as provided by law for the collection of county ad valorem taxes, the proceeds thereof to be placed in the appropriate funds of the said County together with all revenues and income accruing to the County of Charleston during the fiscal year 2007, and regardless of sources, shall be paid out from time to time by the said County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and other appropriation ordinances hereafter passed by the County Council of Charleston, except as follows: 1. welfare funds received by the Charleston County Department of Social Services from the State of South Carolina or the United States; and, 2. Proprietary and Special Revenue Funds shall accrue to the benefit of those funds and shall not be deposited in the General Fund of the County of Charleston, except as provided for in SECTION 14 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** There is hereby appropriated from the General, Proprietary, Special Revenue, and Capital Projects Funds referred to in SECTION 1 hereof the following amounts of money for the following respective corporate purposes of Charleston County for and during the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, to wit:

Organization Units:	General Fund	Proprietary Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund
<b>COUNCIL AGENCIES</b>				
County Council	\$ 1,556,824	\$ -	\$ 2,375	\$ -
Contributions	315,000	-	-	-
Internal Auditor	180,724	-	-	-
Legal	837,000	-	-	-
Non-Departmental Contingencies	(290,000)	-	-	-
Salary Adjustment	4,550,000	-	-	-
State Agencies	2,691,696	-	-	-
<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>				
Auditor	1,769,138	-	-	-
Clerk of Court	2,753,729	-	648,764	-
Coroner	509,839	-	8,760	-
Legislative Delegation	167,103	-	-	-
Probate Courts	1,743,779	-	-	-
Register Mesne Conveyance	1,982,582	-	-	-
Sheriff	50,311,865	-	1,336,895	-
Solicitor	3,986,133	-	1,373,680	-
Treasurer	1,537,393	-	-	-
<b>APPOINTED OFFICIALS</b>				
Elections and Voter Registration	974,138	-	-	-
Library	-	-	14,544,773	-
Master-In-Equity	435,411	-	-	-
Medical Examiner's Commission	311,500	-	-	-
Veterans Affairs	225,843	-	-	-
<b>ADMINISTRATOR</b>				
Administrator	778,808	-	-	-
Cultural and Minority Affairs	101,863	-	-	-
Economic Development	557,363	-	469,076	-
<b>CHIEF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR</b>				
Chief Deputy Administrator	450,571	-	-	-
Building Services	1,387,686	-	-	-
Capital Projects Administration	1,249,661	-	-	-
Emergency Management	598,148	-	3,942,087	-
Emergency Medical Services	12,479,206	-	72,552	-
Facilities Management	10,303,901	-	-	-
Magistrates' Courts	4,730,323	-	216,338	-
Planning	1,634,382	902,578	-	-
Public Works	13,160,408	-	2,154,298	-
Solid Waste	-	37,110,060	-	-
Safety & Risk Management	2,398,166	4,787,479	-	-

Organization Units:	General Fund	Proprietary Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>				
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 398,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assessor	2,872,120	-	-	-
Budget	<b>596,222</b>	-	-	-
Business License/User Fee	357,315	971,445	4,755,143	-
Controller	997,569	-	-	-
Delinquent Tax	1,174,772	-	-	-
Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	-	11,571,044	-	-
Grants Administration	680,523	-	2,886,848	-
Human Resources	<b>1,355,124</b>	18,874,000	-	-
Internal Services	370,780	11,983,391	-	-
Medically Indigent Assistance Program	<b>1,218,496</b>	-	-	-
Procurement Services	808,074	1,700,000	-	-
<b>CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER</b>				
Chief Information Officer	6,018,124	-	-	-
Communications	115,862	3,465,935	-	-
Technology Services	2,935,934	-	15,000	-
<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b><u>18,223,483</u></b>	<u>943,820</u>	<u>3,493,412</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 164,502,857</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 92,309,752</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 35,920,001</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>

**SECTION 3:** Unless covered by SECTION 14 of this ordinance, all of the foregoing appropriations are maximum and conditional, and are subject to reduction by action of County Council in the event that the County's revenues accruing to its General, Proprietary, Special Revenue, and Capital Projects Funds, as provided in SECTION 1 hereof, shall fail to be sufficient to pay the same, to the end that the cost of operation of the county government shall remain at all times within its income.

**SECTION 4:** The Charleston County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy 28.2 mills (before adjustment for reassessment refund) in the year 2006 on all of the taxable property in the area located within Charleston County known as the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District to be deposited in the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District Special Revenue Fund. Proceeds of the levy upon all taxable property located within the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District shall be collected by the Charleston County Treasurer as provided by the law for the collection of County ad valorem taxes, the proceeds thereof to be placed in separate fund to be held and administered by the County Treasurer, including all monies collected, earned, donated, proceeds of the tax anticipation borrowing or otherwise accruing from the operation of the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District. Such funds shall be paid out from time to time by the County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and other ordinances hereafter passed by the County Council of Charleston County.

SECTION 5: There is hereby appropriated \$3,503,478 from the funds referred to in SECTION 4 hereof and from such other funds as may be generated by the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District for the following respective corporate purposes of Charleston County for and during the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007. The foregoing appropriations are for the operation of a Special Revenue Fund and are subject to the expenditure limitations embodied in SECTION 14 of this ordinance.

SECTION 6: The Charleston County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy 16.7 mills (before adjustment for reassessment refund) in the year 2006 on all of the taxable property in the area located within Charleston County known as the East Cooper Fire District to be deposited in the East Cooper Fire District Special Revenue Fund. Proceeds of the levy upon all taxable property in the area located within Charleston County known as the East Cooper Fire District shall be collected by the Charleston County Treasurer as provided by law for the collection of County ad valorem taxes, the proceeds thereof to be placed in a separate fund to be held and administered by the County Treasurer, including all monies collected, earned, donated, or otherwise accruing from the operation of the East Cooper Fire District. Such funds shall be paid out from time to time by the County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and other ordinances hereafter passed by the County Council of Charleston County.

SECTION 7: There is hereby appropriated \$145,000 from the funds referred to in SECTION 6 hereof and from such other funds as may be generated by the East Cooper Fire District for the following corporate purpose of Charleston County for and during the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007. The foregoing appropriation is for the operation of a Special Revenue Fund and is subject to the expenditure limitations embodied in SECTION 14 of this ordinance.

SECTION 8: The Charleston County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy 3.0 mills (before adjustment for reassessment refund) in the year 2006 on all of the taxable property in the area located within Charleston County known as the West St. Andrew's Fire District to be deposited in the West St. Andrew's Fire District Special Revenue Fund. Proceeds of the levy upon all taxable property in the area located within Charleston County known as the West St. Andrew's Fire District shall be collected by the Charleston County Treasurer as provided by law for the collection of County ad valorem taxes, the proceeds thereof to be placed in a separate fund to be held and administered by the County Treasurer, including all monies collected, earned, donated, or otherwise accruing from the operation of the West St. Andrew's Fire District. Such funds shall be paid out from time to time by the County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and other ordinances hereafter passed by the County Council of Charleston County.

SECTION 9: There is hereby appropriated \$8,000 from the funds referred to in SECTION 8 hereof and from such other funds as may be generated by the West St. Andrew's Fire District the following amount of money for the following corporate purpose of Charleston County for and during the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007. The foregoing appropriation is for the operation of a Special Revenue Fund and is subject to the expenditure limitations embodied in SECTION 14 of this ordinance.

SECTION 10: The Charleston County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy 2.0 mills (before adjustment for reassessment refund) in the year 2006 on all taxable property in Charleston County to be deposited in the Trident Technical College Special Revenue Fund. Proceeds of the levy upon all taxable property shall be collected by the Charleston County Treasurer as provided by law for the collection of County ad valorem taxes, the proceeds thereof to be placed in a separate fund to be held and administered by the County Treasurer. Such funds shall be paid out from time to time by the County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and other ordinances hereafter passed by the County Council of Charleston County.

SECTION 11: There is hereby appropriated from the funds referred to in SECTION 10 hereof and from such other funds as may be generated by the Trident Technical College the following amount of money for the following corporate purpose of Charleston County for and during the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, to wit:

Trident Technical College .....Total funds collected in SECTION 10

The foregoing appropriation is for the operation of a Special Revenue Fund and is subject to the expenditure limitations embodied in SECTION 13 of this ordinance.

SECTION 12: The salaries or compensation shall be paid bi-weekly in accordance with the provisions of the Personnel Policies and Practices adopted by County Council. Under the above rules, the County Administrator has the sole authority to make pay adjustments. The County Administrator shall be notified and his permission obtained before any changes, reclassifications, or additions in personnel are made. Travel and expense allowances shall be paid only upon proper documentation as prescribed by the County Administrator. The per diem rates adopted by the State of South Carolina and the mileage reimbursement rates adopted by the Internal Revenue Service shall apply.

SECTION 13: Anticipated revenues accruing to all Proprietary and Special Revenue Funds are stated in this Budget Ordinance. Should actual funding sources for any such fund be less than projected, the Administrator shall reduce budgeted expenditures attributable to said fund. Should actual funding sources be greater than projected in this Ordinance, the Administrator may a) revise budgeted expenditures, b) direct the increase to be held for future years= expenditures, or c) direct receipts to be transferred to other funds.

SECTION 14: All monies properly encumbered as of June 30, 2006, shall be added to the applicable organizational unit's budget for fiscal year 2007. These encumbered monies may be expended only as set forth in their encumbrance except as authorized by the Administrator. Unencumbered appropriations shall remain in the respective funds as unrestricted reserves whose subsequent appropriation shall be determined by Ordinance.

