



City of York

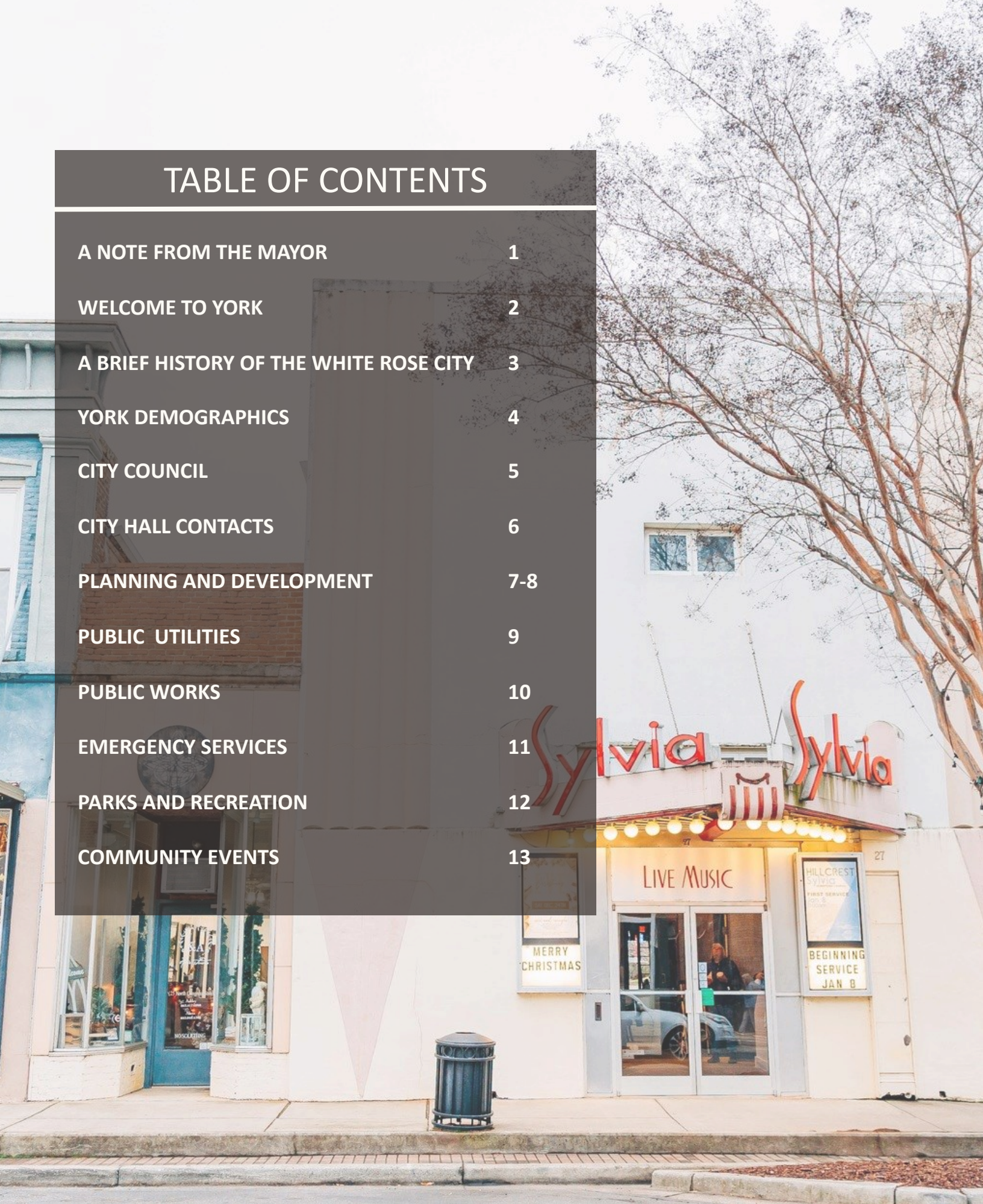
# NEW BUSINESS WELCOME PACKET

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## ***A Note From The Mayor***



Welcome New Business Owners and Businesses!

Our city is excited with your decision to choose York, a charming and historic place, to service this community with your new venture. It is my hope that your business will be well received and supported by the citizens that live in York and its surrounding communities. I look forward to meeting with you and visiting your establishment soon.

