



AGENDA

City of Liberty- Regular Session

December 8th, 2025 – 6:45 pm

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

- **Call to Order**
 - Mayor Andrea Wagner
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Session**
 - *(Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)*
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - October 13th, 2025- Regular Session
 - October 30th, 2025- Special Called Session
 - November 10th, 2025- Regular Session
 - December 1st, 2025- Work Session Minutes
- **New Business (First Readings / Resolutions)**
 - Appointing new Planning Commissioner- Will Hyatt
 - Appointing new Zoning Commissioner- William “Ted” Edwards
 - Appointing new Planning Commissioner- Bo McDonald
 - Reappointing Planning Commissioner- Hester Elrod
 - Appointing Mayor Pro Tem
 - Updates to Article II- Council, Sec. 2-42 Appearance of citizens.
 - Updates to Article II-Council, Sec. 2-41- Agenda.
 - Updates to Article II- Offenses against the peace, Sec. 35-79- Amplified sound restrictions.
- **Old Business (Second Readings)**

- **City / Financial Report**

- Deputy Administrator, Bailee Locke

- **City Council Comments**

- Mikail Cantley (Ward 1)
- Gerald Wilson (Ward 2)
- Bo Cooley (Ward 3)
- Jeff Massie (Ward 4)
- Jon Humphrey (At-Large)
- Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)

- **Mayor's Announcements**

- **Enter Executive Session**

- SC Code Section 30-4-70 (2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims or discussions of the public agency's position in adversary situations, discussion about development of security personnel or devices;
 - Water and Sewer Contract (Clear Water Solutions)
 - Planning Services Contract (ACOG)

- **Exit Executive Session**

- **Adjournment**



Public Notice

The Liberty City Mayor and Council
are invited to attend the
Wreaths Across America Ceremony
at the Liberty Mortuary.

Date: Friday, December 13, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Liberty Mortuary,
254 Alta Vista Dr., Liberty, SC 29657

This ceremony honors and
remembers our veterans. Members
of the public are welcome to attend.



MINUTES

City of Liberty- Regular Session

October 13th, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

- **Call to Order Time 6:31pm**
 - Mayor Woods

Present: Mayor Woods, Zachary Arms, Rhonda Whitaker, Lavant Padgett, Robbie Shoenleben

Not Present: Jeff Massie

- **Invocation given by: Bill Smith- Treasurer for Pickens Regional Joint Water System**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Presentations**
 - Pickens Regional Joint Water System – Attorneys and Board Members
 - Greene Finney – Kevin Thomas, City Reserve
- **Public Session**
 - *(Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)*
 - *Jon Humphrey*
- **Proclamation**
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October 2025)
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - September 8, 2025 – Regular Session
 - Motion: Councilmember Padgett
 - 2nd: Councilmember Arms
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 5-0
- **New Business (First Readings / Resolutions)**
 - Appointment of a new member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)- Elizabeth Yeates
 - Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben
 - 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 5-0
- **Old Business (Second Readings)**
 - Ordinance 2025-08: 100% Annexation of Parcel #4088-08-99-1234 (Cornell Dublier)
 - Motion: Councilmember Arms
 - 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 5-0
 - Ordinance 2025-05: Amendments to the Business License Ordinance (Special Events and Entertainment Provisions)
 - Councilmember Arms recused himself due to Financial Gain.
 - Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben
 - 2nd: Councilmember Whitaker
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 4-0

- Ordinance 2025-09: Renaming the baseball complex at Woodside Circle (beside the Public Works Shed)
Motion: Councilmember Arms
2nd: Councilmember Whitaker
Discussion: Councilmember Arms asked if the poll was opened again, and Mayor Woods replied that she believed it would not be fair to continue the votes after the community had picked.
Vote:5-0

- **City / Financial Report- See attachment**

- **City Council Comments**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)- **No Comment**
- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- **Commented on not having a projector, and Ms. Locke pointed out we have a projector; no one uses it, but it is there.**
- Jeff Massie (Ward 4)- **Not Present**
- Zachary Arms (At-Large)- **No Vacancy, shouted our Bo and Amanda McDonald for the opening of their new business downtown. He would like to see a meeting for reassessment asap.**
- Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)-**Would like to thank Brandon Thompson with Clearwater. She had an issue, and he jumped right on it immediately and got it fixed.**

- **Mayor's Announcements**

- **Motion to Enter Executive Session**

Motion: Councilmember Whitaker

2nd: Councilmember Padgett

Discussion: None

Vote:5-0

- Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2):

-Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims, or discussions regarding the public agency's position in adversary situations.

- Discussion regarding negotiation for a proposed contractual arrangement.

(After returning to regular session, Council may or may not vote or take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

Motion: Councilmember Whitaker

2nd: Councilmember Padgett

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Action item: Lease for the current City Hall. Mayor Woods made a motion to extend the lease for three years. \$100 increase at signing, July 2026, there will be an increase of \$100 and a 4% increase after July 2027 every year.

Seconded by Councilmember er Shoenleben

Discussion: With the lease, the city is asking the county to extend the lease for the police department so the city can look at the plans for a new municipal complex. McMillans came out and stated the Rosewood Center would not hold both the city hall and the police department, that it would not be cost-effective, and we would look at the community space we have now/ **Vote:5-0**

- **Adjournment at time: 8:55 pm**

Motion: Councilmember Arms

2nd: Councilmember Shoenleben

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0



MINUTES

Agenda

City of Liberty- Special Called Session

October 30th, 2025 @5:30pm

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

- Call to Order, Mayor Erica Romo Woods at time: 5:30 pm

- Action item:

-Tax reassessment and millage rollback.

Councilmember Arms made a motion to commit the millage for 2026 to decrease.

Second by Councilmember Massie

Councilmember Arms made an amended motion to commit the millage to a decrease in 2026 to offset the 2025 accidental millage increase. Second, Councilmember Whitaker, Discussion: Councilmember Arms asked Larry Finney about how the millage is set, and Larry Finney explained the progress of how the Millage is set. Vote: 6/6

No Discussion

Vote: 6/6

- Adjournment at time: 6:04 pm

Motion: Councilmember Arms

2nd: Councilmember Padgett

Discussion: None

Vote: 6/6



MINUTES

City of Liberty- Regular Session

November 10th, 2025 – 6:30 pm

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

All Mayor and Councilmembers were present.

