

**AN ORDINANCE
APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING
THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY
TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND
THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES
FOR
THE NORTH CHARLESTON DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

WHEREAS, Charleston County Council has budgetary authority over the above-named North Charleston District, and

WHEREAS, the North Charleston District has submitted a budget to County Council for approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled:

Section 1.

That the findings contained in this Ordinance are approved and confirmed in all respects.

Section 2.

That the General Fund Budget of the North Charleston District in the amount of \$1,269,601 is hereby approved by Charleston County Council.

Section 3.

The Auditor of Charleston County shall levy 90.7 mills before adjustment for reassessment (not to exceed 88.0 mills after adjustment for reassessment) for the operating expenditures of the District in the year 2011, and the Treasurer shall collect the proceeds of the levy upon all taxable property within the boundaries of the District during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

Section 4.

The \$336,601 difference between the \$1,269,601 in budgeted expenditures and the \$933,000 in budgeted ad valorem taxes consists of other available funding sources.

Section 5.

By amendment to this Ordinance, Council may adjust appropriation transactions affecting fund totals, other than those authorized in Section 7.

Section 6.

Monies received from governmental grants shall accrue to the Special Revenue Fund of the North Charleston District set forth in this Budget Ordinance. Should grant funds be applied for or received after the beginning of the budget year, and thereby not be stated in this Budget Ordinance, then, by passage of a Resolution authorizing the grant application and expenditures by the governing body of the North Charleston District, the necessary Special Revenue Fund shall be created to provide a mechanism for the expenditure of these monies.

Section 7.

All monies properly encumbered as of June 30, 2011, shall be added to the North Charleston District's budget for Fiscal Year 2012. These encumbered monies may be expended only as set forth in their encumbrance except as authorized by the North Charleston District's governing body.

Section 8.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) shall be limited to the percentage amount that County Council sets for Charleston County employees. The COLAs shall take effect on the first day of the first full payroll of Fiscal Year 2012 for the District.

Section 9.

The North Charleston District shall provide to the appropriate County staff sufficient information to do a midyear budget review and shall allow the appropriate County staff to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of the North Charleston District for the limited purpose of better understanding how the District functions, and so that County Council is possessed of all the facts necessary to exercise competent budgetary authority as granted by the Courts.

Section 10.

All monies designated by the North Charleston District Commission as of June 30, 2011, shall be added to the applicable organizational budget for Fiscal Year 2012. These designated monies may be expended only as set forth in their authorization by the Commission. Unencumbered appropriations shall remain in the respective funds as unrestricted reserves whose subsequent appropriation shall be determined by Ordinance.

Section 11.

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any circumstance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, this holding shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared by Council to be severable.

Section 12.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon Third Reading.

First Reading: June 2, 2011
Second Reading: June 7, 2011
Third Reading: June 16, 2011