STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE ORDINANCE 2015-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-34 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING NOISE REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council (the "County Council"), has adopted multiple ordinances for the effective, efficient governance of the County, which, subsequent to adoption, are codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the "Code of Ordinances"), as amended, from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting by and through the County Council, is authorized by Section 4-9-30(16.2) of the South Carolina Code, 1976, as amended, among other sources, to establish noise regulations in the unincorporated areas of the County; and,

WHEREAS, Article II of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances contains terms, provisions and procedures applicable to noise regulations in the County; and

WHEREAS, County Council recognizes that there is a need to revise the law of the County to meet the changing needs of the County and that there is a need to amend, specifically, certain sections of Article II of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances to revise the County's noise regulations, and, specifically, but without limitation, to clarify the application and scope of the exceptions to such regulations to ensure that the County balances the quality of life for the residents and vistors of Oconee County; and

WHEREAS, County Council has therefore determined to modify Article II of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances in certain limited regards and particulars, only, and to affirm and preserve all other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically or by implication amended hereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Section 12-34 of Article II of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled *Exceptions*, is hereby revised, rewritten, and amended to read as set forth in Attachment A, hereto, which is attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference as fully as if set forth verbatim herein.

- 2. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
- 3. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded. However, nothing contained herein, or in the Attachment hereto, shall cancel, void, or revoke, or shall be interpreted as cancelling, voiding, or revoking in any regard any prior acts, actions, or decisions of the County or County Council, in any regard.
- 5. All other terms, provisions, and parts of the Code of Ordinances not amended hereby, directly or by implication, shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after third reading and enactment by County Council.

ORDAINE	D in meeting, duly assembled, this	day of	, 2015.
ATTEST:			
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Elizabeth Hulse, Clerk to Oconee Co	ounty Council	Wayne McCall, Chairman, Ocone	ee County Council
First Reading:	May 19, 2015 [title only]		
Second Reading: Third Reading: Public Hearing:	June 16, 205		

Attachment A

Sec. 12-34. – Exceptions.

- (a) This article does not apply to noise emanating from industrial, warehouse, distribution and manufacturing activities and facilities and operations related thereto, governmental activities, airports and aircraft, railways, emergency signal devices, firearms discharges as a result of lawful game hunting, agricultural activities, parades, carnivals, school band practice or performances, and school or government sponsored athletic events.
- (b) Additionally, this article does not apply to noise between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. which emanates from lawn and yard maintenance activities, tree harvesting or clearing, or explosives for construction and land clearing.
- (c) Additionally, this article does not apply to any racing automobile equipped with and using a certified automotive racing muffler system, or to any automobile racing facility, at which all participating automobiles are using such a certified automotive racing muffler system, all between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. local time, Monday through Saturday only.
- (d) Additionally, this article does not apply to trucking and railroad operations related to or arising out of industrial, warehouse, distribution or manufacturing activities and facilities, which are lawfully established and operated in the County, in the normal course of business of such activities and facilities, regardless of whether the trucks and rail operations are owned or operated by the industrial, warehouse, distribution or manufacturing entities, activities, and facilities, or by independent third party trucking or rail firms serving such entities, activities and facilities, as long as such trucking and rail operations are otherwise conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of South Carolina and the federal government.
- (e) The county may regulate the holding of open-air concerts in the unincorporated portion of the County, which, by their nature, circumstance or location will introduce extra or unusual noise. Any person or entity desiring an exception from the provisions of sections 12-33 (1), (2), (3) of this article in order to hold an open-air concert shall apply for a special permit to cause or create noise which would otherwise be in violation of sections 12-33 (1), (2), (3) at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the open-air concert. The application shall designate an individual person or persons who shall be in control of, and responsible for, the sound amplification equipment of such concert. Applications for a special permit for open-air concerts shall be made in writing to the county, on forms provided by the county for that purpose. Payment of a fee of \$100.00 (to be used for costs associated with application and enforcement of this article) shall accompany the application. Upon tentative approval by the county, the applicant for a permit shall be responsible for mailing or otherwise delivering to the occupants of each property within a one-thousand-foot (1,000') radius of the facility for which the permit has been granted, as shown on the tax maps of the county, a notice stating the date and hours of the open-air concert. The notice shall be delivered at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the open-air concert. The permit shall not be actually granted and issued until the applicant submits an affidavit to the

