AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10: GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 10.03, PROCEDURES FOR ENACTMENT, OF THE TOWN OF AWENDAW TO STREAMLINE THE SECOND-READING AMENDMENT PROCEDURES FOR ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to streamline the procedure for considering and adopting amendments offered at second reading, in order to promote efficiency, clarity, and orderly conduct in the enactment of ordinances while preserving any review or notice requirements imposed by applicable law;

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that requiring every amendment offered at second reading to be read word by word may unnecessarily delay the orderly consideration of ordinances when the substance of the amendment is otherwise presented to Council and made part of the public record;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that certain amendments, including amendments to zoning regulations or maps, may be subject to additional review, recommendation, notice, or public hearing requirements under state law and local ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Town Council intends for this ordinance to clarify local procedure without limiting any substantive right of public participation, required Planning Commission review, or other process required by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council therefore determines that amending Section 10.03 of Chapter 10 of the Town Code is in the best interests of the Town and will promote more efficient, transparent, and orderly legislative proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordered and Ordained by the Council of the Town of Awendaw, S. C., that Chapter 10, General Provisions, Section 10.03, Procedures for Enactment, of the Code of the Town of Awendaw, South Carolina, shall be amended as follows:

Section 1:

CHAPTER 10: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 10.03 PROCEDURES FOR ENACTMENT.

(A) *Town laws to be in the form of ordinances.* All laws passed by the Town Council shall be in the form of ordinances, which shall receive two readings. There shall be a minimum of six days between the first and second readings. No notice shall be necessary for the introduction of a bill, except as required by applicable law.

(B) *First reading.* The first reading of a bill shall be by title only. The bill may be referred to some committee, unless the members of Council unanimously agree, without debate, to dispense with reference.

(C) *Second reading.* The second reading of a bill shall be by title only; provided that any section of a bill may be read, word by word, upon the request of any Council member. ~~All amendments offered at second read shall be read, word by word, prior to a vote on the aemdnment.~~ Any amendments offered at second reading shall be adopted by motion. Unless the adoption of such an amendment would result

in a departure from the text that was not previously considered by the Planning Commission. After the bill shall have been so read and all amendments and privileged motions, if any, disposed of, ~~the question shall be, "Shall this bill pass, the title thereof changed to an ordinance and be incorporated into the Municipal Code for the Town of Awendaw?"~~ Council shall vote on the matter. Upon a decision in the negative, the bill shall be rejected. Upon a decision in the affirmative, the bill shall be passed and shall take effect as an ordinance of the town immediately upon passage; provided that, if an effective date is specified, the bill shall take effect as an ordinance of the town upon such effective date.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional, unenforceable, or otherwise invalid by the final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent of Town Council to pass said ordinance without such unconstitutional provision, and the validity of all remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs, clauses, or provisions of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby. If said ordinance, or any provision thereof, is held by the final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances.

SECTION 3. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL READING

First Reading: July 2, 2026

Public Hearing: August 6, 2026

Second Reading: August 6, 2026

Chris Crolley, Mayor

Town of Awendaw

Attest: Town Clerk