- **Call to Order:** 6:30 PM
 - Mayor Woods
- **Invocation:** Given by Councilmember Padgett
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Proclamation:**
 - World Pancreatic Cancer Day – November 20th, 2025
- **Public Session:**
 - (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)
 - Scott Brown – Discussion on disagreements within the Recreation Department and how a volunteer's role was handled through the chain of command.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - October 13th, 2025 – Regular Session (Deferred; not ready)
 - October 30th, 2025 – Special Called Session (Deferred; not ready)
- **New Business:** First Readings / Resolutions
- **Old Business:** Second Readings
- **City / Financial Report:**
 - Deputy Administrator, Bailee Locke – See attachment

- **City Council Comments:**

- Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1) – No comments
- Lavant Padgett (Ward 2) – Discussed ongoing projects he hopes Gerald will continue: Urgent Care, another grocery store, an automatic car wash, and the acoustics at the Rosewood Center. Congratulated Liberty Car Wash and No Vacancy Bar for providing Thanksgiving dinner to the community.
- Jeff Massie (Ward 4) – Congratulated Andrea Wagner on winning Mayor, Mikail Cantley for Ward 1, Gerald Wilson for Ward 2, Bo Cooley for Ward 3, and Jon Humphrey At-Large.
- Zachary Arms (At-Large) – See attachment
- Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large) – Appreciated working with this Council and looks forward to collaborating with the new Council and Mayor.

- **Mayor's Announcements:** See attachment

- **Adjournment:** 7:18 PM

- Motion: Councilmember Arms
- Second: Councilmember Whitaker
- No discussion
- Vote: 6-0

Date approved: _____

City of Liberty, Mayor

I would like to take a couple of minutes this evening and offer my thanks to the people of Liberty for trusting me these past 2 years. I would also like to offer some points of reflection that I have discovered along the way.

Back in July 2023 I was elected to this seat to finish Chuck Powell's term. One of the few promises I made during the campaign was to carry Chuck's love of Liberty forward and to use it in every decision I have made. I hope that I have made Mr. Powell proud. I hope that my actions on this council have honored the legacy that he has left behind.

I want to thank those citizens who have been engaged in the business of the City since I have been on council. I also want to thank my fellow councilmembers and the remarkable staff we have here in Liberty. I recognize that beyond the noise and the arguments we see constantly, there is no anger nor hatred among us, but Passion. Passion for the City of Liberty. Passion for what this town could be. Passion for the town that future generations deserve.

Being a councilmember in 2025 is difficult. The small town feel that we all yearn for is quickly being replaced by an era of social media posts and political polarization. Instead of the days of Mayberry, we are now in the days of outrage and reaction. The business of the City no longer is done face to face but screen to screen. If we are not careful, we will permanently replace small town main streets with social media sites. This will create a reality in which smalltown charm simply cannot survive. Neighbors will no longer be friends and strangers will be enemies.

To the people of Liberty. Never forget that your actions in person and online are a reflection of us as a whole. That those elected to serve you are not greedy politicians from Washington but are those who walk by you at Ingles. Who cheer on the Red Devils in the bleachers next to you. Who worships on Sunday in a pew next to you.

the people who have wronged you but rather learn from those lessons in your journey as a representative. Remember that productive criticism is not slander but a chance for self reflection and self improvement. Never look at an issue through the lenses of me. Look at it through the lenses of us. Always fight against the apathy and never feed it. Hold townhalls, office hours, and any other opportunity you can to hear and work with your constituents. Bring ideas to the table and always reflect on what you are doing and what you have done to help Liberty. If you get to a council meeting and you have nothing to report, ask yourself why? What happened this past month and what can I do next month to move Liberty forward? Be transparent and proactive. Political noise often rises in places where no consistent voice can be heard. Proactive governments will always outwork reactive ones.

To the incoming Council, never forget your ultimate job. Your job is not just to worry about budgets and ordinances. Your ultimate job is to shepherd the vision of Liberty. To create a strategic plan using your comprehensive plan. A plan that will guide staff in everyday affairs. A plan that will see our downtown become a beacon of community. A plan that will champion a tangible, shared vision which Liberty has desperately needed for decades. Never forget that this is your true task at hand and that if Liberty is to survive it will be because of a united vision.

When I announced my intention to run for this seat, I shared my belief that Liberty is the next great small town. I still believe this. I believe that Liberty can not just survive these next few years, but thrive. This can only happen if every person who cares about Liberty can become involved in their own unique way and remember that disagreement isn't hatred but rather a way of life. I look forward to living in and continuing to serve this next great small town as we begin the new chapter of Liberty's history. To the incoming council I wish nothing but the best for you. To my fellow citizens, I hope you will join me out of these chambers as we work to better the town that I love, the town that Chuck Powell loved, the town

November 2025 City/Financial Report

City Hall:

- This month, Katie continued training new hire Ciera in business licenses, hospitality taxes, and events.
- Ciera Wilson earned her Local Economic Development certificate through Coursera.
- Hospitality taxes can now be paid online, and all applicable businesses have been notified. Preparations are underway for the 2026–2027 business license renewal season, with letters going out the first week of January. The new license year runs May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027, with penalties beginning May 1 for unpaid or incomplete renewals.
- Katie attended the Municipal Association of South Carolina Joint Academy, participating in sessions on audit preparation, succession planning, the benefits and challenges of using AI in government, and cross-training. She also connected with other business license professionals to discuss ways to improve community service.
- The updated business license software is ready for the renewal season. Katie welcomes suggestions for additional materials or resources to add to the city's website.
- On October 30, 2025, all City of Liberty departments distributed candy to students at Liberty Primary School. We were incredibly thankful for this invitation and enjoyed seeing the students' excitement firsthand.
- Congratulations to Ciera Wilson on her first planned city event- The Trick or Treat on Commerce Street and Fall Festival — She did an excellent job coordinating with Potter's Clay to make this event a success. Special thanks also go to all city departments — without their teamwork, this event would not have been possible.
- Open enrollment for PEBA Insurance has just concluded.

