



*City of Charleston*  
*South Carolina*

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Department of Livability and Tourism

**TOURISM COMMISSION**

A meeting of the Tourism Commission will be held **Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, virtually via Zoom Webinar. Use the following link for online access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81941236616?pwd=b094S0kxRGpTbkFTZXVSOGRpOFI0QT09>.

To access via phone, dial 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter meeting 819 4123 6616. When prompted enter the passcode 819626. Call **(843) 579-6424 if you are experiencing technical difficulties**. The meeting will be recorded.

**Public Comment Instructions:**

Please use **one** of the following methods to request to speak at the meeting or provide comments for the Commission. Requests to speak at the meeting and comments must be received by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28th:

1. Request to speak or leave a comment via voice mail at 843-579-6424. If requesting to speak or leaving a comment, please provide your name, address, and telephone number;
2. Sign-up to speak or leave comments for the Tourism Commission by completing the form a <http://innovate.charleston-sc.gov/comments/>;
3. Mail comments to: Department of Livability and Tourism, 75 Calhoun Street, Suite 3400, Charleston, SC 29401.

1. Call to order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Approval of minutes
4. Public Input

5. Items for Discussion (Action may or may not be taken on any of the below items):
  - a. Review revised Exhibit 1 of the preliminary carriage proposal
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment- The next Tourism Commission meeting will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON PERTAINING TO THE CARRIAGE OPERATIONS, EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, TRAINING, SAFETY, CARRIAGE DRIVER REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, AND COMPLIANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Section 29-29 of Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by inserting the following in alphabetical order:

Accident shall mean an unexpected event which results in serious injury, property damage, or a combination of injury and property damage.

Incident shall mean an unexpected event or occurrence that does not result in serious injury or property damage.

Manifest shall mean a daily record, prepared by either tour guide, carriage driver, or tour company which includes information specified in section 29-206 relevant to touring operations.

Section 2. Section 29-206 of Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by inserting the following in alphabetical order:

(g). Every franchisee shall maintain a daily manifest upon which is recorded every trip made each day after the closure of the City's gate. Such manifests shall include details of every trip as defined by the Department of Livability and Tourism. Manifests will be provided to the Department of Livability and Tourism the following day. All rules and regulations of this chapter must be followed for these tours including the equipment required under Sec. 29-212 (c).

Section 3. Section 29-212 (c) (1) (a) of Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended so that hereafter said Sections shall read as follows (by deleting text shown below with a strikethrough and adding text shown below with a double-underline):

(c) Equipment.

(1) Every carriage used for touring purposes and operated under a franchise agreement as outlined in section 29-202 shall be equipped with the following:

(a) Head lights or lanterns and tail lights or lanterns which are visible for a distance of (500) feet when the carriage is operated from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, and at any other time when windshield wipers are in use as a result of rain, sleet, or snow, or when inclement weather or environmental factors severely reduce the ability to clearly discern persons and vehicles on the street or highway at a distance of five hundred feet ahead. High reflectivity markers on the front, back and sides of the carriage as well as on the harness of the carriage-animal shall also be required;

Section 4. Section 29-212 (f) of Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by inserting the following:

(6) Collars shall be sized appropriately for each equine.

(7) Harnesses, collars, blinders, bits, and bridles should exhibit no frayed or torn parts orevidence or being taped or other such sub-standard repairs.

Section 5. Section 29-212 of Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by inserting the following:

(m) Annual Training Certifications.

(1) Each animal-drawn carriage company shall implement a structured annual training program subject to the approval of the city for both its tour guides, and carriage operators to ensure proficiency when operating on the public right of way.

(2) Each animal-drawn carriage company shall implement a structured annual training program subject to the approval of the city for every employee who comes into contact with its animals in any capacity to have basic knowledge and training to include proper procedures and tacking methods to ensure proper fit and care of the

animals and equipment.

- (1) Each animal-drawn carriage company shall make available a report to the department of livability and tourism for inspection no less than once per year on the completion of annual or other mandated training of all drivers.

Section 6. Division 1 of Article V, Chapter 29, is amended by adding new section 29-213.

**Sec. 29-213-Emergency Procedures.**

- (a) The Department of Livability and Tourism has the authority to temporarily stop issuing medallions and to temporarily prohibit new tours including commercial tours if it is determined by the Department of Livability and Tourism that a weather emergency or other condition(s) in the city exist which presents a substantial risk of injury to horses or carriage passengers. This will not be construed as creating different heat restrictions than those set forth in 29-212.

Section 7. Article V Chapter 29 Sec. 29-240 is amended by inserting the following after the existing section and adding (a) to the existing section:

- (b) Each animal-drawn carriage company shall designate at least one employee per shift to be trained in equine triage and/or first aid and to deploy as a first responder to any accident or incident involving possible injuries to a horse from their respective company.
- (c) Every equine involved in a reportable accident or incident must be inspected by a licensed equine vet at the discretion of the director of Livability and Tourism or his designee certifying the animal is healthy and sound before it may be returned to service.
- (d) Each animal-drawn carriage involved in a reportable accident or incident shall be inspected before it may be returned to service.

Section 8. Article VI Chapter 29 is amended by adding a new section 29-241 to read as follows:

**Sec.29-241. -Compliance required.**

Failure to comply with this article or any of the laws, ordinances, or regulations of this city may result in revocation of licenses and punishment in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Section 9. Article VI Chapter 29 Sec. 29-235 is amended by inserting the following after the existing language:

All animal-drawn carriages shall follow posted traffic signs, including without limitation stop signs and traffic signals.

AMENDED