

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 28, 2026 — 5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**



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Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
- 3. PRESENTATION**
 - A. Stormwater Pump Station Update**
- 4. POLICE**
 - A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3 “Animals and Fowl”, Article I “In General”, Section 3-1 “Definitions” and Article II “Dogs, Cats and Pets”, Section 3-23 “Restraint” and adding Section 3-23(c) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.**
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2) to discuss a release of an appointment for the City of Georgetown and the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.**
 - B. Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.**
 - C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
 - D. City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.**



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ACTION ITEM

Council Meeting Date:	May 28, 2026
Department:	Engineering
Issue Under Consideration:	Stormwater Pump Station Update
Amount Requested:	
In Current Budget?:	
If not, please explain:	
Financial Impact:	
Points to Consider:	
Options:	
Staff Recommendation:	

Reviews:

Stephanie Buccione

Created/Initiated

Approver

Attachments:

None

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II “DOGS, CATS, AND PETS”,
SECTIONS 3-1 AND 3-23 AND ADDING SECTION 3-23(c) OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN**

WHEREAS, Section 1-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown allows for the amendment of the Code of Ordinances from time to time; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Georgetown recognizes the importance of animal control in the city, balancing the needs of pet owners and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes the need for its ordinances to be internally consistent, for clarity and ease of enforcement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled, that Sections 3-1 “Definitions” and 3-23 “Restraint” of Chapter 3, Article II, of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§3-1 Definitions

At large Any animal off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under physical control of the owner or keeper by means of a leash or other similar retrieving device to include an operating e-collar. For applicability to dangerous dogs, as defined in this section, see sec. 3-23(c)

Restraint An animal on the premises of its owner or keeper or if accompanied by its owner or keeper and under the physical control of the owner or keeper by means of a leash or other similar restraining device, to include an operating e-fence or e-collar. Use of e-fences or e-collars is not considered restraint of a dangerous dog. (ref. §3-23(c))

§3-23 Restraint

(a) All dogs must be kept under restraint within the city limits of the city. Any person who owns or keeps a dog must confine such dog in an enclosure or keep it on a leash or other similar restraining device. Any dog not so restrained will be deemed unlawfully running at large within the city limits. Dogs deemed to be dangerous shall be restrained as defined in section 3-23(c)

§3-23(c) Dangerous dogs as defined must be confined securely indoors in a securely enclosed fence or securely enclosed and locked pen or run area upon the owner's premises. The pen or run area must be clearly marked as containing a dangerous animal and must be designed to prevent the entry of the general public and to prevent the escape or release of the animal. E-fences or e-collars are not considered proper restraints for dangerous dogs. No dangerous dog is permitted off-premises unless under physical leash control of its owner/keeper and with a muzzle.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED If any portion of this Ordinance proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Ordinance.

ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, this ___ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Jay Doyle
Mayor

First reading:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Second reading:

Elise F. Crosby
City Attorney

[changes for adoption above are shown in redline below]

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