Grants:

EPA:

- Due to the government shutdown, very little progress was able to be made. Now that the government has reopened, we are hoping to continue moving forward. We overdrew one invoice from the EPA to pay Terricon, and we are sending a reimbursement check at this time to ensure our grant records remain accurate.

Public Works:

- The Shed is now fully operational with technology, including Wi-Fi and a workstation with a printer for locates, work orders, emails, etc. Clear Water will also be utilizing this system.
- All locates have been officially handed over to the Clearwater team, who have been performing well. For those unfamiliar, Clearwater now handles after-hours and on-call

calls. After-hours non-emergency calls are routed to Clearwater by dispatch, while during business hours, the Water Department will assist directly.

Permits:

- Several small building permits were issued this month, and inspections were conducted for existing permits, including Cornell Dubilier.
- New permit applications have been received for Cornell Dubilier's addition and a new commercial business coming in.

Recreation:

1. Mills Ave siding – complete.
2. Little League Baseball lighting (Iselin Field and water tower) scheduled to begin Jan. 2026; lights have been ordered.
3. Baseball sign approved with minor changes; will proceed after adjustments.
4. Painting of Football Field House approved.
5. Restrooms at Rosewood Center have been painted; floor work to follow.
6. Winter Basketball registration concluded with 150 participants.
7. Two new/renewed sponsorships secured.
8. Maintenance of all parks and recreation grounds/facilities; Freedom Park slide requires repair.
9. City stadium rental: 1 (Travel Football).
10. Rosewood Center rentals: 4 (including bi-monthly Animal Vet parking lot rentals).
11. Mills Ave rentals: 0
12. City Gym rentals: 0
13. Baseball field rental: 1
14. Freedom Park gazebo rental: 1
15. Gazebo at Serlin Park completed.
16. Mile loop and cemetery are being maintained.
17. National Fitness Campaign: the proposed fitness court location is beside the City Gym. Further meetings will discuss cost and funding options.
18. YLA handicap-accessible swing: YLA representatives will visit Mills Ave and Freedom Park to determine the best location.
19. Upcoming sports events:

- Nov. 11: Football All-Star Game at City Stadium
- Nov. 15: Volleyball All-Star Tournament
- Dec. 13: Statewide All-Star Football Championship at LHS Stadium

Police:

- Warnings Issued: 201
- Citations Issued: 219
- Total Arrested: 15

Community & Events:

Liberty Middle School Parade

- On October 15, 2025, Liberty officers participated in a parade celebrating Liberty Middle School's first Excellent rating on the state report card.

Trunk or Treat at Liberty Primary School

- On October 30, 2025, Liberty PD members distributed candy to students as part of community engagement activities.

Trick or Treat on Commerce Street & Fall Festival

- On October 31, 2025, Liberty officers provided traffic control and barricade setup to ensure a safe event. Officers also distributed candy, police bags, and glow bracelets to attendees.
- The Liberty Police Department extends sincere gratitude to Thomas Capogna, Store Manager at Liberty Ingles, for his generous candy donation.
- The Halloween event was a safe and successful evening, thanks to the combined efforts of officers, city staff, community partners, and supporters.

Hiring & Training:

- Officer Rogers successfully completed Firearms Instructor School and is now certified to conduct firearms training for department personnel.

Planning:

- The Planning Commission met in October to discuss residential uses in the core commercial areas. The Planning Commission has been working with the city attorney to create language to be included in the new zoning ordinance. The new zoning ordinance is complete and just needs to have a work session with council before adoption.

Finances:

- At this time, we are still waiting for October's finance report from Greene Finney. Our City accountant's laptop is having IT issues. We have handed it over to Rocky's team at CC&M. They are working with our software company at this time to fix it. As soon as I get the report, I will forward it to the council immediately. Greene Finney, staff, and Love Bailey will start working on the audit next week. Our payroll and works' comp audit will be in February as usual.



MINUTES
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LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL

Swearing-In Ceremony immediately followed by the Working Group Session

December 1st, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Rosewood Center

419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

Swearing-In Ceremony

Officiated by Bailee Locke

Entered: 6:30 PM

- Mikail Cantley – Ward One
- Gerald Wilson – Ward Two
- William “Bo” Cooley – Ward Three
- Jon Humphrey – At-Large
- Andrea Wagner – Mayor

Ended: 6:51 PM

MINUTES – WORK SESSION

Entered: 6:52 PM

Topics for Discussion:

- 1. Tracking System for Citizen Feedback, Concerns, and Complaints**



- Over the election season, the new Council and Mayor created an Excel spreadsheet to track constituent issues.
- Staff discussed creating a tracking system using a Google Form that could integrate with Asana. The goal is to have an escalation option for issues that remain unresolved for an extended period.
- Questions were raised regarding who would manage the system. IT suggested creating a hub communication platform accessible to all Council members for monitoring.
- The system would notify ward members and keep everyone updated. Council requested that emails be added so reporters receive updates.
- Council would like a recap report every six months.

2. Rosewood Center Sign Updates

- Coach Black provided an update on the current Rosewood Center sign. The sign is outdated, and its components are not eligible for updates.
- He researched replacing the LED component while keeping the existing structure. Two additional proposals are still needed.
- Gerald suggested considering a bidding process, as it may be more cost-effective than individual proposals.

3. Sarlin Park Courtyard Water Issue and Ideas



- Mayor Wagner provided a recap regarding a tenant whose building adjacent to the courtyard garden bed is experiencing water intrusion.
- Ms. Locke explained the temporary plan: rent an excavator, dig out the bed, allow the owner to repair the wall, and then replace the dirt until a formal plan is developed by Council.
- Councilmember Massie suggested utilizing the old community well and possibly installing a fountain in the courtyard.

4. Updates to Article II – Offenses Against the Peace, Sec. 35-79: Amplified Sound Restrictions

- City Attorney Mary McCormac reviewed the current ordinance and provided a copy of Clemson’s ordinance for comparison.
- She proposed defining “excessive” and “repetitive” noises and reminded Council to account for time changes when setting time limits.
- Council discussed sound volume and noted the potential difficulty and expense for the police department in using decibel meters.
- Mary mentioned the possibility of a floating ordinance related to time changes and will research further.

5. Updates to Article II – Council, Sec. 2-41: Agenda

- Scratch (no discussion noted).



