

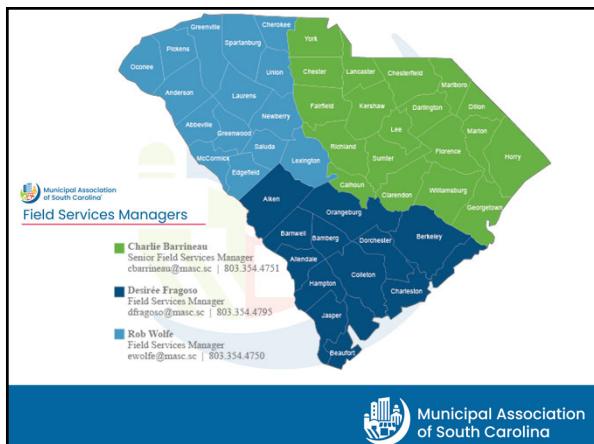
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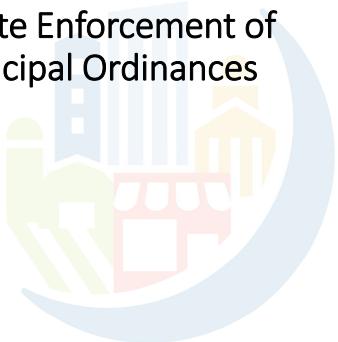
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AI-generated FOIA requests



Separation of Powers in Municipal Government

- SC AG Opinion January 14, 2025
- <https://www.scag.gov/media/kgyotlnf/balthazar-p-10976-final-opinion-1-14-2025-pdf.pdf>
- Updated Forms of Government Handbook forthcoming



Public Comment Rules

- SC AG Opinion June 5, 2023
- <https://www.scag.gov/media/mljje23t/00007741.pdf>



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Social Gatherings as a “Meeting”

- SC AG Opinion July 28, 2025
- <https://www.scag.gov/media/ohdahswr/taylorm-os-10998-final-opinion-7-28-2025.pdf>



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Payment of Compensation to Suspended Elected Officials

- Matter of Ferguson 437 S.E.2d 72 (1993) - Supreme Court of South Carolina
- Various SC AG Opinions



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Hate Crimes Ordinances

- SC AG Opinion October 10, 2025
- <https://www.scag.gov/media/3czfc5pq/padgettj-os-11045-final-opinion-10-10-25.pdf>

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Forensic Audits

- November 2025 Uptown
- <https://www.masc.sc/uptown/11-2025/when-forensic-audit-right-choice>



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Your Annual SEI is Due March 30!

- ethicsfiling.sc.gov/filing/home
- How to video - https://youtu.be/4g-11Kp-1L2M1_E5GNC0G05C7OM



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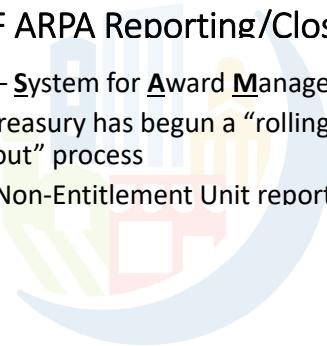
A Reminder on Social Media

- January 2022 -
<https://www.masc.sc/uptown/01-2022/social-media-pitfalls-avoid>
- Summer 2022 -
<https://www.masc.sc/risk-letter/summer-2022/manage-risks-social-media>
- April 2024 -
<https://www.masc.sc/uptown/04->

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SLFRF ARPA Reporting/Closeout

- SAM – System for Award Management
- U.S. Treasury has begun a “rolling closeout” process
- Next Non-Entitlement Unit reporting



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