

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THOSE PORTIONS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY CODE SECTION
2-137 TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR PERFORMING MARRIAGE CEREMONIES,
FOR THE COST OF A DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT AND FOR THE COST OF A
COPY OF A DOCUMENT.**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council passed Charleston County Code Section 2-137. Schedule Established, of Article V. Finance, Division 2. Fees, of the Charleston County Code of Ordinances, establishing fees for certain services and authorizing the fee amounts by the appropriate departments of the County government prior to the service being performed; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council seeks to amend Section 2-137 to establish fees for the performance of marriage ceremonies by the Charleston County Probate Court; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council seeks to amend Section 2-137 to establish a fee for a duplicate tax receipt to requesting parties; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council seeks to amend Section 2-137 to establish a fee for a copy of a document to requesting parties; and

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Charleston County to establish a fee for marriage ceremonies to be performed by the Charleston County Probate Court, to establish a fee for a duplicate tax receipt to requesting parties, and to establish a fee for a copy of a document to requesting parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by Charleston County Council, in meetings duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION II. FEES FOR PERFORMING MARRIAGE CEREMONIES,
DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, AND THE COST OF A COPY OF
DOCUMENT**

- A. Charleston County Council amends Section 2-137 of the Charleston County Code, to include the following fees:

- (1) Performance of Marriage Ceremony by Probate Judge \$60.00 per marriage
- (2) Duplicate Tax Receipt \$.50 per receipt
- (3) A Copy of a Document \$.50 per page

County Council establishes the fees for the above-listed services and authorizes the specified fee amount to be charged prior to the service being performed. This Ordinance supersedes all prior ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with it.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval following third reading.