**CITY OF DARLINGTON**

**PUBLIC HEARING &**
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday December 2, 2025**
**6:00 PM**
**Held in the Courtroom at City Hall**
**400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532**

**Call to Order**
Invocation –

Pledge of Allegiance

***PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING OUTSIDE CITY WATER RATES***

**Approval of Minutes**

1) Regular City Council Meeting –Wednesday November 5, 2025

**Citizens Wishing to Appear Before Council**
Citizens may speak for up to 5 minutes. Maximum of 30 total minutes for public comments. (***Neither personal attacks nor disruptive behavior are allowed. Please sign in to be heard at this time.)***

***Proclamation***

***1) Arbor Day 2025***

***Old Business***

1) **Ordinance 2025-07: To Approve the Sale, Transfer, and/or Conveyance of Real Property Owned by the City of Darlington and Identified As 3.51 acres on Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC 29532, TMS# 126-00-02-098 to Venue 151 LLC**
2) **Ordinance 2025-08: To Approve the Sale, Transfer, and/or Conveyance of Real Property Owned by the City of Darlington and Identified As 107.87 acres on Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington SC 29532, TMS# 126-00-02-063 to Austin Boyce**

**New Business**

1) Sustainability Partners – Lenessa Hawkins
2) 2024-2025 Audit Presentation – Mr. William Hancock, The Brittingham Group, LLC
3) Approval of 2026 Regular Council Meeting Schedule
4) Clean up and removal of fence on city property on E. Broad Street (Old Dixie Cup Parking Lot)
5) Late Water Bill Discussion - Bryant Gardner

**Board / Commission Appointments**
Tree Board Appointment

PDRTA Committee Appointment

**City Manager's Report – City Manager Hawkins**

**Executive Session**

In accordance with S.C. Code 30-4-70
(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:
(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body for administration department.
However, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing. ***(Upon returning to open session, council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session)***

**Reminders / Upcoming Events**

1. Friday December 5, 2025 "Photos with Santa" in Wells Park at 6:00 PM
2. Saturday December 6, 2025, Downtown Darlington Christmas Festival, starting at 12 noon
3. Wednesday December 24th, 25th & 26th Christmas Holiday, City Offices Will Be Closed
4. Thursday January 1, 2026, New Year's Day- City Offices Will Be Closed

**Adjournment**

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# ORDINANCE NO: 2025-06

## TO AMEND BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL OUTSIDE WATER AND SEWER RATES INCREASING THEM BY THIRTY PERCENT AND ESTABLISHING A TIERED USAGE RATE STRUCTURE.

**WHEREAS,** the City of Darlington, South Carolina (the "City") is a municipal corporation of the State of South Carolina (the "State") located in Darlington County, South Carolina, and as such possesses all general powers granted by the Constitution and statues of the State to such public entities, including the power to operate utility systems and to furnish water and sewer operations both within and without the corporate limits of the City.

**WHEREAS,** the City currently operates a water and sewer utility system (collectively, the "System").

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined that rates are currently tiered for inside residential and commercial water and sewer customers;

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined that such tiered rate structure is not currently applied to the outside residential and commercial water and sewer rate;

**AND WHEREAS,** the City Council wishes to increase the outside residential and commercial water and sewer rates to reflect a higher rate for such usage;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Mayor and Council of Darlington that the outside residential and commercial water and sewer rate be increase by thirty percent and the same tiered rate structure of the inside residential and commercial water and sewer rate be applied thereto.

**ORDAINED IN MEETING DULY ADVERTISED AND ASSEMBLED** on the 2nd day of December 2025 and to become effective on the first usage after January 1st, 2026.

