

## AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND GREENVILLE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 5577, WHICH UPDATED THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR SEPTIC DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS, TO REMOVE THE SUNSET PROVISION AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 5734, WHICH EXTENDED THE SUNSET PROVISION AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina:

**Section 1. Findings.** On January 2, 2024, the County Council adopted Ordinance No. 5577, amending various articles of the Greenville County Land Development Regulations to update the minimum lot sizes for lots served by septic systems in unincorporated Greenville County, to update riparian buffers, and and to set the changes to expire two years later unless re-adopted (the “Sunset Provision”). On September 16, 2025, the County Council adopted Ordinance No. 5734 to extend the Sunset Provision an additional two years. While these changes have been in place, land in unincorporated Greenville County has continued to be subdivided for homes served by septic systems, and the strain that practice places on soils, groundwater, and waters of the County remains. In addition, the County's obligations under its NPDES permit and the Comprehensive Plan's policy of reducing the use of septic systems in new developments are ongoing, and standards written to meet ongoing obligations should themselves be ongoing. The County Council, therefore, finds that removal of the two-year Sunset Provision is warranted and will better protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Greenville County.

**Section 2. Amend Ordinance No. 5577 to remove “Section 10 Sunset Provision.”**

The County Council amends County Ordinance No. 5577 to remove “Section 10 Sunset Provision” as follows:

~~**Section 10. Sunset Provision.** The provisions and requirements of this Ordinance shall expire two (2) years from its effective date unless re-adopted by Greenville County Council.~~

**Section 3. Repeal Ordinance No. 5734.** The County Council repeals County Ordinance No. 5734 as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

**Section 4.**     **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 5.**     **Repeal.** This Ordinance repeals any ordinance, resolution, or order with provisions that conflict with it only to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 6.**     **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Benton Blount, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

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Regina McCaskill  
Clerk to Council

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Joseph M. Kernell  
County Administrator