

ORDINANCE 2024/39

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 1 GENERAL ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE IV ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE BOARD SECTIONS 121 PURPOSE AND 122 POWERS AND DUTIES; AND REPEALING SECTION 46-122 MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, in 1973, the South Carolina General Assembly passed Act 301, requiring each county to designate a single county authority on alcohol and drug abuse to be governed by an individual policy-making board; and

WHEREAS, Act 301 also required each county authority to develop a county plan for programming in order to receive the mini-bottle tax revenue authorized by the South Carolina Legislature in 1972 in Act 1063, commonly referred to as the mini-bottle bill, which provided for the distribution of one-fourth of the state's mini-bottle tax revenue to counties on a per-capita basis to be used for alcohol and other drug abuse programming; and;

WHEREAS, in 1982, Beaufort County Council created the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board in Article IV of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances pursuant to Act 301 of 1973; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council created the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board for the purpose of advising County Council in matters concerning the provisions of ongoing programs in prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare for alcohol and drug abuse problems; and

WHEREAS, over time the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department Director has assumed and performed the duties and responsibility in providing ongoing programs in prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare services for citizens of Beaufort County related to substance use and misuse; and

WHEREAS, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department Director has assumed the responsibility as the sole department in Beaufort County authorized to receive funds for such purposes and will advise County Council and the County Administrator in matters concerning the provisions of the ongoing programs within the department; and

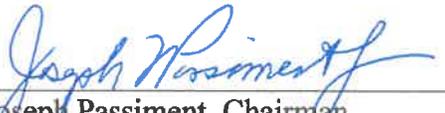
WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council now desires to dissolve the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board and have all duties and responsibilities performed by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

Article IV Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board, Section 46-121 through Section 46-123 which appears in Beaufort County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to reflect the language as depicted in exhibit A, Section 46-122 is hereby repealed, and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board is hereby dissolved with their duties and responsibilities being assumed by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department.

Adopted this 28th day of October 2024

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: 
Joseph Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, JD, Clerk to Council

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ARTICLE IV. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE¹DEPARTMENT

Sec. 46-121. Purpose.

The alcohol and drug abuse department, with all of the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions of any other county department, shall provide ongoing prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare services for citizens of Beaufort County, related to substance use and misuse. . The Director of the department, along with all the department employees, shall be county employees. The county alcohol and drug abuse department is the sole entity authorized to receive funds for such purpose.

(Code 1982, § 6-26)

Sec. 46-122. Powers and duties.

The alcohol and drug abuse director shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Develop and submit a comprehensive county alcohol and drug abuse plan to the County Administration and the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services for approval, which is:
 - a. In accordance with South Carolina Act 301 of 1973; and
 - b. Consistent with the state plan on alcohol and drug abuse as required by Public Laws 91-616 as amended and 92-225 as amended.
- (2) Prepare and submit the annual alcohol and drug abuse department budget.
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- 3) Seek financial support from corporate sources, foundations, state and federal funding opportunities to implement the programs and services outlined in the comprehensive county alcohol and drug abuse plan.
- (4) Collaborate with the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in the implementation of the state plan on alcohol and drug abuse.
- (5) Develop and implement a fee schedule for services rendered comparable with reimbursement rates from third-party payer sources. This includes opportunities for financial assistance for those who meet low-income guidelines based on the Federal Poverty level.
- (6) Ensure the department coordinates prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare services with outside agencies.
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- (7) Ensure services provided by the alcohol and drug abuse department align with the comprehensive county alcohol and drug abuse plan.
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¹Cross reference(s)—Boards and commissions, § 2-191 et seq.

(Code 1982, § 6-28)

Secs. 46-123—46-150. Reserved.