



AGENDA
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Historic Courthouse
101 S. Main Street
Anderson, South Carolina
Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Chris Sullivan

3. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2026-007

Mr. Tommy Dunn

4. ADJOURNMENT

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures in order to participate in this program, service or activity please contact the office of the program, service or activity as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours before the scheduled event. For assistance, please contact the Clerk to Council at (864) 260-1036.

Tommy Dunn
Chairman, District Five

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District One

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Renee Watts
Clerk to Council

Rusty Burns
County Administrator

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-007

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE WINTER 2026 SNOW AND ICE STORM BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 24, 2026; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has determined from forecast models that the Winter 2026 Snow and Ice Storm (Winter 2026 Storm) is expected to impact the State of South Carolina with snow or ice or both, winds, and severely low temperatures, as well as other severe weather conditions, beginning on or about January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, according to forecasts, the Winter 2026 Storm and the corresponding hazardous weather conditions have the potential to cause significant damage to public and private property and to disrupt essential utility services and other critical systems throughout the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the County to take additional proactive action to expedite ongoing preparations and to facilitate future emergency management, response, recovery, and relief efforts in connection with the Winter 2026 storm and the forecasted hazardous weather conditions and anticipated impacts associated with the same; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County government has the responsibility pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 4-9-120 and Section 2-33(c) Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Anderson County Citizens and to mitigate the effects of emergency events; and

WHEREAS, the Winter 2026 Storm is likely to have an impact on communications, interfere with the use of public roadways, substantiated threats to the public order and to the life, health, and safety of the citizens of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor of the State of South Carolina issued Executive Order No. 2026-02 on January 21, 2026 declaring an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Anderson County Council in emergency meeting duly assembled that:

1. A state of emergency is hereby declared within Anderson County due to the Winter 2026 Storm;

2. The County Administrator, in cooperation with the Emergency Preparedness Department, Law Enforcement Officials, and such other federal, state and local officials as the County Administrator deems appropriate, is authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the terms of this Emergency Ordinance and protect the life, health and safety of the citizens of Anderson County. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to,

development and implementation of a plan for continuity of County operations; directing or redirecting personnel and/or functions of County departments and agencies for purposes of addressing the effects of the Winter 2026 Storm and performing County services; and protecting the health and safety of County employees and the public for so long as the emergency exists.

3. All agencies of Anderson County are directed to cooperate to the fullest extent with the County Administrator and provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.

4. During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any Ordinance, Resolution or policy of Anderson County in conflict with the provisions hereof are suspended by this Emergency Ordinance.

5. In accordance with Section 2-33(c)(2) of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina, this state of emergency shall continue for a period of sixty-one (61) days unless sooner terminated by act of the Anderson County Council.

ORDAINED in meeting duly assembled this _____ day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

FOR ANDERSON COUNTY:

Rusty Burns
Anderson County Administrator

Tommy Dunn, District #5, Chairman

Renee Watts
Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon C. Harmon
Anderson County Attorney