6. Updates to Article II – Council, Sec. 2-42: Appearance of Citizens

- Council discussed allowing citizens, business owners, and property owners to sign up to speak either at the deadline or on the night of the Council meeting.
- Citizens are encouraged to sign up by 4:30 PM the Friday before the meeting to allow the Clerk time to prepare materials and gather relevant information.
- Council discussed not allowing all 29657 individuals (taxpayer contributors) to automatically speak during regular meetings, to avoid giving certain taxpayers an advantage.
- It was discussed to allow all 29657 individuals to speak during work sessions to address any matters.

Ended: 7:53 PM

Date Approved: _____

City of Liberty, Mayor



Public Notice

On December 2, 2025, the Mayor and City Council will attend a Pickens Regional Joint Water System meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosewood Center, 419 E. Main St., Liberty, SC 29657. This will be an informational meeting only, and no City business will be conducted.

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Meeting Attendance and Summary

Present: Councilmember Mikail Cantley, Councilmember Bo Cooley, Councilmember Gerald Wilson, Councilmember Rhonda Whitaker, Councilmember Jon Humphrey, Mayor Andrea Wagner

Not Present: Councilmember Jeff Massie

Meeting Start: 6:35 PM

The Pickens Regional Joint Water System (PRJWS) board and attorneys met with the Council and Mayor of Liberty for an informational session.

- **Tom Ponder**, Chairman of PRJWS, began the meeting by explaining the concept, the origins of the system, and providing general background information.
- **Davey Hiott**, House representative, presented on the background of the project and expressed his support for PRJWS.
- **Troy Roiser**, Chief Engineer for PRJWS, provided technical details about the development, including underground infrastructure and mechanics of the process.
- **Amy Hopkins**, with GMC, presented an overview of the pilot study conducted for membrane selection.
- Troy Rosier continued with additional details using maps, graphs, and cost analysis. All materials will be available on the City of Liberty website under the Pickens Regional Joint Water System tab.
- **Gary Pope**, Public Finance Attorney for PRJWS, gave a brief overview of state statutes regarding water and sewer systems and explained the outline and origins of the contractual agreement.
- **Kyle Michelle**, Government Relations Lobbyist Lawyer, explained state and county relationships, detailing how state and federal elected officials support PRJWS. He



confirmed that there are no hidden fees or extra costs; the city will only pay for water once the system is live, and commissioners are not compensated.

- **Bill Smith**, lifelong Liberty resident, PRJWS Treasurer, and former Ward One Councilmember (8 years), spoke about the importance of PRJWS for the community and reflected on past water challenges.
- **Tom Ponder** concluded the meeting.

Meeting End: 8:02 PM

The full video of the meeting is available on the City of Liberty's YouTube page.



City of Liberty Board Application Form

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Please enter your home address when filling out the application below. You must be a resident of the City of Liberty.

Per the state of South Carolina law, you will be required to take a three-hour orientation within one year of your appointment and a one-hour annual continuing education every year you are on the board.

If you have any questions or concerns about your application, please contact Jennifer Vissage at vissage@scacog.org.

Which board are you interested in serving on? Please circle all that you are interested in. All boards meet once a month as needed.

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- ☐ c. Board of Architectural Review (BAR handles all sign applications and façade improvements within the Overlay Districts)

Name: Will Hyatt

Address: 227 Alta Vista Drive Liberty, SC 29657

Email Address: willforliberty@gmail.com

Phone Number: (864) 404-7908

Employer: Greenville Federal Credit Union

Occupation: Information Technology / Data Analyst

Job Title: Data Systems Analyst

Professional License(s): N/A



Are you a resident of the City of Liberty? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Why would you like to serve as a volunteer for the City?

Living in the city I care about what happens and goes on in the city and want to be involved in helping shape the growth of our city. I think that people who live in the city should want to help and be involved to make sure that Liberty is the best city it can be.

Do you presently serve on a board, committee, or commission for the City, County, or State?

If so, list all applicable groups.

No

Have you previously served on a board, committee, or commission for the City, County, or State?

If so, list the position and date for each.

No



Are you involved in any Community Activities?

If so, please list and describe each.

While my community activities have not be in Liberty, I have coached my children's t-ball team with Easley Little League as well as Easley Parks and Recreation. I am also help with the media team for my church.

Please describe how your educational background, work experience, or other life experience qualify you to contribute to the mission of this board.

I have 15 years of experience in Information Technology through many different positions with the last three being in Data Analytics. During these years I have helped lead IT projects and strive to make sure that attention to detail is not missed. I have also served 7 years in the Army and know that everything I have learned there will be beneficial and help me in contributing to the mission of the board.

Certification

I certify that the information above is true and correct. I understand that the Information on this form will be considered public information.


Signature

07 NOV 2025
Date

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ Expires: _____

Resident : _____

Approved by Staff: _____ Council Appointment: _____



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Name: William Ted Edwards

Address: 406 Davis Rd. Liberty, S.C. 29657

Email Address: Tedwards29657@gmail.com

Phone Number: 910-988-7337

Employer: Retired USAF / Pickens County Airport

Occupation: N/A

Job Title: N/A

Professional License(s): Private Pilot, Storm Water Inspector



Are you a resident of the City of Liberty? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Why would you like to serve as a volunteer for the City?

Have Served 20 years in the military, 17 years with Pickens County, Volunteered several years on Liberty festival + events and would like to continue to serve my community on any board to make a positive impact within the Liberty Community.

Do you presently serve on a board, committee, or commission for the City, County, or State?

If so, list all applicable groups.

N/A

Have you previously served on a board, committee, or commission for the City, County, or State?

If so, list the position and date for each.

N/A



Are you involved in any Community Activities?

If so, please list and describe each.

- Several Years, many Events in the Liberty Community.
- Shine Soup Kitchen in Easley, Picking up Food from Publix delivered to Shine for redistribution.
- Currently, approved to deliver meals to the Needy with Meals on wheels.

Please describe how your educational background, work experience, or other life experience qualify you to contribute to the mission of this board.

my adult life has been About Service, military, County, and City. My 37 years with the AF and with Pickens County has given me managerial/Leadership real world experience. Currently have Certification as storm water Inspector.

