

**Public Works Committee Meeting
August 7, 2023
5:30pm
City Hall Council Chambers
100 West End Street
Chester, SC**

In Person/Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86020348430>

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Director's Report
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. Commission Profiles for Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - B. Commission Profiles for Planning Commission.
 - C. Updates for Cemetery Commission and Historic Preservation Commission.
 - D. Request: Emergency Services Manager; Service Pick-up Trucks; 2 Zero Turn Mowers; 1 Skid Steer Mower; 11 Truck Radios
6. New Business
 - A. Discussion concerning Throwing Candy at Parades.
 - B. Discussion of Ordinances for Dumping on City and Private Property.
(See attached Ordinance.)

C. Discussion Concerning Wild Animals. (See attached Ordinance.)

Adjourn

Goals of Committee

1. Sure up Nuisance and Abatement Ordinances, especially by hiring in Public Works dept.
2. Make sure to fill commissions/boards and have them conduct meetings.
3. Build back recycling program, especially by reaching out to neighboring organizations.

As of June, City of Chester has around 2,500 accounts paying \$21.00/month. This is a total of \$62,500/month.

The City of Chester paid for Construction & Debris/Junk & Debris (C&D/J&D) \$6,624. Residential Garbage cost \$6,930 both totaling \$13,554.

Ordinances

Chapter 29 - HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sec. 29-27. - Committing nuisance on public or private property—Generally.

Any person who shall be guilty of committing a nuisance including graffiti or dumping in or about any cemetery, church yard, school yard or public building or place, or on private premises in the City shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Ord. No. 2012-04, 2-11-2013)

Sec. 29-29. - Depositing waste in unsanitary manner.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the City or in any area under the jurisdiction of the City, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

(Ord. No. 2012-04, 2-11-2013)

Sec. 29-30. - Littering.

It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, throw upon, deposit, or leave trash, refuse, garbage, cans, bottles, wrecked cars or any other litter on any property belonging to another without permission from the owner thereof or on, along or upon any public street, parking lot, sidewalk, park or other public property within the City limits in violation of this Code.

(Ord. No. 2012-04, 2-11-2013)

Sec. 29-31. - Violation penalties.

Any person, who shall violate a provision of this Code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by State or local laws. The penalty for failure to abate a notice of violation within the prescribed set time limit shall not exceed \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues after the abatement period shall be deemed a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 2012-04, 2-11-2013)

Chapter 5 - ANIMALS

Owner. Any person who:

- (1) Has a right of property in a pet;
- (2) Keeps or harbors a pet or who has it in the person's care or acts as its custodian; or
- (3) Permits a pet to remain on or about any premises occupied by the person.

Pet. Any mammal of the order of carnivore. This includes any dog, cat or related wild carnivorous animal.

Public nuisance. Any pet making loud and objectionable sounds, chasing vehicles or pedestrians or behaving in any manner which is deemed to be doing damage to property or to public health or well-being, or which is known to have bitten one or more persons, or which has been determined by the animal control officer to be a detriment to public health, welfare or safety, or that constitutes a physical threat to human beings or to other pets by virtue of its specific training or demonstrated behavior.

Secure enclosure. Any fenced or otherwise enclosed area suitable for providing proper shelter, for guaranteeing restraint of the animal, and for prohibiting contact with other animals.

Spayed females. Any female dog or cat which has been operated on to prevent conception.

Vicious pet. Any pet evidencing characteristics usually associated with an abnormal inclination to attack other pets or persons without provocation by other pets or persons.

(Code 1995, § 6-101; Ord. No. 2009-004, §§ 1, 2, 7-13-2009)

Sec. 5-2. - Cruelty to animals.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to inflict unnecessary pain or suffering upon any animal or to ride, drive or work it when sick or unfit for work, or to override, overwork, overload, or ride when overworked any animal, and it shall be unlawful for any such person owning or having charge of any animal to fail to provide it with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather. Penalties for violation of this section shall not exceed those prescribed by S.C. Code 1976, § 47-1-40.

(b) No person shall crop or dock an animal's ears or tail, except a licensed veterinarian who is qualified to perform such operations.

(c) The animal control officer shall enforce the laws prohibiting cruelty to animals in accordance with S.C. Code 1976, title 47.

(Code 1995, § 6-102; Ord. No. 2009-004, § 3, 7-13-2009)