Thank you,

Mayor Michael D. Fuesser



# Welcome to York!

*Thank you for joining our community. We're glad to have you here!*

Dear Business Owner,

Thank you for choosing York to as the place to start your new business! We are excited to welcome new businesses and residents to our beautiful, historic city. We know how daunting it can be to start a new venture, which is why we have created this welcome packet to make your transition as smooth as possible.

The City of York is tucked away in York County, SC, approximately 27 miles southwest of Charlotte, North Carolina. Known as the “White Rose City”, you can find a piece of history at almost every turn.

Inside this packet, you'll find general information about the area, services provided by the City, along with important contact information.

- York History
- Demographics
- City Council
- City Hall Contacts
- Business Licenses and Permits
- Public Works and Utilities
- Emergency Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Community Events

We wish you the best of success with your new business. Should you have any questions as you become acquainted with York, please reach out to us at City Hall, 803-684-2341 or visit us online at [www.yorksc.gov](http://www.yorksc.gov). The official City of York Facebook page is also a great resource for community information and happenings in the area, [www.facebook.com/CityofYorkSC](https://www.facebook.com/CityofYorkSC).



*Thank you again for choosing the City of York!*



# A Brief History of the White Rose City

The City of York, also known as the “White Rose City”, is steeped in rich history and southern charm. Hundreds of years before the emigration of colonist, the Catawba Nation inhabited the area, hunting and trading with the Cherokees. The migration of Scotch-Irish colonists from Pennsylvania to the area not only brought new settlers, but also the community’s name. The city’s name is an ode to the War of the Roses in England between the White Rose City (York) and the Red Rose City (Lancaster). York County was critical to the outcome of the Revolutionary War, our ancestors defending our freedom on Kings Mountain in 1780. York was officially founded in 1786 and also named the County Seat. Once called the Town of Yorkville, the city eventually dropped the “ville” from it’s name in 1915, simply becoming “York”.

York is also known for its circus roots. The Barnett Brothers Circus arrived in York in the winter of 1929, establishing their winter quarters near East Jefferson Street and Trinity Street. The circus called York its winter home until 1945, when the circus was sold to Wallace Brothers Circus. Remnants of the winter quarters remain to this day on Trinity Street.





# York Demographics



## Current Demographic Information

Population: 8,784

ZIP Code: 29745

Median Age: 34.9 (39.5 Female, 32.2 Male)

Average Household Income: \$59, 845

Average Household Size: 2.47

Median House Value: \$143,000

Education Levels: High school graduate or higher - 81.6%  
Bachelor's degree or higher - 17.1%

Race and Ethnicity: White (Non-Hispanic) - 57.6%  
Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) - 40.7%  
American Indian & Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic) - .3%  
Asian (Non-Hispanic) - 1%  
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic) - .1%  
Some Other Race (Non-Hispanic) - .3%  
Population of two or more races - 4.1%

Climate: York has a humid subtropical climate. The summers are typically hot and humid, while the winters are cool and dry. Historically, July is the hottest month of the year, with January averaging the coldest temperatures.



# City Council



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Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 6 pm at City Hall, 10 N. Roosevelt Street, York, SC 29745. Monthly Council Workshop meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, starting at 5 pm at City Hall, 10 N. Roosevelt Street, York, SC 29745.





# City Hall Contacts



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# Planning and Development

The Planning and Development Department is responsible for planning, zoning, building, and construction permits, along with building inspections, code enforcement, business licenses and GIS information for the City. Any person or organization wishing to operate a business in the City of York will need one or more federal, state, or local licenses or permits depending on your business needs.

## Business License

Every person or organization engaged in the sale of goods or services in the City of York is required to obtain a City of York Business License. Prior to obtaining a business license, applicants must complete the following steps:

- **Permit to Operate** - A Permit to Operate application, along with a \$50 processing fee, must be submitted to the Planning and Development Department. Zoning compliance will be confirmed during review of the application.
- **Fire Inspection** - Once zoning compliance has been approved, the City of York Fire Department will perform a fire inspection. A written report will be provided and any fire safety issues that exist will need to be corrected prior to obtaining a re-inspection. Once a “no violations” report has been submitted to the Planning Department, applicants can proceed to the next step.
- **South Carolina State License Submission** - All required South Carolina state license(s) for the business type (retail sales, state contractor’s license, etc) must be submitted to the Planning Department.