county that such notices have actually been mailed or otherwise delivered. Permits shall only be granted to and for open air concerts operating between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.. In no event shall the operation of any sound amplification equipment for any outdoor purpose in the county, including open-air concerts, create sounds registering more than seventy-five (75) db(C), as measured by sound measuring device anywhere within the boundary line of the nearest residentially occupied property to the open-air concert site. No permits shall be issued by the County which shall have the cumulative effect of allowing more than twenty (20) hours of excess amplification per calendar year at any one location. Permits shall be tentatively approved and subsequently granted by the county in the order of receipt unless permits for twenty (20) or more hours have previously been issued for the same or other locations within a one-thousandfoot (1,000') radius of the location in the same calendar year, in which case the applicant shall elect whether to limit his request so as to keep the year's accumulated hours of excess amplification in that location below twenty (20) hours or select another location. Any permit granted pursuant to this section shall contain thereon all conditions upon which the permit has been granted, including but not limited to the effective date, time(s) of day, location, and decibel limitation. Any open air concert permitted and conducted in full material accordance with the terms of this subsection (e) will be deemed to be in compliance with this article.

(f) Any lawful business or activity operating as of the date of this article that is not in compliance with this article and does not fall under exceptions set out in this article will nevertheless be considered to be in compliance with this article if such lawful business or activity has existed or occurred on or at its present location and made noise that is not in compliance with this article prior to the complaining party moving to an area that is affected by the noise. This exception shall not apply to the nuisances described in sections 12-33 (1), (2), (3) and (10), which have their own exceptions, herein. Any lawful business operating as of the date of this article that is not in compliance with this article and does not fall under exceptions set out in this article, including in this subsection (f) shall have six months from the date of the ordinance from which this article derives to come into compliance with this article.

Goal #4: Manage our community facilities, infrastructure, and public resources in a manner that ensures both the existing population and future generations may enjoy the benefits and economic opportunities that make Oconee County an attractive and affordable place to live.

Objective 1: Seek local, state, and federal funding support in efforts to expand and enhance educational opportunities for Oconee County residents.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Expand coordination of planning efforts with School District of Oconee County to ensure decisions related to school projects are made with the most complete information available, to include all issues related to infrastructure,	PC; CC	2011		Collaboration has improved tremendously.
accessibility, and traffic planning. 2. Continue to look for opportunities to support and enhance job training, education, and adult back-to-school programs by fostering ties with area universities and vocational technical colleges; this may include promoting the development of satellite programs for better access by local residents and the establishment of an Oconee Tri-County Technical College campus.	EDC; PC; CC	Ongoing		SDOC & Econ. Dev. Office routinely collaborate to best serve workforce development needs.
3. Provide the School District of Oconee County appropriate assistance in efforts to enhance and upgrade education.	CC	Ongoing		Working to consolidate services to save taxpayers money (courier route shared and exploring other possibilities)

4. Prioritize expansion and upgrades of	Library		Progress not made due to
libraries through the capital improvements	Board; PC;	Ongoing	referendum failure
plan and coordinate their location with	CC		
available infrastructure and the location of			
schools.			

Objective 2: Promote and enhance access to affordable housing through both public and private cooperation.

Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
PC; CC			HIGH Priority per PC
	2011		
DC CC			
PC; CC	2012		
	2012		
PC; CC			
	Ongoing		
PC; CC			
	Ongoing		
PC· CC			
10,00	2011		
	PC; CC PC; CC	Agencies Responsible PC; CC 2011 PC; CC 2012 PC; CC Ongoing PC; CC Ongoing	Agencies Responsible PC; CC 2011 PC; CC 2012 PC; CC Ongoing PC; CC Ongoing

safety; this may include the adoption of		
the International Property Maintenance		
Code.		