**SECTION 15:** For the purpose of paying in cash for the foregoing and all other general ordinary county expenses for fiscal year 2007 as authorized by this ordinance or by any other appropriation ordinance hereafter passed in and for said fiscal year, the County Treasurer for the said County of Charleston is hereby authorized and directed to use such cash as may from time to time be on hand or in the process of collection, and to borrow from time to time as may be necessary on his official note or notes, or other evidence or evidences of indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of the taxes herein levied, provided that all loans made from private persons, firms, or corporations shall be made only after three days' notice by advertising once in some newspaper in the County of Charleston and on the best terms possible, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000), for the use of the County of Charleston and a sum not exceeding in the aggregate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the use of the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District and the sum or sums so borrowed for the operation of the County of Charleston shall constitute a valid and prior claim against the said taxes herein levied and against the County of Charleston and the sum or sums so borrowed for the operation of the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District shall constitute a valid and prior claim only against the said taxes herein levied for the use of the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District; provided further that if the net interest cost is less than eight (8) percent, the Chairman is authorized to award the loan to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the notes at the lowest net interest cost to the County (calculated by computing the total dollar interest cost from the date of issuance to the date of maturity and deducting therefrom the amount of the premium offered if any, over and above the premium amount); and provided further that the said County Treasurer shall be authorized in his discretion to make any such loans from special fund or funds, including sinking funds, in his hands as County Treasurer, repayment of which shall be secured in the same manner as if made from private persons, firms, or corporations as aforesaid.

**SECTION 16:** Organization units are bound to the appropriated expenditures as defined in SECTION 2 by major expenditure category as delineated in the "Departmental (or Division) Summary" i.e., (1) personnel; (2) operating; and (3) capital for each organizational unit as contained in the Charleston County Approved Operating Budget.

For "State Agencies" and "Contributions" the organizational budgets are bound by subaccount.

The County Administrator, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized to effect transfers between major expenditure categories within an organizational unit. The County Administrator is authorized to transfer funds between organizational units for purposes of funding Internal Service Funds. Further, the County Administrator is authorized to transfer other funds between organizational units provided that these transfers are reported to County Council on a quarterly basis. The County Administrator is also authorized to further restrict budget transfers within major expenditure categories.

By resolution Council may affect transfers from Council's contingency to organizational units.

By amendment to this ordinance, Council may adjust appropriation transactions affecting fund totals, other than those authorized elsewhere within this ordinance.

**SECTION 17:** In order that Council may be assured that monies appropriated to the agencies funded in "Contributions," "County Council," and "Business License/User Fee" in SECTION 2 of this Ordinance are properly expended for a public purpose, the above agencies receiving monies shall supply to the County Administrator a statement of the particular purpose for which the money is intended to be spent together with a signed Agreement in a form to be approved by the County Attorney. The agency shall simultaneously supply to the County Administrator a detailed annual fiscal report.

SECTION 18:

(a) Monies received from governmental grants shall accrue only to Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Proprietary Funds as set forth in this Budget Ordinance. Should grant funds be applied for or received after the beginning of the budget year and thereby not be stated in this Budget Ordinance, then, by passage of Council's resolution authorizing the grant application and expenditures, the necessary Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Proprietary Funds shall be created to provide a mechanism for the expenditures of these monies.

**(b) Funds derived from the sale of real property shall be placed in the Capital Proceeds Capital Projects Fund, and these funds shall be expended only for capital outlays or a one-time use of no more than \$704,533 for operating expenses after specific resolution of Council.**

(c) Monies received from Accommodations Tax shall accrue only to the Special Revenue Fund as set forth in this Budget Ordinance. Payments to the General Fund and to Tourism Advertising and Promotion, shall be made quarterly as funds are received from the State in amounts equal to five (5) percent, and ninety-five (95) percent, respectively, of the amount received, after subtracting the first twenty-five thousand (\$25,000), which is exempt from any tourism-related expenditure requirements and is paid directly to the General Fund.

SECTION 19: A Rainy Day Fund is established to provide emergency funds for use in the event of a major calamity. This fund will be maintained at no less than four percent of General Fund disbursements. Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by amending this Budget Ordinance.

At June 30, 2007, if the total revenue for General Fund purposes generated by current and delinquent ad valorem taxes and Local Option Sales Tax revenue is greater than One Hundred One Million Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$101,318,500), then the first Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of excess shall be placed in Charleston County=s Rainy Day Fund.

SECTION 20: Contracts necessary to expend monies appropriated in this budget when not specifically permitted by the Charleston County Procurement Code are hereby authorized and said contracts shall be approved by a Resolution of County Council. Awards of bids on capital items, when less than the amount specified in the Charleston County Approved Operating Budget, are hereby authorized and shall be purchased in accordance with the provisions of the Charleston County Procurement Code.

SECTION 21: The Charleston County Approved Operating Budget, with the detail and the provisos as so stated in the Charleston County Budget Book, hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Ordinance as fully as if set forth verbatim herein, is hereby adopted as the detailed Budget for Charleston County.

SECTION 22: The classification and grades of all positions shown in the Charleston County Approved Operating Budget are only provisional and are subject to audit by the Human Resources Department to determine the appropriate grade and classification. All salary changes shall take effect on the first day of the first full payroll of fiscal year 2007, July 7, 2006.

SECTION 23: If any provision of this ordinance or its applications to any circumstance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, this holding shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared by Council to be severable.

SECTION 24: This ordinance shall take effect following approval of third reading.