

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RECREATION DISTRICT OF RICHLAND COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGETS**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Recreation Commission of Richland County (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Recreation District of Richland County, South Carolina (the "District"), on Thursday, the 27th day of June 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as practicable based on the agenda for such meeting) (the "Hearing"). The Hearing will be held in the District's Board Room, which is located at 7473 Parklane Road, Columbia, South Carolina.

The purpose of the Hearing will be to allow members of the public to express their views regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget for the Commission's General and Enterprise Funds.

The Hearing will occur during the Commission's special call meeting. The Hearing will be electronically accessible. Further information on the Hearing, including in-person availability and the means for electronic access, will be provided in the Commission's agenda, a copy of which shall be publicly available no less than 24-hours in advance of the meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

Any person may provide written public comments for the Hearing by emailing comments to the Commission at Ashely.Adams@rcrc.state.sc.us no later than 3:00pm on the date set for the Hearing and comments shall be read aloud during the Hearing. Individuals participating in the Hearing electronically and wishing to speak shall sign up with the Commission by submitting an email to Ashely.Adams@rcrc.state.sc.us no later than 3:00pm on the date set for the Hearing. A staff member of the Commission shall contact those who wish to speak via electronic means at the Hearing and make necessary arrangements for all interested parties to participate. Individuals appearing in-person may sign up to participate in the Hearing on the forms provided by the Commission prior to the Hearing.

The Hearing, for both in-person and electronic participation, shall be conducted in accordance with all rules and procedures of the Commission. The Hearing shall be conducted publicly and both proponents and opponents of the proposed action shall be given full opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

As required by Section 6-1-80 and Section 6-1-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the public is advised of the following:

1. The operating budget for the Commission's General Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 called for revenues of \$18,648,006 and expenditures/appropriations of \$18,648,006.
2. The proposed operating budget for the Commission's General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 calls for revenues of \$21,899,711 and expenditures/appropriations of \$21,899,711.
3. The proposed operating budget for the Commission's General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 represents a 17.44% increase from the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
4. For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 ad valorem taxes will be set at 15 mills, which equates to \$15.00 on every \$1,000 in assessed value of all real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the District. This includes 14.5 mills for operations and maintenance and .5 mills for debt service.
5. A copy of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget is available (i) in-person at the Commission's offices, which are located at 7473 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC or (ii) electronically by contacting Ashely Adams at Ashely.Adams@rcrc.state.sc.us.