

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE)

ORDINANCE NO.: 06-23

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES TO BE CHARGED BY
ABBEVILLE COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH SEARCHING FOR AND/OR
MAKING COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS PURSUANT TO THE
SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Pursuant to the authority of Section 30-4-30(b) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, the South Carolina Constitution and the general law of the State of South Carolina, be it Ordained by the County Council of Abbeville County as follows:

I. **Fees and Rates for Public Records.** There shall be charged to all persons or entities making a request to Abbeville County, South Carolina, for public records under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act the following fees and charges:

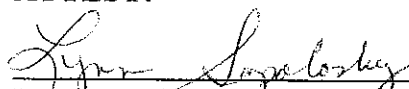
- a. A minimum charge of \$5.00 shall be paid for all requests;
- b. Copying charges shall be paid at the rate of twenty-five (\$.25) cents per copy;
- c. A charge for any document search and/or compilation necessary to comply with request shall be paid at the actual gross hourly rate of the County employee or agent performing such search or compilation functions;
- d. If it is apparent that a request will require more than three (3) hours of employee time to comply with the request, the County shall require a deposit of the estimated cost before any search or compilation of records is performed;
- e. When, at the discretion of the County Director, it is determined to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of Abbeville County to waive the requirements of this Ordinance, such fees and charges may be waived in whole or in part.

II. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption after third reading.

DONE AND PASSED this 22nd day of January, 2007

Abbeville County Council

ATTEST:


Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council


Ray Gunnells, Chairman