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Mayor: J Curtis Boyd

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Treasurer: Gloria B Pridgen

AS TO FORM:

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Municipal Attorney: Kevin Etheridge

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**ORDINANCE NO: 2025-07**

# TO APPROVE THE SALE, AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARLINGTON AND IDENTIFIED AS 3.51 ACRES ON HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY, DARLINGTON, SC 29532, TMS# 126-00-02-098 TO VENUE 151 LLC

**WHEREAS,** The City of Darlington (the "Municipality") is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina;

**WHEREAS,** the Council of the Municipality (the "Council") is the duly elected governing body of the Municipality;

**WHEREAS,** the Council is vested with the authority to sell and dispose of real property owned by the Municipality pursuant to Sections 5-7-40 and 5-7-260 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended;

**WHEREAS,** the Municipality is the owner of that certain parcel of real property located at TBD Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington, SC 29532, in the County, identified as TMS # 126-00-02-098 (the "Property");

**WHEREAS,** the Council hereby determines, as a fact and after appropriate investigation, that the Property is unusable for municipal purposes, is no longer needed for municipal purposes, or would be of better and higher use and benefit to the Municipality if owned by an individual or entity other than the Municipality, and that as such the Property constitutes surplus property;

**WHEREAS,** Venue 151 LLC (the "Buyer") has offered to acquire the Property from the Municipality for a purchase price of $21,000.00 (the "Purchase Price");

**WHEREAS,** the Council hereby determines, as a fact and after appropriate investigation, that the Purchase Price represents reasonably equivalent value for the Property. The reasonably equivalent value of the Property has been determined by comparative analysis;

**WHEREAS,** based on the foregoing, the Council has determined that the sale, transfer and/or conveyance of the Property to the Buyer is equitable to, favorable for, and in the best interests of the citizens of the Municipality;

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARLINGTON DULY ASSEMBLED:**

**SECTION 1:** The Council hereby approves the sale, transfer, and/or conveyance of the Property to the Buyer.

**SECTION 2:** Such sale, transfer, and/or conveyance shall be completed by Quitclaim Dee in such form as the Mayor shall approved. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all deeds, instruments, affidavits, agreements and/or other documents which may be necessary to effectuate the sale, transfer, and/or conveyance of the Property.

**SECTION 3:** The Council hereby determines that the process by which the reasonably equivalent value of the Property was determined represented a fair and objective methodology. As such, the sale, transfer, and/or conveyance of the Property is hereby exempted from any potentially applicable requirements under the Municipality's purchasing or procurement code.

**SECTION 4:** In connection with the sale, transfer, and/or conveyance of the Property, any actions previously undertaken by the Mayor, the Manager, the Council, or staff in connection with the negotiation thereof prior to the enactment of this Ordinance are ratified and confirmed.

**ORDAINED IN MEETING DULY ADVERTISED AND ASSEMBLED** on the 6th day of January 2026.

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**ORDINANCE NO: 2025-08**

# TO APPROVE THE SALE, AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARLINGTON AND IDENTIFIED AS 107.87 ACRES ON HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY, DARLINGTON, SC 29532, TMS# 126-00-02-063 TO PALMETTO CONCRETE AND COMPANY LLC

**WHEREAS,** The City of Darlington (the "Municipality") is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina;

**WHEREAS,** the Council of the Municipality (the "Council") is the duly elected governing body of the Municipality;

**WHEREAS,** the Council is vested with the authority to sell and dispose of real property owned by the Municipality pursuant to Sections 5-7-40 and 5-7-260 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended;

**WHEREAS,** the Municipality is the owner of that certain parcel of real property located at TBD Harry Byrd Hwy., Darlington, SC 29532, in the County, identified as TMS # 126-00-02-063 (the "Property");

**WHEREAS,** the Council hereby determines, as a fact and after appropriate investigation, that the Property is unusable for municipal purposes, is no longer needed for municipal purposes, or would be of better and higher use and benefit to the Municipality if owned by an individual or entity other than the Municipality, and that as such the Property constitutes surplus property;

**WHEREAS,** Palmetto Concrete and Company LLC (the "Buyer") has offered to acquire the Property from the Municipality for a purchase price of $590,000.00 (the "Purchase Price");

**WHEREAS,** the Council hereby determines, as a fact and after appropriate investigation, that the Purchase Price represents reasonably equivalent value for the Property. The reasonably equivalent value of the Property has been determined by comparative analysis;

**WHEREAS,** based on the foregoing, the Council has determined that the sale, transfer and/or conveyance of the Property to the Buyer is equitable to, favorable for, and in the best interests of the citizens of the Municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARLINGTON DULY ASSEMBLED:**

**SECTION 1:** The Council hereby approves the sale, transfer, and/or conveyance of the Property to the Buyer.

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