



IPMC CODE ENFORCEMENT

2022 Overview and Update

March 15, 2022

Planning & Economic Development Committee

What is IPMC Code Enforcement?

- International Property Maintenance Code
 - Adopted by Oconee County, Sec. 6-51
 - Establishes and regulates minimum requirements and standards for land, structures, equipment and facilities regarding:
 - Light, ventilation, space, heating, and protection from the elements
 - Safety from fire and other hazards
 - Sanitary maintenance

The IPMC Does Not Cover:

- Any properties within the municipal boundaries of Salem, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, and West Union
- Covenants and restrictions
- Noise complaints
- Animal complaints
- Suspicion of illegal activity

The IPMC Does Not Cover:

- Suspicion of improper septic installation
- Property line disputes between neighbors
- Silt fence installation and maintenance
- Breach of the vegetative buffer

Code Enforcement Process

- Written complaint is filed with Code Enforcement Office
- Complaint location is confirmed and entered into Citizen Serve
- Code Enforcement Officer visits property and identifies violations, if any
- Notice of Violation is mailed to property owner
- Progress is monitored
- If no progress, Uniform Ordinance Summons can be issued.

Common Complaints/Violations

- Household garbage and other trash strewn on property



Common Complaints/Violations

- Unregistered / Inoperable vehicles on property



Common Complaints/Violations

- Dilapidated, unsafe structure



Common Complaints/Violations

- Unsanitary living conditions



Common Complaints/Violations

- Unkempt Vacant Property



Case Load – July 1, 2021 to Present

- Closed

- 118 closed

- 77 – due to inactivity
- 41 – resolved through progress
- Oldest case was from 2014

- Open

- 99 currently open

- 32 – opened since July 2021
- 44 – actively working
- Oldest case was opened in 2017

Obstacles to Success

- Financial challenges for property owners
- Manpower
- Security challenges
- Finding property owners

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

IN RE: Oconee County 2022 Meetings

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 01/08/2022 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
01/08/2022



Jessica Wells
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 13, 2030



Jessica Lee Wells
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of South Carolina
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15. October 9, 2022
16. October 17, 2022
17. November 7, 2022
18. November 21, 2022
19. December 5, 2022
20. December 19, 2022
21. January 16, 2023

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OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.