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Ridgeland Working for Enhanced Protection of Property Values

After a Public Hearing on November 7, the Ridgeland Board of Aldermen adopted code amendments that will result in enhanced protection of property values for residents of Ridgeland. The Public Hearing came after a series of meetings with Homeowners Association Presidents and other interested citizens over the last few weeks. With widespread support among the neighborhood leaders and with minimal opposition at the public hearing, Ridgeland Aldermen passed the amendments at the Board Meeting that evening, immediately following the Public Hearing.

The following was adopted and/or approved by the Board:

- 1) the 2006 Property Maintenance Code with amendments, substitutions and changes
- 2) amendments to the Zoning Ordinance
- 3) changes to the Traffic and Vehicles Code

The new ordinances address a multitude of issues that affect property values and the visual appearance of the City. Some of the issues addressed include location of parked vehicles, storage of personal property, yard maintenance, repair of vehicles, maintenance of windows and doors, construction project material accumulation, and rental property inspection.

Carports, porches, side yards and other areas of a private residence that are visible from the street are now more strictly regulated to make for a more attractive city. The new amendments may be viewed at City Hall or on the City of Ridgeland website at

www.ridgelandms.org/community_development/ordinances.html.