



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 16, 2025

Clerk to Council
200 Jackson Avenue East
Hampton, SC, 29924

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the updated South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-10 et seq., please provide my news outlet with copies of any and all records that reflect, reference or contain the following information:

- **All correspondence, invoices, payment records, and reconciliation documents** related to the leased equipment referenced in Hampton County's **October 16, 2025 official statement** concerning the Public Works Department's "payment posting error" and subsequent repossession.
- **Any and all communications** (including emails, letters, and phone logs or call summaries) between **Hampton County employees, officials, or agents** and **John Deere, Deere & Company Financial Services, or any other equipment-leasing vendor** from **July 1, 2025 through October 17, 2025** regarding lease payments, account status, or equipment retrieval.
- Copies of **all payment receipts, canceled checks, ACH confirmations, or other proof of payment** showing funds applied to the affected lease accounts referenced in the statement.
- **Internal memoranda or emails** discussing the discovery, investigation, or resolution of the "payment posting error."
- Documentation of the **new "internal controls" or procedural changes** implemented as a result of this incident, including any policy memos, directives, or staff guidance issued after October 16, 2025.

Please note that this request seeks *any and all* public information pursuant to the above-stated request, including any official business conducted on private email, phone or messaging accounts.

Section 30-4-30(b) of the S.C. code permits a public body to establish and collect fees not to exceed the actual cost of searching for and making copies of public records. If there is any anticipated cost, please provide an estimate of the cost prior to providing the information requested and please provide the methodology used to determine the anticipated fees.

Please be advised that FITSNews reserves the right to publish agency responses to FOIA requests in addition to the information requested. It is also the policy of FITSNews to pursue our rights under S.C. Code Ann. §22-5-110 in the event that agencies fail to respond within the prescribed time frame or withhold requested information. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at (740) 434-3413.

Respectfully,
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