Certification

I certify that the information above is true and correct. I understand that the Information on this form will be considered public information.

Wm Ted Edwards
Signature

11-18-2025
Date

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ Expires: _____

Resident: _____

Approved by Staff: _____ Council Appointment: _____



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Name: Thomas B. McDonald

Address: 206 Alta Vista Dr Liberty SC 29657

Email Address: boe@yourmarketingco.com

Phone Number: 864 230 1923

Employer: your marketing co

Occupation: Business Owner

Job Title: Founder

Professional License(s) : _____



Are you a resident of the City of Liberty? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Why would you like to serve as a volunteer for the City?

I previously served on the planning commission and enjoyed serving the city in this capacity.

Do you presently serve on a board, committee, or commission for the City, County, or State?

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NA

Have you previously served on a board, committee, or commission for the City, County, or State?

If so, list the position and date for each.

-Greenville Election Comm 2018-2020
-Liberty SC Planning Comm 2021-2025



Are you involved in any Community Activities?

If so, please list and describe each.

- Chamber of Commerce

Please describe how your educational background, work experience, or other life experience qualify you to contribute to the mission of this board.

- Building owner / Investor
- Previous experience on the planning commission and educational opportunities

Certification

I certify that the information above is true and correct. I understand that the Information on this form will be considered public information.

Signature

Date

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Date Received: _____ Expires: _____

Resident : _____

Approved by Staff: _____ Council Appointment: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-____
COUNTY OF PICKENS	

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, REPLACING LIBERTY CITY CODE SEC. 2-42 WITH A NEW SEC. 2-42 SETTING FORTH PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the current City ordinance addressing the appearance of citizens before the Council (Liberty CC Sec. 2-42) reads as follows:

Any citizen of the city shall be entitled to an appearance before the mayor and council at any regular meeting concerning any city matter. Persons desiring to speak must notify the clerk on the topic which they want to speak no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the council meeting.

AND, WHEREAS, it appears necessary, appropriate, and in the best interests of the community for Council to amend this section to allow for a broader allowance of public comments and a more convenient sign-up process for those wishing to appear before Council; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Council, duly assembled with a quorum present, and after due consideration and discussion, as follows:

1. The clauses above are adopted by reference as if fully recited again herein; and,
2. Liberty CC Sec. 2-42 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-42. – Public comment at Council meetings.

- a. At regular and special council meetings, persons who may speak to council during public comments sessions are those who live inside the City, own real property within the City, or own or operate businesses within the City. The total time period for public comments may be set in the agenda for each meeting.

- b. At any council work session meeting, any person may speak to council during a public comments session schedule for that meeting.
- c. Topics that may be addressed in public comments at regular and special called council meetings should be limited to matters affecting or related to the City in some way. Topics that may be addressed in public comments at work sessions may also address matters that may affect or relate to the community outside the City in the 29657 zip code or visitors to the City from other locations.
- d. Persons wishing to speak must fill out a public comment form or sign-up sheet prior to the start of the meeting at which they wish to speak, with each person providing their name, address, contact information, the ward in which they reside or own property if known and applicable, and the topic on which they wish to comment.

Speakers are encouraged to submit their public comment forms/sign-ups to the Clerk on or before 4:30 on the Friday preceding the meeting at which they wish to speak, as this may allow for the Clerk to answer questions or gather any information that might be helpful to Council before the meeting. However, persons may still sign up as long as they do so prior to the start of the council meeting at which they wish to speak.

- e. All public comments:
 - Are limited to one three-minute period per speaker;
 - Must be addressed solely to council;
 - Should not be interrupted by applause or other disturbances, as such can waste some of the time allotted for public comment;
 - May not be vulgar, profane, threatening, defamatory, aggressive, or disruptive; and,
 - May not be used to promote or advertise businesses, services, goods, candidates for public office, or events that are not free and open to the public.
- f. On occasion, should a topic raised by a speaker be of particular interest to council, the council may vote by simple majority, following a motion and second by a member, to allow an additional two minutes of time for the speaker.
- g. No member of the public may donate, allocate, delegate, transfer, yield, cede, or give all or any portion of speaking time to another person.

IT IS SO ORDAINED.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

CITY COUNCIL:

Andrea Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bailee Locke, Clerk of Council

First reading:

Second reading:

Town of Bluffton:

(a) There shall be on the Agenda of every meeting a time designated for Public Comment. Upon request, any citizen is entitled to address the Council at a regular meeting on matters pertaining to the Town. Council may regulate or cease public comment with reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to public comment and proper protocol.

(b) With respect to any electronic or virtual meeting of Council and subject to the terms of the applicable agenda for such meeting, members of the public may also participate electronically, as follows: [remainder omitted]

City of Clemson:

The mayor pro tempore shall be the presiding officer for the public comment period. The presiding officer may address comments at the end of each comment. Responses to public comments that are provided after the meeting may be publicly posted. All persons wishing to be heard during the public comment period shall sign in with the city clerk beginning 30 minutes prior to the meeting stating their full name, address, subject matter and purpose for speaking. Once all speakers on the list have been recognized, and if time allows, those who were not added to the list of speakers may be recognized. Thirty minutes shall be allotted for the entire public comment period. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes, unless the city council authorizes one extension of three minutes. If the public comment period expires before all persons who have signed up are recognized, those names will be carried over to the public comment period at the next meeting of the city council: provided, however, the presiding officer may decide to extend the public comment period in their discretion. If the topic is on the agenda, the public comment shall be allowed during the discussion of that agenda item. Comments made on items appearing on the agenda will be limited to two minutes, unless the city council authorizes one extension of two minutes. All comments should be directed to council as a body and should be limited to issues the city council has jurisdiction over. Speakers are asked to be mindful of repeating points that have already been addressed to make sure everyone has an opportunity to speak. MyCivic comments must be submitted by 2pm the day of the meeting and are reserved for those that are not present at the meeting. Speakers may not speak on behalf of others. Speakers shall not use the public comment period to promote or advertise awards, businesses, services, goods, candidates for public office or events that are not free and open to the public. Recognized speakers may not donate, transfer, yield, or give all or any portion of their speaking time to others.

City of Greenville:

- (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to establish a structured and accessible process for public comment periods, ensuring that members of the public have the opportunity to participate in local governance, and

express their opinions while maintaining a respectful and orderly forum for public comments.