Once the steps above are completed, applicants will be asked to estimate gross receipts from the date the license is issued until March 31 of the following year. Business license fees are based on a rate schedule for your business classification using the estimated gross receipts. Once fees have been paid, the business license will be issued. For more information regarding business license, please contact Ashley Putnam, 803-833-6192 or [aputnam@yorksc.gov](mailto:aputnam@yorksc.gov).

## Board of Architectural Review

If operating a business in the historic district of York, some projects may require approval from the Board of Architectural Review (BAR). The BAR acts on behalf of the City on any permit request to construct, modify, move, remove, place, improve, or demolish a building or structure in the historic district. The BAR shall issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) only if it finds that the proposal is appropriate to the character, appearance, and environment of the district and meets the requirements of the City’s adopted standards.



# Planning & Development (cont'd)



## Sign Permits

A permit may be required prior to erecting a sign. Information on sign requirements can be found under Appendix A, Section 13 of the City of York Code of Ordinances. If you have questions regarding sign permits, please contact Amanda Blackston, 803-792-8690 or [ablackston@yorksc.gov](mailto:ablackston@yorksc.gov).

## Building Permits

Per ordinance number 06-450, 1-9-2007, a building permit is required to erect, structurally alter, or add or move a building, and before land be occupied or excavated. In some instances, a zoning compliance may also be required before a building permit can be obtained. For more information, please contact Kim Womble, 803-792-8665 or [kwomble@yorksc.gov](mailto:kwomble@yorksc.gov).

## Zoning

The zoning regulations and districts have been created to lessen traffic congestion, preserve the integrity of the neighborhoods, provide safety for the residents, promote health and general welfare, provide regulations for building configurations, determine the area of yards and open spaces, prevent overcrowding of land, and facilitate adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewer, schools, churches, parks, and other requirements. To view the City of York Zoning map, click [here](#). Contact Amanda Blackston, 803-792-8690 or [ablackston@yorksc.gov](mailto:ablackston@yorksc.gov), for more information.

## Mobile Food Vendors

York welcomes mobile food vendors to operate within city limits. Mobile vendors will need to follow the same procedures as a brick and mortar establishment to ensure they have all required state and federal licenses as well as a City of York business license. Mobile food vendors should refer to the City of York Zoning Section in the Code of Ordinances for detailed information on requirements for operating within the zoning districts in the city.

## Hospitality Tax

In 2003, the City of York implemented a 2% hospitality tax on all prepared foods and beverages. All food, beverage, and alcohol sales in bars, restaurants, and other food establishments are subject to the local hospitality tax along with food and beverage items prepared or modified by convenience stores, grocery stores, and similar establishments that are intended for immediate consumption.



# Public Works

The City of York Public Works Department provides garbage and recycling service along with leaf pick up to residents and businesses in incorporated areas of the city and certain unincorporated areas of the county. Bills are mailed out around the first of the month and are due on the 14th of each month. In addition to paying by cash, check, or credit card at City Hall, bills can be paid using our online platform, found [here](#). For questions about City of York Public Works, please call 803-792-8651.

## Public Works Rates

### Residential Inside City Limits

Description	Rate
Roll-Out Cart	\$11.54/month
Landfill Fee	\$9.47/month
Additional Pick-Up	\$20.00 each extra pick-up

### Residential Outside City Limits

Description	Rate
Roll-Out Cart	\$18.00/month
Landfill Fee	\$9.47/month
Additional Pick-Up	\$20.00 each extra pick-up

### Commercial Pick-Up

Commercial Pickup Frequency	2 Cu. Yd. Dumpster	4 Cu. Yd. Dumpster	6 Cu. Yd. Dumpster	8 Cu. Yd. Dumpster	10 Cu. Yd. Dumpster
1 per week	\$32.11	\$64.21	\$96.31	\$128.42	\$160.52
2 per week	\$64.22	\$128.41	\$192.63	\$256.85	\$321.04
3 per week	\$96.31	\$192.62	\$288.94	\$385.27	\$481.56
4 per week	\$128.43	\$256.82	\$385.26	\$513.69	\$642.08
5 per week	\$160.54	\$321.03	\$481.57	\$642.11	\$802.60
Unscheduled	\$14.81/ea.	\$29.63/ea.	\$44.45/ea.	\$59.27/ea.	\$74.08/ea.





