

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-07

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 26-02, An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Ordinary County Purposes For Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, And Ending June 30, 2027 (FY26/27 Budget) To Amend The General Fund Budget Authorized Employee Positions List Which Will Have No Effect On The Budget's Total Appropriation, And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Darlington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department continues to experience a shortage of available EMTs and Paramedics to fill positions. The EMS industry does not have a sufficient number of certified EMTs and Paramedics to meet the workforce needs of available positions in both the private and public sector; and

WHEREAS, the Darlington County EMS Department continues to have vacant EMTs and Paramedics positions despite the County offering competitive wages for comparable public sector positions; and

WHEREAS, providing EMT training classes led by a county employee instructor will provide Darlington County with an additional resource for the recruitment and retention of EMTs and Paramedics, create opportunities for individuals seeking to begin a career in EMS or transition to a career in EMS, and promote workforce development within Darlington County; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of Workforce Development Funds for an EMS Program Instructor position and the use of available funds for additional training equipment will not increase the County's FY26/27 budget or require a change in the total amount of funds appropriated for the FY26/27 budget; and

WHEREAS, the county will allocate \$130,000.00 in Workforce Development Funds already in the FY26/27 budget to fund the EMS Program Instructor position, including wages, benefits, and operational expenses such as dues/memberships, office supplies, travel & training, service tech/data products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, to hereby amends the FY26/27 Budget Ordinance No. 26-02, to amend the General Fund Budget Authorized Employee Positions List by adding a new EMS Program Instructor position within the EMS Department which will have no effect on the total appropriation authorized by the FY26/27 Budget Ordinance No. 26-02. The position and associated expenses shall be funded from the Workforce Development Funds already included in the adopted budget.

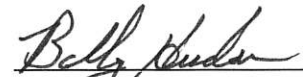
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of the FY26/27 Budget Ordinance No. 26-02 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be October 8, 2026.

ATTEST:


J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL


Bobby Hudson, Chairman

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