Objective 3: Upgrade solid waste facilities to improve services and allow for needed upgrades and expansion to provide for anticipated growth.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Study options and develop long-range solution for the County's solid waste needs; these may include, but are not limited to, constructing an in-county landfill, partnering with other jurisdictions in developing a regional landfill, developing and implementing a plan to establish 85% recycling, or the continuation of long-term contracts with outside parties.	PC; CC	2011		The current site has between 17-20 years of life available. However, permitting can take upwards of 3-5 years of expansions and new cell construction.
2. Seek to partner in the development of a solid waste research facility at a regional landfill.	PC; CC	Ongoing		Unless regulations change, a regional landfill cannot be constructed therefore not having a place to construct a research facility.
3. Identify and construct additional construction and demolition landfill sites within the county.	PC; CC	2014		Purchasing the additional properties is the only way to secure long term C&D capacity
4. Work to reduce the volume of solid waste through increased recycling and composting.	PC; CC	Ongoing		
5. Seek out innovative and alternative technologies that not only provide for a	PC; CC	Ongoing		The Solid Waste department stays abreast of new technology but high

long-term solution to current and projected solid waste needs, but may also be used in the future to mitigate and			costs keep us with our current waste activities.
reclaim closed facilities. Such uses could			
include solar power generation facilities			
and appropriate recreation facilities.			
6. Seek and establish appropriate uses for	PC; CC		
closed landfill areas, which may include,		2014	
but will not be limited to, the			
establishment of solar power generation			
facilities and appropriate recreation			
facilities.			

Objective 4: Regularly review public safety needs and enhance facilities as required.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Review and upgrade existing	Emer. Serv.			
emergency facilities plans on a regular	Comm.;	Ongoing		
basis, implementing established goals in a	PC; CC			
systematic manner.				
2. Provide local public safety agencies	Emer. Serv.			
appropriate assistance in obtaining	Comm.;	Ongoing		
funding to expand and upgrade operations.	CC			
3. Coordinate local public safety planning	Emer. Serv.			
and activity with regional, state, and	Comm.;	Ongoing		
federal agencies.	PC; CC			
4. Seek to partner with private entities in	Emer. Serv.			
the development of emergency satellite	Comm.;	Ongoing		
facilities and specialized response	PC; CC			
equipment.				

Objective 5: Continue to monitor closely Oconee County's compliance with state and federal air-quality standards, adopting and maintaining reduction strategies as necessary.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Monitor results of current and future	PC			
radon research.		Ongoing		
2. Partner with Home Builder's	PC; CC			
Association and other stakeholders to		2012		
develop a radon response program; this				
may include, but is not limited to, an				
educational component that provides				
information related to both the cost-				
savings and potential health benefits of				
incorporating a radon-mitigation option				
in early construction stages, or the				
adoption of new standards requiring				
proven mitigation methods.				
3. Amend and adopt standards as	PC; CC			
necessary to maintain compliance with		Ongoing		
the Clean Air Act.				

Objective 6: Work to address the age-related problems that may arise among Oconee County's aging population, particularly focusing on issues not adequately dealt with by state and federal efforts.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Review and upgrade county-owned medical/residential/nursing care facilities	CC	Ongoing		
as needed.		Oligollig		
2. Support municipalities in efforts to	PC; CC			
establish public transportation, seeking ways to expand into various parts of the		Ongoing		
unincorporated areas as appropriate.				
3. Continue to explore ways to increase	Emer. Serv.			
the efficiency of emergency medical	Comm.;	Ongoing		
services throughout the county.	CC			
4. Seek partnerships with public and	CC			
private entities to study age-related		Ongoing		
issues, particularly as they relate to				
potential impacts on Oconee County.				
5. Develop policies and incentives that				
encourage Aged-Based Planning.				
These policies could encourage the				
development of compact, well-				
connected, walkable communities, with				
a range of housing types, and a mix of				
uses.				