# Public Utilities



The City of York Utilities Department provides water and wastewater (sewer) services to residents and businesses in incorporated areas of the city and in certain unincorporated areas of the county. For questions about City of York Utilities, please call 803-792-2385.

## Water and Sewer Rates

<u>Inside City Limits</u>		<u>Outside City Limits</u>	
Gallons Per Month	Water and Sewer	Gallons Per Month	Water and Sewer
0-500,000	\$5.50 per Thousand	0-500,000	\$11.00 per Thousand
500,001 - 1,000,000	\$4.85 per Thousand	500,001 - 1,000,000	\$7.65 per Thousand
1,000,001 - 2,000,000	\$4.64 per Thousand	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	\$7.36 per Thousand
2,000,001 & Up	\$4.45 per Thousand	2,000,001 & Up	\$7.11 per Thousand

## Fee Schedule

Description	Fee
AMI 3/4" Meter with Box	\$660.00
AMI 3/4" Meter without Box	\$800.00
3/4" Water Tap	\$1,500.00
1" Water Tap (minimum)	\$2,000.00
1 1/2" Water Tap (minimum)	\$3,000.00
2" Water Tap (minimum)	\$4,000.00
4" Sewer Tap	\$1,300.00
Labor per hour (8 hour day) Man & Backhoe *Minimum 4 hours labor	\$100/hour
Labor per hour (8 hour day) Two Men & Truck *Minimum 4 hours labor	\$100/hour
OVERTIME RATE - Labor per hour	\$135/hour



# Emergency Services



## York Police Department

Chief Brian Trail

12 N. Roosevelt Street, York, SC 29745

Main Line: 803-684-4141

## York Fire Department

Chief Michael Regal

14 N. Roosevelt Street, York, SC 29745

Main Line: 803-684-1700

For emergencies, please call 911





# Parks and Recreation

The City of York Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of recreational opportunities for residents of all ages through our recreational programs, facilities, and parks!

Parks	
City Park 245 Raille Street York, SC 29745	Green Street Park 41 Green Street York, SC 29745
Jefferson Field 37 Pinckney Street York, SC 29745	Lincoln Park 298 Lincoln Road York, SC 29745
Magnolia Street Park 33 Magnolia Street York, SC 29745	McCelvey Field 212 E. Jefferson Street York, SC 29745
Moore Park 131 N. Congress Street York, SC 29745	New Street Park 104 New Street York, SC 29745
Wooded Vally Park 190 Galilean Road York, SC 29745	

Facilities	
York Recreation Complex 74 Fourth Street York, SC 29745	York Recreation Center 21 White Rose Lane York, SC 29745





# Community Events



York is home to a variety of fun, family-friendly events that attract residents and visitors to the city. For information on our events, please visit [www.yorksc.gov](http://www.yorksc.gov).

Some of our City hosted and community partner events include:

## **January**

- City of York Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast
- Western York County NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

## **March**

- Tender Hearts March for the Heart 5K

## **April**

- Silver in the City
- Will Frederick Memorial Run for the Kids 5K

## **May**

- City of York Cinco de Mayo Celebration

## **June**

- City of York Summer Concert Series
- City of York Juneteenth Celebration

## **July**

- Summer Concert Series
- City of York 4th of July Celebration

## **August**

- Summer Concert Series

## **September**

- City of York White Rose Festival

## **October**

- YMCA Olde York Dash at Du5K
- J&K Paints & Pixels Nightmare of Congress St.

## **November**

- Yorkville Marketplace Carolina Christmas Show
- Veteran's Day Parade
- 14th Annual Running of the Turkeys

## **December**

- City of York Kickoff to Christmas Tree Lighting
- City of York Hometown Christmas Parade
- Historic Yorkville Holiday Home Tour





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