

ORDINANCE 2026-18

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 (“CITY COUNCIL”) OF TITLE III
 (“ADMINISTRATION”) OF THE EASLEY CITY CODE**

WHEREAS, at various times the City of Easley reviews the city ordinances to make necessary improvements and/or changes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §5-7-160, “all powers of the municipality are vested in the council, except as otherwise provided by law, and the council shall provide for the exercise thereof and for the performance of all duties and obligations imposed on the municipality by law,” including the legislative power to make resolutions and ordinances by majority vote; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §5-7-250(b), “the council shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping minutes of its proceedings which shall be a public record”; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that certain sections of Chapter 30 (“City Council”) of Title III (“Administration”) should be amended to improve and ensure orderly governance of the City of Easley according to the terms set forth herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the amendments contained herein are in the best interests of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Easley, in Council assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. Amend Sections 30.05, 30.20, 30.21, 30.24, and 30.25 of Chapter 30 (“City Council”) of Title III (“Administration”) as follows (*language that is ~~struck through~~ is language proposed to be deleted, underlined language is language proposed to be added, language is not ~~struck through~~ or underlined is not to be changed, and *** represents sections of the Ordinance that have been skipped and remain unchanged*):

§ 30.05 QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS.

(A) Newly elected officers shall not be qualified pursuant to S.C. Code § 5-15-120, until at least 48 hours after the closing of the polls.

(B) The newly elected officers shall take office after the close of the December regular council meeting ~~on the January Council meeting~~ date following the official declaration of election. The city shall continue in a normal manner during this interim period.

(C) In case the results of the election are contested, the incumbent who fills that contested office shall hold over until the contest is finally determined.

(’90 Code, § 2-4.1) (Ord. passed 4-11-77; Am. Ord. passed 8-8-77; Am. Ord. 199919, passed 7-12-99; Am. Ord. 2000-21, passed 10-9-00; Am. Ord. 2002-01, passed 2-11-02)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

§ 30.20 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS.

(A) Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday in each month, unless changed by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

(B) Work sessions of the Council shall be held on the second Monday in each month, prior to the regular council meeting, unless changed by a majority vote of the members present at any at any regular or special meeting. No formal action shall be taken during the work session.

~~(B C)~~ Special meetings of the Council may be held on the call of the Mayor or of a majority of the members. Notice of a special meeting shall be given immediately by the City Clerk ~~and Treasurer~~ to all available members and the news media.

~~(C D)~~ All regular, special meetings, and work sessions of the Council shall be open to the public.

(E) The presiding officer shall maintain decorum consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

('90 Code, § 2-9) (Ord. passed 1-10-77; Am. Ord. 2002-01, passed 2-11-02)

Statutory reference:

Meetings of Council, see S.C. Code § 5-7-250

§ 30.21 QUORUM; PRESIDING OFFICER; RULES OF ORDER.

(A) A majority of the Council members serving shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting. If there is not a quorum present, the Mayor shall call the meeting to order, the City Clerk shall announce "A quorum is not present" after verification of the quorum. The Mayor shall declare "There being no quorum, the meeting stands adjourned". The minutes shall reflect the names of the members present and the names of the members absent. The minutes shall include a statement that no quorum was present and the time of the adjournment.

(B) The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore shall preside, except that in the absence of both, the members present shall elect a presiding member. Except as otherwise required by state law or ordinance, all proceedings of the Council shall be as set by resolution from time to time, and The City Attorney shall act as parliamentarian.

('90 Code, § 2-11) (Ord. passed 1-10-77)

§ 30.24 AGENDA.

(A) Matters to be considered by the Council at a regular meeting shall be placed on a written agenda prepared by the chief administrative officer and publicly posted by the City Clerk by 5:00

p.m. on Thursday prior to the regular meeting on Monday or, in the case of a called meeting, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. ~~Matters not on the agenda may be considered upon request of a member, unless two members object.~~

(B) The City Administrator shall prepare the proposed agenda in consultation with Council.

(C) Any matters requested in writing by three (3) members of Council to the City Administrator by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the monthly regular meetings and work session shall also be placed on the Council agenda.

(D) Council may amend the agenda by majority vote pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-80.

(E) Agenda items such as public hearings, commission appointments, proclamations, awards, and other non-regular agenda items shall be added to the agenda as needed for a meeting.

(F) The order of business for the regular Council Meeting shall include:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes As Written
5. Report from Council Members
6. Report from Mayor
7. Monthly Report from City Administrator
8. Monthly Report from Finance Director
9. Citizens Wishing to Address City Council
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Miscellaneous Business
13. Council Discussion (as needed). No votes taken.
14. Executive Session (as needed)
15. Adjournment

(G) The order of business for the Council Work Session shall include:

1. Call to Order
2. Unfinished Business

3. New Business
4. Council Discussion (as needed).
5. Executive Session (as needed)
6. Adjournment

(’90 Code, § 2-15) (Ord. passed 1-10-77; Am. Ord. passed 8-13-79)

§ 30.25 APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS.

Persons may address City Council at regular meetings in accordance with the City’s Policy on Persons Addressing Council. Said Policy may be amended as a resolution.

(’90 Code, § 2-14) (Ord. passed 1-10-77; Ord. 2023-15, passed 11-13-23)

Section 2: That the amendments contained herein shall be effective upon second and final reading of this Ordinance.

Section 3: Severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance. 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, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 8th day of June 2026.

First Reading: May 19, 2026

Second Reading: June 8, 2026

CITY OF EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Lisa Talbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Bradley, Municipal Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel Hughes, City Attorney