CITY OF CLEMSON SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

WHEREAS, Section 47-55(3) of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires that a Municipal Governing Body shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice, and,

WHEREAS, the Accommodations Tax Act requires that certain funds be used for tourism promotion or in support of tourism related public services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Clemson, South Carolina, duly assembled and by the authority of same that:

Section 1. The prepared budget and the estimated revenue for payment of same is hereby adopted and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 2. A tax to cover the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, both inclusive, for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the Operations Account of the City of Clemson for the use and service thereof; i.e., a total tax of 84.20 mills on the total assessed value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Clemson, South Carolina, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina. Said taxes shall be paid into the City's Operations Account for the credit to the City of Clemson for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements and for the purpose of paying current expenses of said municipality; and further that:

a. Eighty one point eighty mills (81.80 mills) of said tax shall be for the operations of the General Fund;

b. Point fifty mills (.50 mills) of said tax is hereby designated for the purpose of park land acquisition and development in the said municipality, and held in the Park Land Fund;

c. One point ninety mills (1.90 mills) of said tax is hereby designated for debt service, and therefore, held in the Debt Service Fund;

Therefore, such tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Section 3. The Utility Rate Schedule prescribing rates, fees, and conditions of service for the General Fund, Water Fund, Stormwater Fund, Wastewater Fund, and Commercial Sanitation Fund is hereby made a part of this ordinance as fully as incorporated herein.

Said rates and fees shall be assessed, collected, and paid into the Operations Account of the City of Clemson.

Section 4. The billing dates, the penalty dates, and the amount of the penalty which shall be levied for the delinquent taxes shall be according to those observed by Pickens County.

Section 5. The Pickens County Delinquent Tax Collector shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent property taxes.

Section 6. The Director of Finance shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent utility accounts (water, stormwater, wastewater, and sanitation).

Section 7. The City's updated Classification & Compensation Plan shall become effective July 1, 2016.

Section 8. The City Administrator shall administer the budget and authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds by departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget. Checks in excess of $100,000 must be approved by resolution of the City's Governing Body, except in instances where the capital acquisition or project has already been presented by City staff and approved by the Governing Body.

Section 9. Budget amendments affecting department totals must be approved by resolution of the City's Governing Body. Amendments within department totals may be approved by the City Administrator. The City's fiscal year 2015-16 budget is amended to reflect forecasted revenue and expenditure estimates reviewed and approved by the Governing Body.

Section 10. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

DONE and ORDAINED this _____ day of June 2016.

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James C. Cook III, Mayor

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Attest: Beverly A. Coleman, Municipal Clerk

Ordinance No. CC-2016-16

First Reading _____
Final Reading _____