PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
3rd COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 EAST BUTLER ROAD, MAULDIN, SC 29662

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood, and Jason Kraeling

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
   a. October 5, 2026 [Pages 2-3]

4. **Reports or Communications from City Officers**
   a. George Miller, Police Chief
   b. Brian McHone, Fire Chief
   c. Donna DeRado, Chief Administrative Judge

5. **Unfinished Business**
   There is no unfinished business.

6. **New Business**
   a. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26, Article IV, to Prohibit Unauthorized Camping, Lodging, and Overnight Sleeping on Certain City-Owned or City-Managed Property; and for Other Matters Related Thereto [Pages 4-9]

7. **Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

8. **Committee Concerns**

9. **Adjournment**

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MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026, 6PM

Committee members present: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood and Jason Kraeling.

Others present: Police Chief George Miller, Judicial Director/ Chief Municipal Judge Donna DeRado, City Administrator Seth Duncan, and Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton. Fire Chief Brian McHone was not present.

1. Call to Order- Chairwoman King

2. Public Comment (Agenda Items)- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. September 8, 2026

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. George Miller, Police Chief

Chief Miller reported the budget looks good. The department participated in a Unified Academy for Special Olympics athletes, which is the first in the State.

Between the Polar Plunge, Jeep show and Gala, the department has raised $93,000 for Special Olympics.

Lend-A-Paw will be Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. to help provide supplies for Greenville County Animal Care.

Six people were arrested for human trafficking last week.

b. Brian McHone, Fire Chief

Seth Duncan advised committee that October is Fire Prevention Month and the department will hold several events.

c. Donna DeRado, Chief Administrative Judge

Judge DeRado said the information for setoff debt collection has been sent to the Municipal Association. Jury trials were set for this week but they have been all settled.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Adoption of the 2026 Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Plan

Greenville County and its municipal jurisdictions are vulnerable to a wide range of natural hazards, including floods, winter storms, tornadoes/high winds, severe storms/thunderstorms, drought, wildfires, and earthquakes. Hazard mitigation planning aids in reducing the impacts that these hazards can have on the community.

Greenville County adopted its Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2005. This plan is required to be updated every 5 years. In 2010, the County converted the original plan to a multi-jurisdictional plan as it involved and included the cities of Mauldin, Greenville, Greer, Simpsonville, Fountain Inn, and Travelers Rest.

Participating in the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan enables a more comprehensive approach to mitigating the hazards that pose an equal threat to Greenville County, the City of Mauldin, and other participating jurisdictions.

FEMA requires a jurisdiction to have a current hazard mitigation plan when applying for certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance including various grants.
Staff request this updated resolution be forwarded to full council for approval.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to forward this item to Council with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2026
AGENDA ITEM: 6a

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: George Miller, Police Chief, Greg Saxton, Assistant City Administrator
SUBJECT: **Ordinance to Prohibit Camping, Lodging, and Overnight Sleeping in Public Spaces**

REQUEST

Committee is being asked to consider an Ordinance to Prohibit Unauthorized Camping, Lodging, and Overnight Sleeping on Certain City-Owned or City-Managed Property, and other matters related hereto.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The proposed ordinance establishes general regulations regarding the use of City-owned and City-managed public properties, including parks, municipal buildings, grounds, sidewalks, parking areas, and recreational facilities.

Public property is maintained for the general benefit, health, and enjoyment of residents, visitors, and City staff. To fulfill its responsibility of maintaining these spaces in a safe, sanitary, accessible, and orderly condition, the City must ensure that public infrastructure remains available for its primary governmental, civic, recreational, and transportation functions.

It has been identified that unauthorized or prolonged activities—such as camping, sleeping, establishing temporary living quarters, storing personal property, or obstructing public walkways—can generate public health and sanitation risks, hinder routine maintenance, create accessibility barriers, and pose safety and operational challenges.

