DECLINING RATES

Declining Rates apply in all Classes for gross income in excess of \$1,000,000, unless otherwise specifically provided for in this ordinance.

Gross Income in \$ Millions	Percent of Class Rate for each additional \$1,000
0 - 7	100%
7 - 10	50% for this increment
10 – 20	35% for this increment
20 – 50	15% for this increment
OVER 50	10% for this increment

CLASS 8 and CLASS 9 RATES

Each NAICS number designates a separate subclassification. The businesses in this section are treated as separate and individual subclasses due to provisions of state law, regulatory requirements, service burdens, tax equalization considerations, and other factors that are deemed sufficient to require individually determined rates. In accordance with state law, the County also may provide for reasonable subclassifications for rates, described by an NAICS sector, subsector, or industry, that are based on particularized considerations as needed for economic stimulus or for the enhanced or disproportionate demands on county services or infrastructure.

Non-resident rates do not apply except where indicated.

8.1 NAICS 230000 – Contractors, Construction, All Types [Non-resident rates apply].

Resident rates, for contractors having a permanent place of business within the County:

Minimum on first \$2,000	\$ 50.00 PLUS
Each additional 1,000	\$ 0.60

Non-resident rates apply to contractors that do not have a permanent place of business within the County. A trailer at the construction site or structure in which the contractor temporarily resides is not a permanent place of business under this ordinance.

No contractor shall be issued a business license until all state and county qualification examination and trade license requirements have been met. Each contractor shall post a sign in plain view on each job identifying the contractor with the job.

Sub-contractors shall be licensed on the same basis as general or prime contractors for the same job. No deductions shall be made by a general or prime contractor for value of work performed by a sub-contractor.

No contractor shall be issued a business license until all performance and indemnity bonds required by the Building Code have been filed and approved. Zoning permits must be obtained when required by the Zoning Ordinance.

Each prime contractor shall file with the License Official a list of sub-contractors furnishing labor or materials for each project.

For licenses issued on a per-job basis, the total tax for the full amount of the contract shall be paid prior to commencement of work and shall entitle the contractor to complete the job without regard to the normal license expiration date. An amended report shall be filed for each new job and the appropriate additional license fee per \$1,000 of the contract amount shall be paid prior to commencement of new work. Only one base tax shall be paid in a license year. Licensees holding a per-job license shall file, by each April 30 during the continuation of the construction project, a statement of compliance, including but not limited to a revised estimate of the value of the contract. If any revised estimate of the final value of such project exceeds the amount for

which the business license was issued, the licensee shall be required to pay a license fee at the then-prevailing rate on the excess amount.

- **8.2** NAICS 482 Railroad Companies (See S.C. Code § 12-23-210).
- 8.51 NAICS 713120 Amusement Machines, coin operated (except gambling). Music machines, juke boxes, kiddie rides, video games, pin tables with levers, and other amusement machines with or without free play feature licensed by SC Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code §12-21-2720(A)(1) and (A)(2) [Type I and Type II].

For operation of all machines (not on gross income), pursuant to S.C. Code §12-21-2746:

Per Machine	\$12.50 PLUS
Business license	\$12.50

Distributors that sell or lease machines and are not licensed by the state as an operator pursuant to §12-21-2728 are not subject to Subclass 8.51.

8.52 NAICS 713290 – Amusement Machines, coin operated, non-payout. Amusement machines of the non-payout type or in-line pin game licensed by SC Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code §12-21-2720(A)(3) [Type III].

For operation of all machines (not on gross income), pursuant to S.C. Code §12-21-2720(C):

Per Machine	. \$180.00 PLUS
Business license	\$12.50

Distributors that sell or lease machines and are not licensed by the state as an operator pursuant to §12-21-2728 are not subject to Subclass 8.52.

8.6 NAICS 713990 – Billiard or Pool Rooms, all types. (A) Pursuant to SC Code § 12-21-2746, license tax of \$5.00 per table measuring less than 3½ feet wide and 7 feet long, and \$12.50 per table longer than that; PLUS, (B) with respect to gross income from the entire business in addition to the tax authorized by state law for each table:

Minimum on first \$2,000	\$50.00 PLUS
Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000	\$0.75

9.3 NAICS 4411, 4412 – Automotive, Motor Vehicles, Boats, Farm Machinery or Retail.

(except auto supply stores - see 4413)

Winimum on first \$2,000	. \$50.00 PLUS
Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000	\$0.75

One sales lot not more than 400 feet from the main showroom may be operated under this license provided that proceeds from sales at the lot are included in gross receipts at the main office when both are operated under the same name and ownership.

Gross receipts for this classification shall include value of trade-ins. Dealer transfers or internal repairs on resale items shall not be included in gross income.

NAICS 454390 - Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door-To-Door Sales.

Direct retail sales of merchandise. [Non-resident rates apply]

9.41	Regular activities [more than two sale periods of more than three days each per year]
	Minimum on first \$2,000\$100.00 PLUS
	Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000\$1.00

9.7 NAICS 722410 – Drinking Places, bars, lounges, cabarets (Alcoholic beverages consumed on premises).

Minimum on first \$2,000	\$200.00 PLUS
Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000	\$2.00

License must be issued in the name of the individual who has been issued a State alcohol, beer or wine permit or license and will have actual control and management of the business.

9.91 NAICS 7115 - Adult Exotic Dancers, other Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Minimum on first \$2,000	\$500.00 PLUS
Per \$1,000, or fraction, over \$2,000	\$2.00

Business License Class Schedule by NAICS Code Appendix B

2021 BUSINESS LICENSE CLASS SCHEDULE BY NAICS CODE

NAICS		
Sector/Subsector	Industry Sector	Class
11	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	2.00
21	Mining	4.00
31	Manufacturing	2.00
32	Manufacturing	2.00
33	Manufacturing	2.00
42	Wholesale trade	1.00
44	Retail trade	1.00
45	Retail trade	1.00
48	Transportation and warehousing	2.00
49	Transportation and warehousing	2.00
51	Information	4.00
52	Finance and insurance	7.00
53	Real estate and rental and leasing	7.00
54	Professional, scientific, and technical services	5.00
55	Management of companies	7.00
	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation	
56	services	4.00
61	Educational services	4.00
62	Health care and social assistance	4.00
71	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3.00
721	Accommodation	3.00
722	Food services and drinking places	1.00
81	Other services	5.00
Class 8	Mandatory or Recommended Subclasses	
23	Construction	8.10
482	Rail Transportation	8.20
517311	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.30
517312	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.30
5241	Insurance Carriers	8.40
5242	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance Carriers	8.40

713120	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.51
713290	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.52
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries (pool tables)	8.60
Class 9	Subclasses	
4411	Automobile Dealers	9.30
4412	Other Motor Vehicle Dealers	9.30
454390	Other Direct Selling Establishments (Regular Peddlers)	9.41
722410	Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)	9.70
7115	Adult Adult Exotic Dancers, other Sexually Oriented Businesses	9.91

Note: Class Schedule is based on 2017 IRS data.

This appendix will be updated every odd year based on the latest available IRS statistics. The 2021 Business License Class Schedule may be accessed at: