

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD )

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 21-22-798

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY CODE  
OF ORDINANCES  
QUARRIES AND MINES**

WHEREAS, Edgefield County is a rich county with valuable resources under the ground which can benefit the citizens of Edgefield and its economy; and,

WHEREAS, exploitation of those resources in an improper matter can also permanently and adversely affect the environment of Edgefield County and the health and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina and the State Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regulates mining activity in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Section 48-20-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws allows counties to enforce regulation of mines and quarries as long as they do not conflict with DHEC regulations; and,

WHEREAS the Edgefield County Planning Commission, by resolution recommends that Edgefield County Council regulate mines, quarries and mining activities in the County, consistent with state law to preserve the long-term resources of the County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:

1. New Section 24-89 shall be added to the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances as outlined in Exhibit A, attached hereto.
2. Under the pending ordinance doctrine, this ordinance will be effective after advertisement for the public hearing.
3. All provisions in other County Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
4. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

**Edgefield County Council**

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Scott Cooper, Chair

ATTEST:

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Taz Potts, Clerk to Council

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_