To proactively address these operational and safety concerns, the proposed measure establishes clear, consistent, and content-neutral regulations governing conduct on City property. The standards are designed to apply uniformly to all members of the public, without regard to an individual's housing status, economic condition, or any other protected characteristic.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is requesting that this Ordinance be reviewed by the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Ordinance to Prohibit Unauthorized Camping, Lodging, and Overnight Sleeping…

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE IV – OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING, LODGING, AND OVERNIGHT SLEEPING ON CERTAIN CITY-OWNED OR CITY-MANAGED PROPERTY; TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, ACCESS, AND THE INTENDED USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE, ENFORCEMENT, AND EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mauldin recognizes that City-owned and City-managed parks, buildings, grounds, sidewalks, parking areas, recreational facilities, and other public spaces are maintained for the use and benefit of residents, visitors, employees, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City has a responsibility to maintain its public property in a safe, sanitary, accessible, and orderly condition and to ensure that such property remains available for its intended governmental, recreational, civic, transportation, and public purposes; and

WHEREAS, prolonged or unauthorized camping, lodging, sleeping, establishment of temporary living quarters, storage of personal property, obstruction of public areas, and similar uses of public property may interfere with the intended use of City property and may create public health, sanitation, maintenance, accessibility, operational, and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to establish clear and generally applicable standards governing such conduct on City-owned and City-managed property without regard to a person's housing status, economic status, or other protected characteristic;

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

Section 1 Amendment. Amend Section 26, Offenses Against Public Safety by inserting the following beginning at Section 26:98:

Section 26-98. – Unauthorized camping, lodging, and overnight sleeping on certain city-owned or city-managed property.

To protect public health, safety, sanitation, accessibility, and the intended use of City property any unauthorized camping, lodging, overnight sleeping, or the establishment of temporary living accommodations on City-owned or City-controlled property is prohibited.

(a) Definitions

Camp or *Camping* means the use of City property as temporary or permanent living accommodations or for habitation purposes, including one or more of the following circumstances when they reasonably demonstrate use of the property as living accommodations:

(1) Erecting or maintaining a tent, shelter, lean-to, structure, or other temporary accommodation;
(2) Using bedding, boxes, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, cots, or similar materials for lodging or habitation;
(3) Establishing temporary living quarters;
(4) Maintaining cooking equipment or personal belongings in a manner consistent with establishing a temporary residence or campsite; or making fire or using other heat sources for, or that may be used for, the preparation of foods;
(5) Using a vehicle, structure, park facility, or other City property for unauthorized overnight lodging.

City Property means any real property, facility, building, structure, park, recreational facility, parking area, plaza, public ground, trail, sidewalk, right-of-way, or other property owned, leased, operated, maintained, or controlled by the City of Mauldin, to the extent the City possesses lawful authority to regulate its use.

Lodging means occupying a location for the purpose of establishing temporary living accommodations or remaining overnight as a place of habitation.

Overnight Sleeping means sleeping or attempting to sleep on City property during hours when the property is closed to the public or using City property for sleeping as part of camping, lodging, or establishing temporary living accommodations.

Personal Property means any tangible item belonging to or apparently under the control of an individual, excluding property owned by the City.

(b) Prohibited Conduct

Except as otherwise authorized by this Ordinance, City permit, written authorization, or other applicable law, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Camp or establish temporary living accommodations on City property;
(2) Lodge or reside overnight on City property;
(3) Sleep on City property during hours when the property is closed to the public;
(4) Use City parks, recreational facilities, public grounds, City Hall grounds, municipal facilities, parking areas, or other City property as a temporary or permanent place of habitation;
(5) Erect, install, or maintain a tent, shelter, lean-to, bedding arrangement, temporary structure, or similar accommodation for habitation on City property;
(6) Occupy or use a City-owned building, structure, pavilion, restroom, athletic facility, recreational facility, vehicle, parking area, or other City property for unauthorized lodging or habitation;
(7) Store or accumulate personal property on City property in connection with unauthorized camping or lodging in a manner that obstructs pedestrian or vehicular travel, interferes with the intended use of the property, creates a health or safety hazard, or prevents City employees from performing maintenance or governmental functions; or
(8) Refuse to leave City property after the property has closed or after being lawfully directed to leave pursuant to applicable City ordinances or regulations.

(c) City Parks and Recreational Facilities

Camping, lodging, or overnight sleeping shall be prohibited in all City parks and recreational facilities unless specifically authorized by the City through a permit, approved City program, special event, or other written authorization provided by the City Administrator or designee.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit ordinary resting, sitting, reclining, or other lawful use of a City park during its established operating hours when such conduct does not constitute camping or lodging and does not otherwise violate City ordinances.