Objective 7: Upgrade and maintain the county road system in a manner that meets the needs of Oconee County's growing population and provides safe and efficient routes through the county.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Develop an on-going systematic road	Road Dept.;			
maintenance and upgrade program based	PC; CC	Ongoing		
on steady revenue sources.	D 1D			
2. Develop and maintain a priority road	Road Dept.;	0		
upgrade list that not only considers existing traffic 'bottlenecks' and other sources of	PC; CC	Ongoing		
trouble, but also reasonably anticipates				
those expected to emerge in the coming				
decade.				
3. Consider and adopt appropriate traffic	Road Dept.;			
management tools and techniques that	PC; CC	Ongoing		
utilize concepts such as limiting the				
number of curb cuts in high-traffic areas.				
4. Prioritize evaluation of all roads lying	Road Dept.;			
within primary development areas shown	PC; CC	Ongoing		
on the Future Land Use Map.				
Priority/primary growth/investment areas?				
5. Continue to require developers to	Road Dept.;			
provide traffic studies to determine if a	PC: CC	Ongoing		
road must be upgraded to safely handle	10,00	Oligonia		
increased traffic loads and to cover the				
costs of road upgrades when necessary.				
6. Enhance communication with local and	Road Dept.;			
state D.O.T. staff and projects.	Other	Ongoing		
	County			

Objective 8: Continue to evaluate and fund public transportation in urbanizing areas (Priority/primary growth/investment areas)? of Oconee County, expanding as needed to provide for ongoing growth and development.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Promote and assist in the establishment	PC; CC	0 .		
of commuter parking lots to help encourage car pooling, and decrease		Ongoing		
traffic congestion.				
2. Continue to partner with Clemson Area	PC; CC			
Transit (CAT) in keeping existing	,	Ongoing		
services, while looking for other				
opportunities to expand public				
transportation, to include, but not be				
limited to, van services and other non-traditional forms of mass transit.				
3. Seek and secure methods of expanding	CC			
transportation in remote areas for clients		Ongoing		
of facilities DSS, hospitals, medical		5 8 8		
complexes, government facilities, and				
parks. Future development of these				
listed facilities should be oriented				
around the development of transit				
services.4. Support efforts to establish a high-	PC; CC			
speed rail stop in Clemson, SC and/or	10,00	Ongoing		
Toccoa, Georgia.		ongoing		
5. Seek and establish appropriate methods	Mtn. Lakes			
of mass transit that will promote and	Conv. &	Ongoing		
enhance tourism; these may include, but	Visitors			
are not limited to, water taxis, tour boats,	Bureau;			

and other modes of transport that allow	PRT		
tourists and residents to enjoy natural	Comm.; CC		
resources without dramatically increasing			
traffic.			

Objective 9: Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes to allow for greater use of alternative forms of transportation, and to promote ecotourism opportunities.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Develop standards that encourage developers to incorporate sidewalks and	PC; CC	2013		
bicycle trails into subdivision				
developments. Existing policies should				
be reviewed to assess the feasibility of				
accepting roads into the county system				
that include sidewalks, and other				
similar amenities.				
2. Seek grants for creating nature trails,	CC			
sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other tools		Ongoing		
designed to make communities more				
walkable, reduce vehicle traffic, and				
improve safety for pedestrians and				
cyclists.	77.0			
3. Upgrade county-maintained parks and	PRT			
recreational facilities to encourage and	Comm.; CC	Ongoing		
promote ecotourism recreational				
opportunities.				

