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AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 – 6:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. INVOCATION
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL

2. BUSINESS:

- A. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 04-25: AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 1.19 ACRES FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS) LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEASTERN SIDE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 701 SOUTH [PIN: 186-08-04-0002] (OWNER: GARY W LONES & CARRIE L LONES)**
- B. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 05-25: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**
- C. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 06-25: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 14, ELECTIONS – SECTION 14-5, C AND D**

3. PUBLIC & PRESS COMMENTS:

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. PERSONNEL MATTERS
- B. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS
- C. LEGAL MATTERS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)
CITY OF LORIS)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
TO REZONE A PORTION OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY GARY W. LONES & CARRIE L. LONES
IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL NO.: 186-08-04-0002**

**BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LORIS**, in Council assembled that:

SECTION 1.: That a portion of the property owned by GARY W. LONES & CARRIE L. LONES is designated and identified as Parcel No. 186-08-04-0002, located on the southeastern side of U.S. Highway 701 South, presently zoned as R-1 (Residential) District on the Official Zoning Map be changed to C-2 (General Business) District on the Official Zoning Map.

SECTION 2.: This Ordinance shall become effective on the approval of the Loris City Council.

BE ENACTED this 26th day of JUNE , 2025.

ATTEST:

ANGEL R. NEIGHBOURS
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 22, 2025

FIRST READING: MAY 29, 2025

SECOND READING: JUNE 26, 2025

File No.: PC-202502-001 (rezoning)
Owner(s): LONES, GARY W & CARRIE L
Parcel No.: 186-08-04-0002

Rezoning – Property Description

PC-202502-001: Request to rezone 1.19 acres from R-1 (Residential) to C-2 (General Business) located on the southeastern side of U.S. Highway 701 South [PIN: 186-08-04-0002]



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)
CITY OF LORIS)

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LORIS, SOUTH
CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

WHEREAS, the provisions of the State of South Carolina Code of Laws require the City Council of the City of Loris by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of The City of Loris, South Carolina in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same.

- 1.) The Budget of the City of Loris for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, appropriates a total sum of \$4,397,100 for the general operating budget. Said sums are more fully itemized on the attachments hereto which are made a part of this Ordinance.
- 2.) There shall be and there is hereby levied upon all taxable property located within the City of Loris for all city purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, (a tax of 108.0 mills: 103.0 for the General Fund and 5.0 mills for the Debt Service Fund) upon each One (\$1.00) Dollar of such taxable property to pay the amounts appropriated in the budget duly adopted as a part of this Ordinance for the City of Loris for said fiscal year, after deducting from said budget the estimated revenue accruing to the City of Loris from other sources.
- 3.) The City of Loris Hospitality Tax ordinance, fee schedule, and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are hereby attached. The Hospitality Tax for the City of Loris is 2% with the County of Horry collecting 1.5% and the City of Loris collecting 0.5%. The budget total for the City of Loris Hospitality Tax is \$550,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- 4.) The City of Loris solid waste container box fees, pull fees, and other solid waste fees associated with the solid waste container boxes shall be in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
- 5.) All fees for permits and services issued or rendered by the City of Loris Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Department shall be in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
- 6.) The City of Loris Business License ordinance and fees shall be in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
- 7.) A household solid waste fee as established by the City of Loris in the amount of \$30.00 per container/cart.

- 8.) Commercial solid waste fee(s) as established by the City of Loris will increase by 3% above the current rate.
- 9.) The City of Loris is projecting to get reimbursed from the following sources for School Resource Officers. Horry County School District \$35,874.00 (High School Officer) – The State of South Carolina \$79,045.00 (\$114,919.00).
- 10.) The City of Loris Recreation fees shall be in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
- 11.) The City of Loris receives \$85,000.00 from a contract with Horry County to provide mutual aid for fire protection in and around the City.
- 12.) That the prepared budget and the estimated revenue for the payment of same is hereby adopted and hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein, and a copy thereof is attached hereto.
- 13.) The billing dates, the penalty dates, and the amount of the penalty which shall be levied for delinquent taxes shall be as follows: The billing date for real estate and personal property taxes shall be as they become due as provided by State Law; such taxes to be payable to the Horry County Treasurer. Taxes paid on or before January 15th shall be assessed with no penalty. After January 15th, the following penalties will be added: January 16th through February 1st 3%; plus 7%, from February 2nd through March 16th; plus 5% after March 16th. Then, after March 31st such additional costs as assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector and provided by law shall be added.
- 14.) The Horry County Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes.
- 15.) The City Administrator shall administer the budget.
- 16.) TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES: As permitted by Article X, Section 14, of the Constitution of the United States of South Carolina, 1985, as amended and Section 11-27-40, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, City Council is hereby empowered to authorize the issuance of tax anticipation notes in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars (the TANS) in anticipation of collection of taxes imposed and levied by this Ordinance. The TANS may be issued at any time or from time to time during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 and: shall be issued pursuant to Resolution adopted by City Council; may be issued upon terms and conditions prescribed in such Resolution; shall be issued in the principal amounts, mature and bear interest as prescribed in such Resolution; may be sold by negotiated or public sale upon such terms and conditions as City Council prescribes in the Resolution.
- 17.) If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

- 18.) That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- 19.) That this ordinance shall take effect from July 1, 2025, and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2026.

BE IT ENACTED this 26th day of JUNE, 2025.

ATTEST:

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FIRST READING: JUNE 2, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING: JUNE 26, 2025
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)
CITY OF LORIS)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 14, ELECTIONS – SECTION 14-5, C AND D**

WHEREAS, the candidate filing fees for the offices of Mayor and City Council have remained the same since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the basic costs associated with municipal elections have increased over the years and additional expenses have been incurred since turning administration of the elections over to the Horry County Board of Voter Registration and Elections; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that it is appropriate to increase filing fees to offset a portion of the municipal election costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Loris, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 14: ELECTIONS be amended to read as follows:

- C. The filing fee for the office of Mayor shall be \$300.00
- D. The filing fee for the office of Councilmember shall be \$200.00

BE IT ENACTED this 26th day of JUNE, 2025.

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