- (b) *Registering to speak.* Persons wishing to address council during a public comment period shall contact the city clerk by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to provide their name and the agenda item(s) or topic(s) on which they wish to speak.
- (c) *Duration of public comment.* Each person may speak only during the time designated in the posted agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. No speaker shall begin their public comments until recognized by the presiding officer. No speaker shall continue speaking or remain at the speaking podium after their allotted time has expired or after being directed to cease speaking and relinquish the speaking podium.
- (d) *No allocation or transfer of speaking time.* No person may delegate, yield, or cede their allotted speaking time to any other individual.

City of Hilton Head:

Sec. 2-5-70. - Public comment.

- . (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish a structured and accessible process for public comment periods, ensuring that citizens have the opportunity to participate in local governance and, express their opinions, while maintaining a respectful and orderly forum for public comments. By setting forth clear rules and procedures for public comment periods, the town encourages civic engagement and fosters a collaborative approach to decision-making, ultimately contributing to the development of policies and initiatives that reflect the needs and values of the Town of Hilton Head Island. □
- . (b) Rules and procedure governing public comment during public meetings. In addition to the rules of decorum outlined in section 2-5-80, the following rules and procedures shall apply to all public meetings as defined in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act section 30-4- 20(d) and shall apply to all public meetings of town council, town council standing committees, and the committees, boards, and commissions created by the town council (each, a "public body"). The failure to comply with any of these rules of procedure is a violation of this section.
 - (1) Agenda items. Any interested person may appear before a public body at a public meeting to address the public body speak regarding an agenda item on which the public body will discuss and/or vote at that

meeting. □

- . (2) Public comment for public meetings. A public comment period shall be published on the agenda of any meeting of a public body so that at least one public comment period will be held for each public meeting.
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- . (3) Priority of speakers. Any interested person may speak at a public meeting on a matter pertaining to municipal policy, services, and operations, as allowed in this section. Priority to speak shall be given to Town of Hilton Head Island residents, followed by any other interested individuals □
- . (4) Public comment on agenda items. Any person wishing to address a public body regarding an agenda item must either submit an electronic public comment form no later than two (2) hours prior to the start of the public meeting or shall complete a public comment form on the date of the public meeting, in person and no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the public meeting. Public comment forms must be filled out completely and include the name, address and contact information of the person who will be speaking and must identify the agenda item on which the person wishes to speak. If a person wishes to speak on matters not related to an agenda item that is on that particular meeting's agenda, such person shall speak at the public comment period that shall occur following □the completion of any new business agenda items. A separate public comment form shall be completed for each agenda item about which a person wishes to speak. Persons speaking about an agenda item shall limit their comments to only that agenda item.
- . (5) Public comment on items not on the agenda. Any person wishing to address the public body regarding an item that is not on the agenda for that particular meetings must either submit an electronic public comment form no later than two (2) hours prior to the start of the public meeting or complete a public comment form, in person and no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the public meeting. Public comment forms must be filled out completely and include the name, address and contact information of the person wishing to speak and must identify the subject about which the person wishes to speak. □

- . (6) Limitation on public comment. Each person addressing the public body either during public comment for items that are on an agenda or during public comment on items that are not on the agenda, may speak only once during either of these respective public speaking opportunities as provided for in subsections (b)(4) and (5) listed above. □
- . (7) Duration of public comments. Each person may speak only during the time designated in the posted agenda of a public body. All speakers shall be limited to three (3) minutes. No speaker shall begin their public comments until recognized by the presiding officer. □
- . (8) Addressing the public body. Each person addressing a public body during a public comment period shall step up to the speaking podium or any other place provided for the purposes of public speaking, state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record and state the subject that he or she wishes to discuss. Speakers shall address the public body only and shall not direct their comments to the audience, individual members of the audience, or town staff. □
- . (9) Conclusion of public comment. No person may continue speaking or remain at the speaking podium after their allotted time has expired or after being directed to cease speaking and relinquish the speaker's podium by the presiding officer. □
- . (10) No allocation or transfer of speaking time. No person may delegate their allotted speaking time to any other individual and any person who speaks is limited to one (1) time to speak and may not speak again on behalf of any other group or individual. □
- . (11) In the event of a group of speakers who wish to speak on the same subject matter, the presiding officer may request that that group appoint one (1) spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group for the purpose of conducting orderly business efficiently. A person speaking on behalf of a group is limited to one (1) time to speak and may not speak again on his or her own behalf, or any other group or person. □
- . (12) No questions without approval and speaking to public body. No questions may be asked of □a member of a public body without first receiving the permission of the presiding officer. No person other than the recognized speaker may

speaking. Speaking after public comments has been closed. No person other than members of the public body or town staff may speak after the public comment period has concluded unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer.

13. Closure or termination of public comment. The presiding officer may close or limit any public comment period in the event of any violations of this section or section 2-5-80.

Editor's note— Ord. No. 2024-12, § 1 (Exh. A), adopted June 18, 2024, changed the title of § 2-5-50 from "Appearance by citizens" to read as set out herein.

City of Liberty:

Any citizen of the city shall be entitled to an appearance before the mayor and council at any regular meeting concerning any city matter. Persons desiring to speak must notify the clerk on the topic which they want to speak no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the council meeting.

City of Rock Hill:

Any public citizen interested in any proposed ordinance under consideration by the council may ask for the right to be heard in support of or in opposition to adoption of any such ordinance at any meeting of the council at which such ordinance is presented for consideration by the council.

General Hearing Procedures

- Mayor opens the hearing.
- Staff describes the proposal. Those wishing to comment are heard.
- Formal action is taken to close the hearing. Council members have an opportunity to comment and ask questions on the issue.
- Council takes action on the issue or defers decision.

The following guidelines have been developed by Council to facilitate orderly meetings.

