

**STATUTORY REFERENCES  
FOR  
SOUTH CAROLINA CITIES AND TOWNS**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to South Carolina cities and towns. They are up to date through July, 2008.

**General Provisions**

Local government  
South Carolina Const. Art. VIII

Incorporation  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-1

Corporate limits  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-3

Municipal structure, powers, functions generally  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-7

Codification of ordinances  
S.C. Code § 5-7-290

Penalties for ordinance violations  
S.C. Code § 5-7-30

Elections generally  
S.C. Code Title 7

Initiative and referendum  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-17

Eminent Domain Procedure Act  
S.C. Code Ch. 28-2

**Administration and Personnel**

Municipal officers generally  
S.C. Code §§ 5-7-130, 5-7-160—  
5-7-230

City council  
S.C. Code §§ 5-7-160—5-7-210,  
5-7-240—5-7-290

Mayor-council form of government  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-9

Council form of government  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-11

Council-manager form of government  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-13

Nominations and elections for municipal officers  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-15

Code enforcement officers  
S.C. Code § 5-7-32

Civil service  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-19

Police officers  
S.C. Code §§ 5-7-110 et seq.

Fire departments  
S.C. Code § 5-25-10 et seq.

Municipal courts  
S.C. Code Ch. 14-25

Conflict of interests  
S.C. Code § 5-7-130

Emergency seat of government  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-3

### **Revenue and Finance**

Financial matters generally  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-21

Annual audits  
S.C. Code § 5-7-240

Taxation generally  
S.C. Code § 5-21-110 et seq.

Collection of delinquent property taxes  
S.C. Code § 5-7-300

Bonds  
S.C. Code § 5-21-210 et seq.

Paving Bond Act  
S.C. Code § 5-21-610 et seq.

Municipal Improvement Act of 1999  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-37

Investment of funds  
S.C. Code Chs. 6-5 and 6-6

Allocation of accommodations revenues  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-4

### **Business Licenses and Regulations**

License taxes  
S.C. Code § 5-7-30

Pawnbrokers  
S.C. Code Ch. 40-39

Peddlers and hawkers  
S.C. Code Ch. 40-41

### **Animals**

Dogs  
S.C. Code §§ 47-3-70 and 47-5-210

### **Health and Safety**

Fire limits  
S.C. Code § 5-25-1110 et seq.

Solid waste disposal resource recovery  
facilities  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-16

Local health boards and districts  
S.C. Code Ch. 44-3

Property upkeep  
S.C. Code § 5-7-80

### **Public Peace, Morals and Welfare**

Law enforcement authority  
S.C. Code § 5-7-30

Crimes and offenses  
S.C. Code Title 16

Trials  
S.C. Code § 5-7-90

## **Vehicles and Traffic**

Motor vehicles generally  
S.C. Code Title 56

Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on  
Highways  
S.C. Code Ch. 56-5

Local authority  
S.C. Code §§ 56-5-710—56-5-720

## **Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

Streets and sidewalks generally  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-27

Assessments for streets and sidewalks  
S.C. Code § 5-27-310 et seq.

Municipal Improvement Act of 1973  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-37

Off-street parking facilities  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-29

## **Public Services**

Electricity, water, natural gas and sewerage  
systems  
S.C. Code Chs. 5-31, 6-15, 6-23, 6-25

Cemeteries  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-39

Special purpose districts  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-11

Rural community water districts  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-13

Revenue Bond Refinancing Act of 1937  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-17

Revenue Bond Act for Utilities  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-21

## **Buildings and Construction**

Construction regulations generally  
S.C. Code § 5-25-10 et seq.

Building permits and inspections  
S.C. Code § 5-25-310 et seq.

Construction codes  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-9

Energy efficiency  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-10

Off-Street Parking Facilities Act  
S.C. Code Ch. 5-29

## **Zoning**

Planning  
S.C. Code Ch. 6-7

Official map  
S.C. Code § 6-7-1210 et seq.

