

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN
) ANNUAL BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES
) REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR
) THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, SOUTH
) CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
) 2024, TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE; TO
) ESTABLISH A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL
) IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND TO
) AUTHORIZE A COST OF LIVING
) ADJUSTMENT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

**CITY OF HARDEEVILLE
ORDINANCE 2023-6-1A**

WHEREAS the South Carolina Code of Laws Section 5-13-30 requires that the Council adopt by ordinance an annual municipal budget and requires that the Council act by ordinance to levy taxes; and

WHEREAS the Council wishes to comply with these requirements of State law and believes it is in the interest of the City to adopt the attached budget and levy a property tax as provided herein; and

WHEREAS the City Manager pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws Section 5-13-90 prepares the budget annually, submits it to the City Council and once adopted is responsible for its administration; and

WHEREAS the City Manager transmitted the proposed FY 2023 budget to City Council on April 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS the City Council Members, City Manager, and the City's Department Heads updated Council on budget preparations on March 28, 2023 and held two (2) budget workshops on April 11, 2023 and May 9, 2023 to thoroughly review, discuss and where appropriate amend the proposed FY 2024 budget: and

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

Section 1: That the budget attached hereto for the municipality be fully incorporated by reference as Attachment A as part of this Ordinance as if stated word for word herein is hereby adopted.

Section 2: The total Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 are **\$53,914,850.**

Section 3: The rate of property taxation, to cover the period from the first day of July 2023 to the thirtieth day of June 2024, will be established at a rate of **96.0 mills (.0960)** for property in Jasper County and **102.0 mills (.1020)** for property in Beaufort County. Other revenue

requirements, incidental charges, licenses, and fees, be established at Fiscal Year 2023 levels with approved growth projections as set forth in Attachment A.

Section 4: The revenues and expenditures as itemized in Attachment A comprise the total revenue and expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Section 5: A Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Fund is established and adopted with the appropriate revenues to fund the proposed expenditures as set forth in Attachment A.

Section 6: The Local Option Sales Tax credit factor is hereby established as .001120.

Section 7: The City Manager is hereby authorized to expend such sums in accordance with this Ordinance and provisions of South Carolina Law.

Section 8: The Fiscal Year 2024 budget contains an appropriation for a five and one half percent (5.50%) cost of living adjustment for all City employees, Department Heads and the City Manager which is hereby authorized as of July 1, 2023 and effective the first full payroll of fiscal year 2024.

Section 9: Notice required per State Law was properly provided and there were two public hearings held on the budget on April 11, 2023 and May 9, 2023 and a copy of the budget was on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection.

Section 10: If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of the ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

SO ORDERED AND ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2023 by
the

Hardeeville City Council being duly and lawfully assembled.

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Public Hearing _____

Harry Williams, Mayor

Walter White, Mayor Pro Tempore

John Carroll, Councilmember

Valerie Guzman, Councilmember

Steven Meersman, Councilmember

Attest:

Dolores Pomarico, City Clerk

(Seal)

Approved as to form: _____
Prina Maines, City Attorney