



**City of Liberty- Regular Session**

**April 14th, 2025 – 6:30 pm**

**Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St. Liberty SC 29657**

- **Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Woods**
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Swearing in:**
  - -City of Liberty, Police Chief
  - -City of Liberty, Certified Police Officer
- **Proclamations:**
  - -Child Abuse Prevention Month
- **Presentation:**
  - -Troy Rosier- City Engineer, updates to City Capital Improvement Plan for water system.
- **Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)**
- **Approval of Minutes –**
  - -March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Regular Session
- **New Business: (1st Readings)-**
- **Old Business: (2<sup>nd</sup> Readings)-**
  - -2025-02- Amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Liberty to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020.
- **City/Financial Report**
- **City Council Reports –**
  - Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)
  - Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)
  - Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)
  - Jeff Massie (Ward 4)
  - Zachary Arms (At-Large)
  - Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)
- **Mayor's Announcements**
- **Motion to Enter Executive Session (SC Code Section 30-4-70)**

- -(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims or discussions of the public agency's position in adversary situations, discussion about development of security personnel or devices;  
*-Stormwater management*

- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

*-City Council may or may not take action on any or all of the matters discussed in Executive Session.*

- **Adjournment**

**PROCLAMATION  
CITY OF LIBERTY  
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

*WHEREAS* child abuse and neglect are a severe problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone and

*WHEREAS* our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future in the City of Liberty and South Carolina, and

*WHEREAS* child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse and

*WHEREAS* protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children and

*WHEREAS* practical child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

*WHEREAS* communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families and

*WHEREAS* we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment and

*WHEREAS* prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erica Romo Woods, Mayor of the City of Liberty, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as**

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

*in the city of Liberty and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families.*

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*Mayor, Erica Romo Woods*



## MINUTES

### City of Liberty- Regular Session

March 10th, 2025 – 6:30 pm

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- **Welcome and Call to Order Mayor Woods at 6:30pm**  
Not present: Councilmember Graybeal and Councilmember Padgett.
- **Invocation given by Councilmember Arms.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)-**  
  
Andrea Wagner
- **Approval of Minutes –**  
-February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Regular Session  
Motion: Councilmember Arms  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: No Discussion  
Vote: 5-0
- **New Business: (1st Readings)-**
- 2025-02-Amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Liberty to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020.  
Motion: Councilmember Shoenleben  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker  
Discussion: Councilmember Arms asked if this is a state requirement. Mayor Woods replied yes.  
Vote: 5-0
- **City Council Reports –**
  - Robbie Shoenleben (Ward 1)- No Report
  - Lavant Padgett (Ward 2)- Not Present
  - Daniel Graybeal (Ward 3)- Not Present
  - Jeff Massie (Ward 4)- Asked for the contract for the Deputy Administrator. Mayor Woods replied she is not a contractual employee.
  - Zachary Arms (At-Large) – Hangout session for the budget will be Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more details he will post on his Council Facebook page. He gave a shoutout to the 260 participants of the Recreation Department.
  - Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)- She stated she was also proud of the Recreation Department it has come a long way. 260 is a great number.
- **City/Financial Report- See attachment.**

- **Mayor's Announcements- See attachment.**
- **Motion to Enter Executive Session** (SC Code Section 30-4-70)

**Motion: Councilmember Arms**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker**  
**Discussion: No Discussion**  
**Vote: 5-0**

- (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussions of a proposed sale or purchase of property, receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims or discussions of the public agency's position in adversary situations, discussion about development of security personnel or devices;

-Private property adjoining Pedestrian Park on W. Front St.

-Economic Development

- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

**-City Council may or may not take action on any or all of the matters discussed in Executive Session.**

**Motion: Councilmember Arms**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker**  
**Discussion: No Discussion**  
**Vote: 5-0**

Motion to end contract with Retail Strategies.

**Motion: Councilmember Massie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker**  
**Discussion: No Discussion**  
**Vote: 5-0**

- **Adjournment at 7:38pm**  
**Motion: Councilmember Arms**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Councilmember Whitaker**  
**Discussion: No Discussion**  
**Vote: 5-0**

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mayor, Erica Romo Woods

**CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ORDINANCE #2025-02**

**AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Liberty is authorized by S.C. Code Section 5-7-30 and Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 3 to impose a business license tax on gross income;

**WHEREAS**, by Act No. 176 of 2020, known as the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act and codified at S.C. Code Sections 6-1-400 to -420 (the "Standardization Act"), the South Carolina General Assembly imposed additional requirements and conditions on the administration of business license taxes;

**WHEREAS**, the Standardization Act requires that by December thirty-first of every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (the "Association") and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office;

**WHEREAS**, following the enactment of the Standardization Act, the Municipality enacted Ordinance No. 2025-02 on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, in order to comply with the requirements of the Standardization Act (the "Current Business License Ordinance");

**WHEREAS**, the City of Liberty Council now wishes to amend the Current Business License Ordinance to adopt the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule, as required by the Standardization Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Liberty, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Amendments to Appendix B.** Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," is hereby amended and restated as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2. Repealed, Effective Date.** All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be effective with respect to the business license year beginning on May 1, 2026.

ENACTED IN REGULAR MEETING, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Mayor, Erica Romo Woods

ATTEST:



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Clerk, Bailee Locke

First reading: 03/10/2025

Final reading: 04/14/2025

**Exhibit A: Amendment to Classes 1 – 8 in Appendix B of the  
Current Business License Ordinance**

**APPENDIX B**

**Classes 1 – 8: Business License Class Schedule by NAICS Codes**

NAICS Sector/Subsector	Industry Sector	Class
11	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	1
21	Mining	↑ <del>2</del> 2
22	Utilities	1
31 - 33	Manufacturing	3
42	Wholesale trade	1
44 - 45	Retail trade	1
48 - 49	Transportation and warehousing	↑ <del>2</del> 1
51	Information	4
52	Finance and insurance	7
53	Real estate and rental and leasing	↓ <del>6</del> 7
54	Professional, scientific, and technical services	↓ <del>4</del> 5
55	Management of companies	7
56	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	3
61	Educational services	3
62	Health care and social assistance	↓ <del>3</del> 4
71	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
721	Accommodation	1
722	Food services and drinking places	2
81	Other services	↓ <del>3</del> 4
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>Subclasses</b>	
23	Construction	8.1
482	Rail Transportation	8.2
517111	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.3
517112	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.3
517122	Agents for Wireless Telecommunications Services	8.3
5241	Insurance Carriers	8.4
5242	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance Carriers	8.4
713120	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.51
713290	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.52
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries ( pool tables)	8.6

*2025 Class Schedule is based on a three-year average (2019 - 2021) of IRS statistical data.*