

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE GREENVILLE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, agriculture, forestry, agribusiness, and agritourism contribute significantly to the economic, cultural, and environmental health of Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for County Council to receive informed advisory input on matters affecting agricultural and rural land uses; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council desires to promote responsible rural land stewardship and to support the long-term viability of agricultural and forest lands within Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders engaged in agriculture, forestry, agribusiness, and agritourism possess practical, on-the-ground expertise that can assist County Council in evaluating policies and initiatives that may affect these sectors; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds it beneficial to establish an advisory task force to study issues, identify opportunities, and provide recommendations to County Council concerning agriculture and related rural land uses in Greenville County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Greenville County Council:

Section 1. Purpose and intent.

There is hereby established the Greenville County Agricultural Task Force as an advisory body to provide recommendations to Greenville County Council on matters affecting agriculture, forestry, agribusiness, agritourism, and rural land stewardship. The Task Force shall have no regulatory, enforcement, or quasi-judicial authority.

Section 2. Membership.

The Task Force shall consist of five (5) members appointed by Greenville County Council, including one (1) at-large member and one (1) nominee from each of the following organizations: the Greenville County Farm Bureau; the Greenville County Cattlemen's Association; the Greenville County Forest Landowners Association; and the Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners. All members must be legal residents of Greenville County.

Section 3. Terms.

Members shall serve four-year terms. Initial appointments shall be staggered to establish continuity. For the initial term, two members shall serve a term of two years, and three members shall serve a term of four years. After the initial term, all members shall serve four-year terms.

Section 4. Role and Duties.

The Task Force shall serve in an advisory role to County Council; may review proposed ordinances, policies, or initiatives affecting agriculture when referred by Council or a Council committee; may recommend voluntary and incentive-based strategies to support agricultural production, agribusiness, agritourism, and rural land stewardship; may provide input through the Planning Commission when requested by Council; and may serve as a forum for education and public awareness on agricultural issues.

Section 5. Reporting.

The Task Force shall report directly to Greenville County Council or to a designated standing committee, as determined by Council.

This resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Benton Blount
County Council Chairman

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator