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Spring 2025

Mayor's Corner

Happy Springtime to each of you. Our spring sports activities are in full swing. Please get out and come down to watch our youth play ball. We will have the rabies clinic in April. Plan on taking advantage of the clinic being held here in town. Our Youth Sports will host a softball tournament this year. This can be a very big deal for our program. Check with the Youth Sports program for more information. Please be mindful of people out walking since the days are getting longer and the weather is more enjoyable. We want to strive to make our town a better place to live.

Gurney Wiggins
Mayor

General Council Election

The general election for the Town of Jackson will be Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Three council seats will be up for election.

Polls will be open from 7am-7pm at Town Hall. Come out and vote!

Rabies Clinic

A rabies clinic will be held at the Jackson Pavilion on Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 2-4pm.

Rabies vaccines are available ONLY for cats and dogs

Rabies vaccine \$10, All vaccines \$30.

Cash preferred, no credit cards

Animal must be on a leash or in a crate. Please be patient.

We are very thankful for Dr. Brown bringing this service to our community!

Water Project Update

The Town of Jackson has received a grant from the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority in the amount of \$3,189,934.00 to complete needed improvements to our water system. The project is set to start March 31, 2025. Expect to see work beginning at the following locations:

- Atomic Rd-Booster Station Installation
- Hwy 125 Well Site-Emergency Generator Installation
- McElmurray Farm Rd Well Site-Emergency Generator Installation
- Plantation Rd/Granview Rd/Hidden Springs Rd-Upgrade Water Lines
- Fourth St.-Water Main Replacement/Additional Valve Installation

THORNTON PARK UPGRADES

The Town of Jackson has been awarded a South Carolina Parks and Recreation Grant for Thornton Park upgrades. Be on the lookout for these needed improvements!

American Legion Post 97

Attention Veterans: American Legion Post #97 invites you to join the Jackson Post. Please contact Ronnie Martin at (803) 645-1087 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hop to it!

What: Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by The Town of Jackson and First Baptist Church of Jackson

When: April 19 from 11am-Noon

Where: Thornton Park

Details: A hotdog lunch will be provided. Hunt starts promptly at 11am. Bring your own baskets. Ages 12 & under welcome to hunt. There will be an appearance from a special visitor, so bring your camera for photo ops!

We are excited to see you there!

Save the Date

- Hook & Cook Festival- October 17-18
- Thanksgiving Drive Thru-November 20
- Tree Lighting-December 4
- Santa Breakfast-December 6
- Christmas Parade-December 7

Code Enforcement & Animal Control

Jackson Zoning and Municipal Codes-Your Guide to a Beautiful, Safe, and Orderly Neighborhood

Dear Jackson Residents,

Our Zoning and Municipal Code is the backbone of our city's operations. It ensures that The Town of Jackson remains a safe, healthy, and prosperous place for all. Let's explore some key areas that affect our daily lives.

Recreational Vehicles: Your Home Away from Home

We love our RVs, don't we? They're perfect for those weekend getaways. But when it comes to parking them at home, there are a few things to keep in mind:

Storage: All RVs are to be stored in a shed or backyard. RV parking in front of houses and in driveways is not permitted.

Time Limit for unloading: Up to 72 hours.

Habitation: Habitation of RVs in town is not permitted.

Remember, these rules help maintain the aesthetic appeal of our streets and ensure safety for all residents.

Fences and Walls: Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

Robert Frost was onto something! Fences and walls play a crucial role in defining property lines and enhancing privacy. Here's what you need to know:

Permit Required: Permits are required for construction of fencing. This is put in place to protect you, the property owner. There is no fee for the permit.

Height Restrictions: Front yard fences should not exceed 4 feet, while side and rear fences can be up to 7 feet tall.

Materials: Hazardous fences and fences constructed of fabric materials, fiberboard, garage door panels, plywood, rolled plastic, or vinyl or plastic tarps are prohibited.

Wooden Fences: Fences must have the finished side facing the adjoining property.

Maintenance: Keep your fence in good repair. A well-maintained fence adds value to your property and the neighborhood.

Business Licenses: Supporting Local Enterprise

Jackson thrives on its local businesses. If you're an entrepreneur or thinking of starting a business, here's what you need to know:

License Requirement: All businesses operating in Jackson need a valid license.

Application Process: It's simple! Applications are available on our website www.jackson-sc.gov or at Town Hall.

Renewal: Don't forget to renew your license annually to keep your business in good standing.

The goal of the Jackson Code Enforcement Division is education and compliance first, then enforcement if education has failed. We need your help to foster a welcoming environment and uphold the standards that make our town a wonderful place to live.

If you come across any code violations, please report them to the Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer at (803) 471-2228. For your safety, please do not take it upon yourself to stop someone while in the act of a violation.

Business Licensing

Business License Tax helps fund town services such as fire, police, parks, streets etc. Without this source of revenue, the burden would fall on the taxpayers alone. Essentially, any businesses profiting from residents are required to contribute their part.

Please encourage contractors to contact town hall to obtain a business license prior to beginning work to avoid delay of jobs.

Code Enforcement is out and about daily.

Did you know...

- The Town of Jackson has been collecting Business License Tax since the 1960's.
- There are 271 municipalities in the state of SC. 225 of them collect Business License Tax.

What is a business license tax?

A business license tax is neither a property tax nor an income tax. Rather, it is a way of requiring an entity or individual doing business within a municipality to contribute its share in support of the city. Municipalities are given the ability to levy a business license tax on the gross income of businesses by state law. (MASC. (n.d.). *Business License Tax. masc.sc/business-license-tax*)

How important is the business license tax to town services?

In most cities, 25% to 50% of their general fund budgets come from the business license tax, and there is no alternative revenue stream to replace it.

City leaders have little flexibility in raising revenue because of Act 388's millage and reassessment caps and restrictions on the use of other revenue sources such as hospitality taxes, thereby making the business license tax a critical revenue source. (MASC. (n.d.). *Business License Tax. masc.sc/business-license-tax*)