STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF BERKELEY) ORDINANCE 2026 –

TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER)

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, Sub-section 3 of Section 5-7-260, and Section 5-21-110 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, provide that municipalities have the authority to adopt budgets and levy taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Moncks Corner in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. That the prepared budget and estimated revenue for payment of the same is hereby adopted and is made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is hereto attached.

SECTION 2. That a tax to cover the period from the first day of October 2026, to the last day of September 2027, both inclusive, for the sums and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Moncks Corner for the use and services thereof; i.e., a tax of seven and 38/100 ($7.38) Dollars (73.8 Mills) on every One Hundred and No/100 ($100.00) Dollars in assessed value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the Town of Moncks Corner except such as exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the Town treasury for the credit of the Town of Moncks Corner for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements, current expenses and the payment of interest and retirement of outstanding bonds and debts of said municipality. The total tax levy of seventy-three point eight (73.8) mills is apportioned as follows: Seventy point eight (70.8) mills for general operation of the Town and three (3) mills for outstanding bonds and debt service.

SECTION 3. Local Option Sales Tax anticipated collections in the amount of three million four hundred thirty-six thousand and nine hundred ninety-two dollars ($3,436,992) derived from the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Fund shall be distributed as follows: one million five hundred and sixty-four thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars ($1,564,272) plus two hundred twenty-seven thousand and eight hundred sixty-two dollars ($227,862) from prior year collections for a total of one million, seven hundred ninety-two thousand, one hundred thirty-four dollars ($1,792,134) of Local Option Sales Tax will be used for property tax relief. Tax Credits are based on 0.000679 (ratio) as applied to the total appraised values of two billion six hundred thirty-nine million two hundred forty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-three dollars ($2,639,244,993). One million eight hundred seventy-two thousand and seven hundred twenty dollars ($1,872,720) of Local Option Sales Tax Revenues will be used for general operating purposes.

SECTION 4. The Administrative Services Director - Clerk to Council shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes from Berkeley County.

SECTION 5. Annual Residential Sanitation Fees will be set at $175 on the property tax bills. Sanitation fees for commercial customers will be $19.61 per month.

SECTION 6. Annual Residential Stormwater Fees will be set at $66.00 for all single-family residential units and all annual non-residential property fees will be set at $66.00 per ERU for all other properties on the property tax bills.

SECTION 7. Administration fees on all Fire Reports and CPR Training will change to the following beginning FY 2027 as follows:

	Current	Fees Effective October 1, 2026
Fire Report Copy	$20	$25
CPR Training	$25	$50

SECTION 8. False Alarm fees will change to the following beginning FY2027 as follows:

Occurrence	Fee Effective October 1,2026
1st – 2nd	Free per calendar year
3rd alarm	$100.00 per calendar year
4th plus alarm	$ 200.00 per calendar year

SECTION 9. Plan Review fees for Fire will change to the following beginning FY2027 as follows:

Square Feet	Fee Effective October 1,2026
Up to 999	$ 75.00
1,000 to 2,499	$ 100.00
2,500 to 9,999	$ 150.00
10,000 to 49,999	$ 200.00
50,000 plus	$ 300.00

SECTION 10. Reinspection fees for all types of inspections will change to the following beginning FY2027 as follows:

Occurrence	Fee Effective October 1,2026
1st Re-inspection	$50.00
2nd Re- Inspection	$100.00
3rd and Subsequent Re-inspection	Increase in $50.00 increments

SECTION 11. The Mayor shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriate funds within and between departments as may be necessary to achieve the goals of the budget.

SECTION 12. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final reading and approval of Town Council.

Adopted and Approved, this 18th day of August 2026.

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Thomas J Hamilton, Jr., Mayor

First Reading: July 21, 2026
Second Reading and Public Hearing: August 18, 2026

Council:

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Attest:

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Marilyn Baker, Clerk to Council

Viewed by Town Attorney and approved as to form.

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James Brodgon, Town Attorney