

AGENDA
OF THE SIMPSONVILLE CITY
BUSINESS MEETING
October 10, 2023
6:30pm
Council Chambers – City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**.....Mayor Shewmaker

2. **ROLL CALL**.....City Clerk, Ashley Clark

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- August 08, 2023

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

6. **BUSINESS**
 - A. 1st Reading of Z-2023-02, Proposed Rezoning of Property at 233 Harrison Bridge Rd..Planner, Jon Derby
 - B. 1st Reading of TX-2023-02, Misc. Refinements to the Zoning Ordinance.....Planner, Jon Derby
 - C. Resolution R-2023-05, Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility.....Mayor Shewmaker
 - D. Motion to Direct City Administrator to Investigate and Make Recommendations for Safety and Control Measures for Concert Traffic.....Councilmember Roche

7. **ADJOURN**

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CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

TITLE: ORDINANCE NO. TX-2023-02. AN ORDINANCE CONTAINING VARIOUS REFINEMENTS TO THE SIMPSONVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE.

BASIS FOR THE ORDINANCE: TITLE 6, CHAPTER 29, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS

ENACTING CLAUSE: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

CITATION OF ORDINANCE REPEALED: None

PROVISION OF ORDINANCE: See provision of ordinance below.

SECTION NUMBERS: See below.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE: Upon final approval by Council after second reading and signing by the Mayor.

NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: Planner, Jon Derby.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

NOTE: *Language in section 1 of this ordinance that is ~~struck through~~ is language proposed to be deleted, underlined language is language proposed to be added, language that is not ~~struck through~~ or underlined is not to be changed, and *** represents sections of the Zoning Ordinance that have been skipped and remain unchanged.*

SECTION 1. That the City of Simpsonville Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

3.1 Uses by District

3.1.5 Table of Allowed Uses

	R-E	R-Lo	R-Mid	R-Hi	R-OI	B-L	B-G	B-U	B-I
<u>Parking lots & Garages</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	-

3.2.44 Parking lots & Garages

A. Standards

1. The use of entry and exit gates or barriers shall be prohibited for lots containing less than 50 parking spaces.
2. For parking lots containing more than 50 spaces or at parking garages, the use of entry and exit gates or barrier arms shall be designed to prevent vehicles from blocking the flow of traffic. These devices shall not be installed along the first 40 feet of the driveway measured from the closest edge of the adjacent street or setback at least 5 feet from property lines, whichever is greater.
3. The use or installment of operator booths shall be prohibited in parking lots & garages.
4. A residential buffer shall be required along the property line adjacent to any single-family residential property or property zoned R-E, R-Lo, or R-Mid.
5. Any property that is proposed to be used as a parking lot shall be landscaped in accordance with the applicable requirement of Section 4.9 of this ordinance.
6. The use of parking stall barrier devices, automated or manual, is prohibited.
7. Paid Parking.
 - a. Transactions shall be conducted via a smartphone, app-based system, or like digital process.
 - b. Parking kiosk devices shall be installed in a pedestrian safe area within the site, away from any travel lane & not within parking spaces. Kiosk signage shall be limited to informational only. These signs shall be implemented into the device for the purpose of providing descriptive information or operational instructions to users on-site. No commercial signage or video motion is permitted within the device.
 - c. If a property intends to use parking spaces within a developed site for paid parking, the proposed parking spaces must be in excess of the required parking requirements for the current use(s). Any site intending to use required parking spaces for paid parking, the owner must demonstrate that current use closes, and operation is not occurring.
 - d. If a property intends to use parking spaces within a developed site for paid parking, the proposed parking spaces must be in excess of the required parking requirements for the current use(s)*.

*Exception – Required parking may be used for paid parking when the owner can demonstrate that the proposed paid parking does not conflict with the hours of operations.

4.5.11 Parking Area Design

- C. All parking areas shall be surfaced with asphalt, bituminous, brick, turf block, or concrete material to minimize nuisance from dust.

~~The Planning Director may permit for parking lots to be surfaced with crushed stone where the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~1. The parking lot shall contain fewer than ten parking spaces;~~
- ~~2. The parking area shall be located behind the principal structure in relation to the public right of way or shall otherwise be entirely screened from the right of way;~~
- ~~3. The parking area shall not experience frequent turnover, as determined by the Planning Director;~~
- ~~4. The Applicant shall demonstrate adequate sub-grade preparation;~~
- ~~5. The type and size of crushed stone shall be acceptable to the Fire Marshal and shall not give rise to dust and debris;~~
- ~~6. Each parking space shall be clearly marked with a concrete wheel stop; and~~
- ~~7. Each handicap accessible parking space shall be paved and located along an ADA-compliant accessible route.~~

4.7.3 Public Sidewalk

- H. In single-family residential subdivisions, a public sidewalk shall be required on both sides of arterial and collector streets but only on one side of all other streets. Where sidewalks are designed, a strip of vegetated section shall be installed between the backside of curb and sidewalk, for the length of the sidewalk at a minimum of 18” inches wide.

8.5 Defined Terms

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Parking kiosk: An electronic, freestanding device used to conduct or assist with financial transactions for paid parking within a site.

Parking Garage: An off-street, enclosed garage structure that provides temporary storage for motor vehicles.

Parking stall barriers: A mechanical device installed to allow or prevent vehicles from entering parking spaces.

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR:

Paul Shewmaker

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ashley Clark
City Clerk

Daniel Hughes
City Attorney

FIRST READING: October 10, 2023
SECOND READING: November 14, 2023

**A RESOLUTION
PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE
CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE**

WHEREAS, a recent national survey found that 93% of Americans believe that incivility is a problem, with 68% considering it a “major” problem and 74% believing that incivility is increasing in America;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Simpsonville (the “Council”), the governing body of the City of Simpsonville, South Carolina (the “Municipality”), recognizes that robust debate and the right to self-expression, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, are fundamental rights and essential components of democratic self-governance;

WHEREAS, the Council further recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is necessary to the health of the community and the quality of governance in the Municipality;

WHEREAS, the Members of Council, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, recognize their special role in modeling open, free and vigorous debate while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and express its concern for the common good and well-being of all residents, the Council has determined to adopt this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Simpsonville pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body.

The elected officials of the Council enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the City of Simpsonville.

This pledge ensures all communication — both spoken and written — to be open, honest and transparent as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships.

This pledge ensures mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance, and civility are imperative to success.

This pledge ensures opportunities for finding common ground and engaging in civil discussion to seek solutions while actively listening and thoughtfully participating.

[signatures appear on following page]

RESOLVED THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

SIGNATURES OF MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Paul Shewmaker

Councilmember Matthew Gooch, Ward 1

Councilmember Aaron Rupe, Ward 2

Councilmember Jennifer Hulehan, Ward 3

Councilmember Sherry Roche, Ward 4

Councilmember Ken Cummings, Ward 5

Councilmember Lou Hutchings, Ward 6

ATTEST:

REVIEWED:

Ashley Clark
City Clerk

Dianna Gracely
City Administrator