

- A. Ordinances 483 and 522 are repealed and replaced as of the effective date of this Ordinance.
- B. The following Technical Codes, including all chapters, amendments, or editions as adopted by the State of South Carolina or as may be amended or adopted from time to time in the future, are hereby adopted *in toto* as though fully set forth

herein by the Laurens County Council to be applicable in the unincorporated areas of Laurens County:

1. International Building Code;
2. International Plumbing Code;
3. International Fuel Gas Code;
4. International Mechanical Code;
5. International Fire Code;
6. International Residential Code;
7. International Energy Code;
8. International Property Maintenance Code; and
9. National Electrical Code.

- C. All future changes, updates, and corrections will be automatically included and applicable under the authority of this Ordinance, unless the Laurens County Council elects to amend or repeal the authority of this Ordinance.

**3. AUTHORITY:** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority and process set forth by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and by the powers granted by the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended as enacted by the South Carolina General Assembly. Jurisdiction shall be exclusively within the unincorporated areas of Laurens County.

**4. APPLICABILITY:**

- A. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply only to the unincorporated areas of Laurens County, South Carolina.
- B. The County Building Official shall be the administrative or enforcement official for the Technical Codes listed in this section.
- C. The Planning Commission is hereby designated as the Board of Adjustments and Appeals under any Technical Codes listed in this Ordinance.
- D. Violations of the provisions of any of the Technical Codes shall be punishable in Summary Court by a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each day in violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- E. Any person or entity violating any provisions of the Code of the County of Laurens may be issued a Uniform Ordinance Summons. Issuance of the Uniform Ordinance Summons shall vest jurisdiction in the Summary Court to hear and dispose of the charge for which the Uniform Ordinance Summons was issued and served. The Uniform Ordinance Summons may be issued by any County Officer or any other County employees designated as Codes Enforcement Officers. The bond amount for violation shall be prescribed by the Summary Court Judge. County Officers or Code Enforcement Officers are prohibited from accepting

bonds. Bonds are to be posted in the manner prescribed in the Uniform Ordinance Summons. The Uniform Ordinance Summons shall not be used to perform a custodial arrest.

5. **LANGUAGE:** The language used in this Ordinance, if used in the present tense, shall include the future tense. Words used in the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary. The use of the word “shall” is mandatory and the word “may” is permissive.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be upon three (3) readings as required by law.

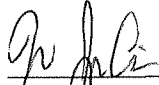
7. **SEVERABILITY:** Should any paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be judged invalid or held unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of any other section of the Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**BE IT SO ORDAINED.**

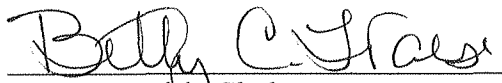
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Done in meeting duly assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

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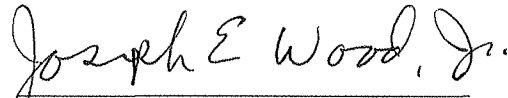


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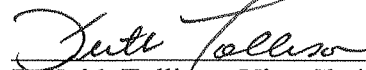


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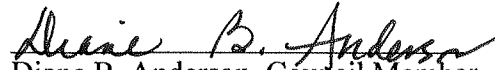
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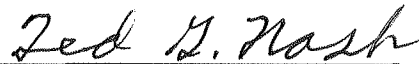
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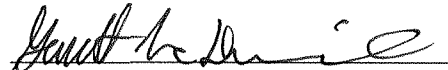
Diane B. Anderson, Council Member



Ted G. Nash, Council Member



Stewart O. Jones, Council Member



Garrett C. McDaniel, Council Member

ABSTAINED

David A. Pitts, Council Member

First Reading: August 23, 2016

Second Reading: September 13, 2016

Public Hearing: November 8, 2016

Third Reading: November 8, 2016