- Persons attending a Council meeting may address the Council at the appropriate time that specific items appear on the agenda.
- Citizens are allowed a total of five minutes for the meeting, with the exception of public hearings.
- When addressing the Council, the presenter shall approach the podium and begin by clearly stating his/her name and address.
- All persons who speak must address the Council.
- At public hearings, all questions and remarks from the audience are limited to five minutes and shall be addressed to the Council. Each person is limited

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF PICKENS	ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-_____
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING LIBERTY CITY CODE SECTION 2-41 TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR ADDING A MATTER TO AN AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the current City ordinance addressing setting the agenda for regular Council meetings (Liberty CC Sec. 2-41) reads as follows:

Matters to be considered by council at a regular meeting shall be listed on a written agenda prepared by the clerk, to be reviewed and approved by the mayor. Any additional items desired by council or staff for inclusion on the agenda shall be presented to the mayor no later than 48 hours (two business days) before the start time of the regular meeting, so that the agenda may be prepared, reviewed, approved, and published in accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, it appears necessary and appropriate to amend Liberty CC Sec. 2-41 as set forth below; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Council, duly assembled with a quorum present, and after due consideration and discussion, as follows:

1. The clauses above are adopted by reference as if fully recited again herein; and,
2. Liberty CC Sec. 2-41 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 2-41. – Agenda.

Matters to be considered by council at a regular or special meeting, including a work session meeting, shall be listed on a written agenda prepared by the clerk, to be reviewed and approved by the mayor. Any items desired by council or staff for inclusion on the agenda shall be presented to the mayor no later than 48 hours (two business days) before the start time of the meeting, so that the agenda may be prepared, reviewed, approved, and published in accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

To add an item to an agenda for consideration during an ongoing meeting, an action item for anything other than a final action may be added to the agenda by a two-thirds vote, provided that public comment on the added item will be received at a future, duly noticed meeting. A final action item, or one for which there will be no opportunity for future public comment, may be added to the agenda by a two-thirds vote and a finding that an emergency or exigent circumstance exists. An exigent circumstance would be considered an urgent or time-sensitive issue.

To add an item to a future agenda shall require either an agreement by the mayor or a majority vote of council to add the item to such agenda.

IT IS SO ORDAINED.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

CITY COUNCIL:

Andrea Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bailee Locke, Clerk of Council

First reading:

Second reading:

LEVELS OF NOISE In decibels (dB)

PAINFUL & DANGEROUS		
Use hearing protection or avoid	140	• Fireworks • Gun shots • Custom car stereos (at full volume)
	130	• Jackhammers • Ambulances
UNCOMFORTABLE		
Dangerous over 30 seconds	120	• Jet planes (during take off)
VERY LOUD		
Dangerous over 30 minutes	110	• Concerts (any genre of music) • Car horns • Sporting events
	100	• Snowmobiles • MP3 players (at full volume)
	90	• Lawnmowers • Power tools • Blenders • Hair dryers
Over 85 dB for extended periods can cause permanent hearing loss.		
LOUD		
	80	• Alarm clocks
	70	• Traffic • Vacuums
MODERATE		
	60	• Normal conversation • Dishwashers
	50	• Moderate rainfall
SOFT		
	40	• Quiet library
	30	• Whisper
FAINT		
	20	• Leaves rustling

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL AUDIOLOGY AWARENESS MONTH AND NATIONAL PROTECT YOUR HEARING MONTH

Visit www.HowsYourHearing.org to learn more about audiology and hearing loss.

Think you may have a hearing loss? Click on the "Find an Audiologist" link of the Web site to locate and set up an appointment with an audiologist in your area to get your hearing tested.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF PICKENS

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DEFINING AND DECLARING EXCESSIVE NOISE AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE WITHIN THE CITY, AND REPLACING LIBERTY CITY CODE SECTIONS 35-78 AND 35-79 WITH AN UPDATED NOISE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, in a municipal setting, excessive noise can be a serious hazard to public health, welfare, and safety, and may interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property by others; and,

WHEREAS, the effective control of excessive noise is essential to the conduct of normal pursuits of life, including, but not limited to, healthcare, work, education, relaxation, sleep, rest, recreation, and communication; and,

WHEREAS, it appears appropriate, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents, business, and visitors of the City of Liberty to update and clarify the City's prohibition of and rules regarding excessive noise, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life within the City of Liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Council, duly assembled with a quorum present, and after due consideration and discussion, as follows:

1. The clauses above are adopted by reference as if fully recited again herein; and,
2. Liberty City Code Sections 35-78 and 35-79 are hereby deleted and replaced with the text contained in Exhibit A attached hereto.

IT IS SO ORDAINED.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

CITY COUNCIL:

Andrea Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bailee Locke, Clerk of Council

First reading:

Second reading:

Attachment A

Sec. 35-78. Excessive noise declared public nuisance and prohibited.

Excessive noise can be a serious hazard to public health, welfare, and safety. It can interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property by others. The effective control of excessive noise is essential to the conduct of normal pursuits of life, including, but not limited to, healthcare, work, education, relaxation, sleep, rest, recreation, and communication. Therefore, this section is enacted to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life within the City of Liberty.

a. Definitions.

Construction means all activities related to the preparation for, construction of, and alteration to buildings, utilities, and structures of any nature. Specifically, "construction" includes, but is not limited to, site preparation, site alteration, assembly, erection, repair, alteration, renovation, additions to, demolition of, and communications related to, buildings, utilities, and structures of any nature.

The term "construction" does not include periodic or routine maintenance work performed by property owner or occupier at his or her primary residence; however, activities that require a building permit, such as structural remodels or roof replacements, are considered to constitute "construction," whether performed by the owner/occupier or other person or entity.

Construction sounds means sounds related to or caused by the preparation for, construction of, and alteration to buildings, utilities, and structures of any nature. These include, but are not limited to, sounds caused by hammers, tools, pneumatic and other power tools, equipment, heavy equipment, vehicles used in construction, backup signals and alarms, impact noises, grinding, sawing, cutting, radio and other communication traffic, and loud voices.

Excessive noise means any noise that violates the prohibitions of the noise ordinance but is not subject to an exception to the ordinance. Excessive noise includes, but is not limited to:

- Any unreasonably loud or raucous noise within the city limits; or
- Any noise which is plainly audible at or beyond the property boundary on which the noise is being produced and which is of such a volume, nature, intensity, duration, location, timing, and/or repetition that a reasonable person of ordinary sensibility would find that it interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and/or property by another person; or

- Any noise produced at such a time or in such manner as to otherwise violate this section; or
- Any noise measuring 90 decibels or more that can be heard at a distance over 100 feet from the source, lasting more than one minute continuously, or over 5 minutes intermittently.