Objective 10: Continue upgrades to the Oconee County Airport in a manner that not only serves existing clientele, but will establish the facility as one of the premier small airports in the nation.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
Create, adopt and implement an Airport Master Land/Airport Land use Compatibility Plan for the purposes of ensuring future operational success of the airport.		High		
1. Complete ongoing expansion of runway length-and upgrade of instrument landing system.	Aeronautics Commission; CC	2014		
Review and update, as appropriate, ordinances relevant to the operation of the airport to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.				
2. Construct planned future upgrades, to include relocation of roads, strengthening of runway, as well as any other necessary components as funding becomes available.	Aeronautics Commission; CC	2014		
3. Construct additional hangar space as needed to accommodate anticipated demand.	Aeronautics Commission; CC	Ongoing		
4. Develop ongoing capital improvements program aimed at upgrading facility to attract additional employers and potential occupants of business parks within the county.	Aeronautics Commission; CC	2014		
5. Seek and establish ways to utilize airport to foster partnerships with	Aeronautics Commission;	Ongoing		

Clemson University	CC		
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Objective 11: Establish programs to review all existing community facilities to determine needed changes resulting from both the aging of the facilities and the rapid population growth of Oconee County.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Review and update Community	PC; CC			
Facilities Plan, amending to reflect impact		2013		
of recent growth and development and				
needs of aging population.				
2. Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to	PC; CC			
systematically construct and upgrade		Ongoing		
facilities identified in Community				
Facilities Plan.				
3. Look for alternative to tax payer	CC			
financing of projects such as private		Ongoing		
partnerships, user based fees, etc.				

Goal #5: Expand appreciation for the arts, cultural heritage, significant natural features, and historic treasures in a manner that both enhances our lifestyle and promotes sustainable economic prosperity.

Objective 1: Promote a countywide arts program to facilitate an appreciation for the arts and other cultural facilities found within Oconee.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Seek partnerships and other forms of	PRT			
assistance for the School District of	Comm.; CC	Ongoing		
Oconee County in supporting the arts.				
2. Support local festivals and	PRT			
entertainment events that promote the	Comm.; CC	Ongoing		
heritage of the region; this may include,				
but not be limited to, grants and other				
appropriate forms of financial assistance.				
3. Seek to expand role of the Oconee	PRT			
County Heritage Museum in	Comm.; CC	Ongoing		
documentation and preservation of local				
cultural and historical treasures; this may				
include, but not be limited to, funding of				
facility upgrades, establishment of various				
programs and partnerships aimed at				
promoting specific resources, and addition				
of staff positions.				
4. Support high quality library facilities,	Library			
programs, and services that enhance,	Board	Ongoing		
enrich, entertain, and educate our diverse	CC			
and growing population and present	School			

opportunities for life-long learning and the	District		
exchange of culture FUNDING?			
5.) Accomplish an increased awareness		Ongoing	
of all aforementioned activities listed in			
Objective 1 by providing a coordinated			
source of communication (i.e. calendar,			
webpage).			

Objective 2: Conserve and protect features of significant local, regional and national interest, such as scenic highways, state parks, and historic sites and expand efforts to promote them for tourism.

Strategies for Success	Agencies Responsible	Timeframe for Completion	Action To Date	Comments
1. Seek to ensure the preservation and	PRT Comm.;			
protection of sites and facilities currently	PC; CC	Ongoing		
listed on historic registers in Oconee				
County; this may include, but is not				
limited to, the development of				
partnerships to assist in the purchase of				
development rights, and adoption of				
standards governing future alterations.				
Other strategies include additional				
sources of funding through incentives,				
hospitality taxes, etc. Zoning and land				
use regulations to encourage				
preservation of land and structures (i.e.				
Historic or conservation overlay				
districts).				