Existing posted park hours and rules shall remain in effect.

(d) City Buildings and Grounds

No person shall camp, lodge, or establish temporary living accommodations:

(1) On the grounds or within any public facility or building
(2) Within or immediately adjacent to entrances or exits of City buildings;
(3) In City-owned parking lots or parking facilities;
(4) City owned easements or Right-of -Ways;
(5) On landscaped areas or grounds associated with City facilities; or
(6) On other City-owned or City-controlled property where such activity is inconsistent with the intended public or governmental use of the property.

(e) Obstruction and Public Access

Nothing in this chapter will permit any person to obstruct:

(1) A sidewalk, trail, or pedestrian passage;
(2) A street, driveway, or vehicular travel lane;
(3) An entrance to or exit from a public building;
(4) An emergency access route;
(5) Access required by persons with disabilities;
(6) A recreational facility or public amenity; or
(7) The performance of City operations, maintenance, emergency response, or other governmental functions.

(f) Exceptions

This chapter will not apply to:

(1) City-sponsored or City-authorized events;
(2) Camping or overnight activities specifically authorized by a City-issued permit or written authorization provided by the City Administrator or designee;
(3) Emergency shelters or temporary emergency operations authorized by the City;
(4) Persons present on City property as specifically authorized in connection with their employment or official duties;
(5) Temporary activities authorized by the City Administrator or designee during emergencies or extraordinary circumstances; or
(6) Conduct otherwise protected or required by federal or state law.

(g) Enforcement

Except when immediate enforcement is reasonably necessary to address an emergency, threat to public safety, criminal activity, obstruction of emergency access, or other exigent circumstance, an

officer or authorized City official may provide a person with notice that the conduct violates this chapter and a reasonable opportunity to discontinue the prohibited conduct or leave the property.

Nothing in this section shall prevent an officer from enforcing other applicable federal, state, or local laws.

Enforcement of this chapter will be based upon prohibited conduct and shall not be based solely upon a person's actual or perceived housing status.

When reasonably available and appropriate under City procedures, officers or other City personnel may provide information concerning available community resources or services. The availability or acceptance of such services will not, unless otherwise required by law, be a prerequisite to enforcement of this chapter.

It shall be unlawful for any individual to camp or engage in camping (as such terms are described in subsection (a) within the city, and police officers of the city are authorized to issue a trespass warning to any individual who is in violation of this provision. The trespass warning shall be limited to the specific property parcel where the violation occurred. The specific property parcel consists of the boundaries set forth on the official property tax maps of Greenville County.

Trespass warnings shall be in writing and issued for a period not to exceed one year.

A copy of the trespass warning shall be provided by mail or hand delivered to the individual given the warning.

(h) Personal Property

The City shall establish or follow an appropriate administrative procedure governing personal property encountered during enforcement of this chapter.

Except for items that constitute evidence, contraband, an immediate health or safety hazard, refuse, or abandoned property as provided by law, personal property shall be handled in accordance with applicable constitutional requirements, state law, City policy, and established procedures.

Nothing in this chapter authorizes the destruction or disposal of personal property contrary to law.

(i) Penalties

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties generally applicable to violations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mauldin, within the limits authorized by South Carolina law.

In determining an appropriate enforcement response, the City may utilize warnings, citations, removal from City property, trespass procedures where legally applicable, or other remedies authorized by law.

Each separate violation may constitute a separate offense.

(j) Uniform and Nondiscriminatory Enforcement

This chapter shall be enforced uniformly and without discrimination. Nothing herein shall authorize enforcement against an individual merely because the individual is homeless, appears to be homeless, is indigent, or possesses personal belongings in a public place. Enforcement shall be based upon observable conduct prohibited by this Ordinance.

(k) Relationship to Other Chapters

The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to supplement existing City ordinances concerning parks, public property, trespassing, obstruction, littering, sanitation, public safety, and hours of operation.

Where another provision of the City Code establishes a more specific lawful restriction applicable to particular City property, the more specific provision shall govern.

Section 2. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Mauldin in accordance with applicable law.

DONE AND ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____