Excessive noise is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance.

Firework means any device designed to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Legal fireworks are such devices as are permitted by state law.

Plainly audible. A sound that can be detected by a city officer using his or her unaided hearing faculties is plainly audible. For example, if an officer uses his or her normal, unaided hearing and can hear a rhythmic bass or drumbeat, he or she has detected a plainly audible sound. It is not required that an officer be able to identify the sound by specific nature or cause, title, style, words, or artist.

Pyrotechnic display means the detonation, ignition, or deflagration of display fireworks, flames, or flame effects to produce visual and/or audible effects before the public, invitees, or licensees, regardless of whether admission is charged.

b. Prohibitions and rules.

- 1. General prohibition of excessive noise.** No person or entity shall make, allow to be made, or cause to be made excessive noise.
- 2. Specific prohibitions.** The following prohibitions address specific types of noise but are in no way all-inclusive as to the types of excessive noise prohibited by this section.
 - a. Music, however produced, is not allowed between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. if plainly audible at or beyond the boundary of the property where the music is being produced.
 - b. In residential and noise-sensitive areas, the operation of lawn care, tree care, shop, car repair, and other noise-creating equipment, is not allowed from 9 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., if the noise produced is plainly audible at or beyond the property boundary of the property on which the noise is produced.
 - c. The keeping of animals or birds that produce frequent or continued excessive noise beyond the boundaries of the property where such animals or birds are kept is not allowed.

- d. Yelling, shouting, loud conversation, whistling, singing, and all other excessive verbal noise, whether electronically amplified or not, is not allowed between 9 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in residential and noise-sensitive areas, nor at any other time or location if the noise is excessive and unreasonably disturbs the quiet, comfort, or repose of a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities. This prohibition is not intended to restrict the content of legal speech, but is intended to address public health, welfare, safety, and quality of life.
- e. If conspicuous signs are posted indicating that an area is a school, church/temple/mosque, court, or hospital/healthcare facility (noise-sensitive areas), excessive noise is not allowed on any street adjacent to such locations at any time that such locations are in session or operation, except as may be required for emergency or city-sanctioned activities.
- f. The sounding of any horn or siren, whether vehicular or not, except as a danger or warning signal, is not allowed.
- g. The operation of a vehicle and/or a sound system of a vehicle in such a manner as to cause excessive noise, whether through grating, grinding, pounding, engine revving, jarring, rattling, vibrations, or other excessive noise is not allowed.
- h. Deliveries, loading, and unloading are permitted at any time not otherwise prohibited; however, excessive noise caused by or connected with deliveries, loading, and unloading in any way is not allowed.
- i. The operation of any type of engine, whether combustion, electric, or compressed air, including, but not limited to vehicular and boat engines and compressed air devices, is not allowed unless effectively muffled to reduce noise produced by such device.
- j. The operation of a steam, electronic, or other type of whistle, except to give warning of danger, to cease or start play during a sporting event, or to begin and stop work, is not allowed.

c. Exceptions.

1. Government and emergency services.

- a. Because of traffic, parking, and congestion issues within the city, the City of Liberty may conduct or arrange for city garbage, street cleaning services, and other safety or health services at any time during which services may be safely and efficiently performed. This includes, but is not limited to, nighttime and early morning hours, if public welfare and convenience renders it impractical to work during the day.
- b. Repairs or excavations of bridges, streets, highways, or utilities at any time during which services may be safely and efficiently performed. This includes, but is not limited to, nighttime and early morning hours, if

public welfare and convenience renders it impractical to work during the day.

- c. Emergency services sirens and public emergency warning announcements may be sounded at any time.
- d. City-sanctioned or sponsored parades, gatherings, sporting events, and other special events are also exempted.

2. Construction.

Construction sounds must comply with all other prohibitions and rules in the noise ordinance, with the following exceptions:

- a. Monday through Saturday, construction sounds are allowed from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.
- b. On Sundays, construction sounds are allowed from noon until sunset.
- c. Construction sounds are allowed at any time for emergency repairs to restore power and/or utility service, to protect life or property from water or other destructive forces, and to remove trees, limbs, debris, or vehicles from buildings, power lines, or roads, and for any other emergency work necessary to protect or preserve life or property.
- d. When exigent circumstances require that construction sounds take place outside of the hours set forth above, the person/entity responsible for construction may request a limited construction sound exception permit from the City of Liberty Police Chief (or his designate). Except in rare cases, this should be done at least seven calendar days in advance of the date or dates on which the permit is needed; however, the police chief may consider more urgent requests for exception permits in extreme circumstances. If an exception permit is issued, the person/entity is responsible for notifying nearby businesses, residents and/or property owners, in the manner and in the time frame as directed by the Police Chief.

3. Fireworks.

- a. The discharge of any type of fireworks on or onto public or private property is prohibited without permission from the property owner.
- b. The city fire marshal or state authorities may also ban the discharge of fireworks during drought conditions, high wind conditions, or other situations where the use of fireworks could pose a danger to life or property.
- c. Generally, the discharge of any type of fireworks is strictly prohibited after 10:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
- d. However, the discharge of legal fireworks is permitted at New Year's from 10:00 a.m. on December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1.

- e. Similarly, the discharge of legal fireworks is permitted on July 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. on July 5.
- f. Upon prior application and approval by the city, the city may grant permission for a pyrotechnic display, a public or commercial fireworks display, or a special event exception for the discharge of legal fireworks.

4. Church/temple/mosque chimes, bells, carillons, and calls to worship.

Church/temple/mosque chimes, bells, carillons, and calls to worship are permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

d. Severability, savings, and effective date.

- 1. *Severability.* A determination of invalidity or unconstitutionality by a court of competent jurisdiction of any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part, of this section shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of the section.
- 2. *Savings.* Any enforcement action which is pending on the effective date of this section and which arose from a violation of an ordinance repealed by this section, or a prosecution which is started within one year after the effective date of this section arising from a violation of an ordinance repealed by this section, shall be tried and determined exactly as if the ordinance had not been repealed.
- 3. *Effective date.* This section is effective immediately upon enactment.