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2. Study and identify any additional	PRT Comm.;			
cultural and historic properties worthy of	PC; CC	2012		
consideration on historic registers.				
3. Provide assistance to local historical	CC			
and cultural groups in efforts to obtain		Ongoing		
funding to study, maintain and manage		8 8		
Oconee County historical sites.				
4. Update and maintain GIS data and	PRT Comm.;			
maps that can be printed and/or displayed	PC; CC			
on the county website, to provide the	10,00	Ongoing		
public with information on the location of		Oligonig		
historical and cultural sites. Continued				
communication with relevant				
stakeholders and agencies to maintain				
accurate data.				
5. Provide appropriate financial and	PRT Comm.;	2014		
technical support to the development of	CC	2014		
the Southern Appalachian Farmstead				
Project currently underway in conjunction				
with the U.S. Forest Service and other				
governmental entities.				
7. Review and adopt appropriate	County			County Council directed staff to
standards aimed at maintaining the state	Scenic	2013		compile options regarding
'Scenic Highway' designation for SC	Highway			corridors development standards,
Highway 11 and other routes; such	Committee:			etc
standards may be based on adopted Scenic	PRT Comm.;			
Hwy Corridor Plans or best practices, and	PC; CC			
may include the designation of the route	10,00			
as a County Scenic Highway. Some				
standards include the following: Lot size,				
density, cluster developments,				
agricultural uses, tourism-based uses,				

Appalachian Rustic Elegance, improved signage aesthetic on highways entering the County, major corridors, and gateways to cities within the County.				
8. Review and update adopted regulations as needed to ensure all cultural, historical,	PRT Comm.; PC; CC			
and natural resources receive the protection necessary to remain a viable component of our lifestyle, as well as	10,00	Ongoing		
playing a role in an expanding tourism economic sector.				

I. Purpose:

Establish the Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Committee (OCAAC) in order to increase the level of representation and participation from the Agricultural community in economic policy and land use policy development as it relates to agri-business, agri-tourism and agricultural activities in general.

II. Role and General Responsibilities:

- a. Identify ways to bolster agri-business, agri-tourism and agriculture in general
- b. Serve as an educational and public awareness forum for agriculture related topics
- c. Coordinate policy development with other jurisdictions and agencies to better promote the agriculture industry on the state level
- d. Make policy recommendations, through the Planning Commission, to County Council regarding agricultural land use policy

III. Membership:

- a. 7 voting: two year terms, staggered
 - i. 5 Appointed by groups listed below
 - 1. Oconee Poultry Growers
 - 2. Oconee Cattlemen's Assoc.
 - 3. OSWCD Commissioner or designee
 - 4. Beekeepers Association
 - 5. Fruits and Vegetable Growers (Clemson Extension)
 - ii. 2 At Large voting: nominations for the two at-large seats will be provided by nomination through groups such as beekeepers association, small fruit growers committee, approved vendor with the Heritage Farmers Market or Clemson Extension Office, or the agriculture industry in general. An At-Large seat cannot be filled someone from one the five organizations listed above. The above five seats shall receive these nominations and vote to recommend two At-Large to County Council for consideration. County Council would make the two appointments. Should County Council not appointee a member as recommended, Council can only appoint someone from the list of nominees that was submitted to the above five members.
- b. Other possible members, with ex-officio status, could include (These members are "institutional" in nature and will play a key role assisting the Committee):
 - i. Planning Commission Rep.
 - ii. Clemson University (Extension Office)
 - iii. Farm Bureau

IV. Meetings:

The OCAAC should meet monthly in order to allow for sufficient time to fully develop policy recommendations.

V. Staff Support:

The OCAAC will be responsible for discussing and exploring a variety of issues that affect the agriculture community. As a result, staff from a variety of county departments could be relied upon depending on what topics are up for discussion. Primarily though, the Community Development Department will be responsible for providing a staff liaison to the OCAAC.

VI. <u>Potential Projects to include but not limited to the following:</u>

- a. Recommend amendments to local ordinances to preserve, protect and promote agriculture
- b. Host workshops on appropriate issues

- c. Recommend ways to improve permitting of agricultural projects
- d. Partner with the South Carolina Food Policy Council to promote food systems planning
- e. Develop a Transfer/Purchase of Development Rights program
- f. Make recommendation on land use issues, such as zoning, if those issues impact agriculture
- g. Identify ways to incorporate natural resources into overall policy development
- h. Identify ways to increase participation of youth