

# TOWN COUNCIL

## STAFF REPORT

### Projects and Watershed Resilience Department



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	March 10, 2026
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Easement Donations from Property Owners Necessary to Complete a Portion of the Public Safety Cameras Project
<b>PROJECT MANAGER:</b>	Kimberly Washok-Jones, Director of Projects and Watershed Resilience and Joe Babkiewicz, Chief of Police

**REQUEST:** Town Staff requests Town Council approve the Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the acceptance of easement donations from multiple properties identified below for the purpose of completing a portion of the Public Safety Cameras Project.

	<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	R610 044 000 0016 0000	New Riverside Road Right of Way
2	R610 022 000 0125 0000	14W Saint Gregory Dr., Bluffton, SC
3	R610 031 000 0160 0000	23 Simmonsville Rd., Bluffton, SC
4	R610 031 000 0787 0000	11 Towne Dr., Bluffton, SC
5	R610 029 000 1720 0000	Innovation Dr. Right of Way
6	R610 040 000 0880 0000	Stroup Ln. Right of Way
7	R614 039 00A 0018 0000	Promenade St. Right of Way
8	R614 039 00A 0018 0000	6 Promenade St., Bluffton, SC

**BACKGROUND:** With the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Strategic Plan, Staff continue to implement the Public Safety Cameras project improvements. The acquisition of the easements is necessary to complete camera installations in Bluffton. Sample Easement is included as Attachment 2.

Private easement donation(s) are necessary as the cameras cannot be located within the South Carolina Department of Transportation Right of Way due to pending state litigation.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

1. Town Council approves the acceptance of the easement donations.
2. Town Manager executes easements.
3. Recording of easements.

**SUMMARY:** Town Staff requests Town Council accept the donations and authorizes the Town Manager and Staff to take such actions as are necessary to complete the acceptance of the easement donations to complete a portion of the Public Safety Cameras Project.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Sample Easement
3. Proposed Motion