

AN ORDINANCE  
AUTHORIZING A FEE TO BE CHARGED TO THE OWNER(S) OF REAL ESTATE FOR  
REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANY ABANDONED OR FORFEITED MOBILE HOME OR  
AUTOMOBILE ON THE REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, the County of Sumter desires to preserve the health, peace, order and general welfare of the County; and

WHEREAS, abandoned and forfeited mobile homes and motor vehicles create unsightly, unsanitary and unhealthy conditions; and

WHEREAS, §4-9-25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina authorizes all counties of the State to enact regulations, resolutions and ordinances as appears to them necessary and proper for the security, general welfare and convenience of the county for preserving health, peace, order and good government in them; and

WHEREAS, real estate owners bear responsibility for the maintenance of their property to preserve the general welfare, health, peace and order within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of the County of Sumter, South Carolina at its regular meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that:

- I. Mobiles homes, which are either:
  - a) Abandoned; or non-inhabitable or
  - b) Which have been forfeited due to unpaid taxes and are owned by the Sumter County Forfeited Land Commission,

The owner of the real estate on which an abandoned or forfeited mobile home was located prior to being moved shall have the opportunity to move the mobile home at his expense to a location designated by Sumter County.

2. Sumter County shall give the owner sixty (60) days after notice to move the mobile home. If the mobile home is not moved after the owner receives actual written notice, then the fees will be assessed for the removal of the mobile hope. A fee of One Thousand and no/100ths (\$1,000.00) Dollars shall be assessed against the owners of the real estate by Sumter County from which the mobile home is removed. The One Thousand and no/100ths (\$1,000.00) Dollar fee shall be added to the tax bill for the year in which the Sumter County moved the mobile home

3. If the owner of the real estate does not own the mobile home at the time of notification, the owner may take possession of the mobile home and receive a title to the unit via the Magistrate's office providing:

- a. Current year taxes are paid.
- b. Mobile home is brought up to standards to include underpinning, steps, electrical, and water services to the unit.

4. Abandoned Automobiles: after the real estate owner has been given a thirty-day notice to remove the abandoned and/or junk automobile, Sumter County will have the option to remove the nit at the County's expense; however the owner of the real estate from which the vehicle was removed shall be charged a fee of (\$100.00) one hundred dollars. The one hundred dollar fee will be added to the tax bill of the real estate owner for the year in which the vehicle was removed by Sumter County.

This Ordinance is done, ratified and adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SUMTER  
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (SEAL)

BY:

Charles T. Edens

ITS: Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary W. Blanding

Its: Clerk of County Council

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2002

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