

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Complaint C2024-089)
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Nicholas Duncan)
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Complainant.)
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Charles "Chuck" Wright)
Respondent.)
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NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The State Ethics Commission will, therefore, convene a formal hearing into the matters, in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the State Ethics Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from 7Eleven between April 2021 through November 2023 for soft drinks, snacks, candy, antidiarrheal medicine, and four (4) packs of cigarettes, totaling \$79.77, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWO

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Academy Sports in November 2022 for cordage, backpacks, and a trail camera, totaling \$236.61, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THREE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Amazon.com between February 2022 through October 2024 for twenty-one (21) months of Amazon Prime and an Arlo camera power cord, totaling \$369.11, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FOUR

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Appollo’s House of Pizza between February 2021 through March 2022 for meals totaling \$311.49, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIVE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from the Apple App Store between November 2020 through September 2024 for Apple Music, Huntwise, Family and Friends Locator, 8 Ball Pool, Guitar Lessons, iCloud Storage, Drums, Play Beats & Drum Games, ESPN+, Ramp Car Jumping, Tune In Radio, and Royal Match, totaling \$1,350.82, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SIX

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Batteries Plus in February 2021 for two (2) Task headlamps totaling \$67.30, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SEVEN

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from The Beacon Drive-In between January 2021 through September 2022 for meals totaling \$176.31, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT EIGHT

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Best Buy between July 2021 through May 2023 for an iPad, drinks, cellular phone mount, and a charitable donation, totaling \$946.20, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT NINE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Burger King between May 2021 through February 2024 for meals totaling \$89.78, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from C and C Ammunition between February 2021 through August 2024 for range time, ammunitions, hearing protection, and weapons accessories, totaling \$1,017.94, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT ELEVEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Chick-Fil-A between September 2021 through February 2024 for meals totaling \$345.90, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWELVE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Circle K between January 2022 through August 2024 for snack cakes, soft drinks, and cigarettes, totaling \$153.27, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTEEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from City Range between August 2022 through October 2022 for meals totaling \$171.20, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

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COUNT FOURTEEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Clear Skies Cafe between September 2022 through August 2024 for meals totaling \$260.40, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTEEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from CVS between February 2022 through May 2024 for sleep aids, juice, and home drug test kit, totaling \$71.04, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SIXTEEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Dollar General between September 2021 through July 2024 for gum, candy, food, cleaning products, sleep aids, and ninety-two (92) packs of cigarettes, totaling \$1,596.71, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SEVENTEEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Eggs Up Grill in May 2023 for meals totaling \$73.02, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT EIGHTEEN

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from El Molcajete in October 2022 and February 2023 for meals totaling \$69.30, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT NINETEEN

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Fiesta Mexican Restaurant in May 2023 for meals totaling \$95.13, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use County funds to pay \$210.00 in penalties to First Citizen Bank for exceeding his credit card limit when making personal purchases with the card in December 2022, January 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023, and October 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-ONE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from FitontheRun.com in August 2023 and November 2023 for fitness items totaling \$66.82, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-TWO
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Fuddruckers between December 2020 through January 2023 for meals totaling \$871.14, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-THREE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from GetPureCleanKeto.com in November 2023 and January 2024 for diet items totaling \$169.92, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-FOUR
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Grapevine in November 2021 for meals totaling \$93.16, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-FIVE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Hardees between September 2021 through January 2024 for meals totaling \$94.14, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-SIX
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make

personal purchases from Harrison's Workwear in October 2022 for boots and socks, totaling \$187.23, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Holmes Hotdogs between December 2020 through December 2021 for meals totaling \$52.37, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Skypoint.com in May 2021 for a one-year subscription for cellular trail camera access totaling \$99.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT TWENTY-NINE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Krispy Kreme between April 2021 through September 2023 for food totaling \$69.18, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make a personal purchase from La Paz Mexican Restaurant in July 2023 for a meal totaling \$54.71, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-ONE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Long Horn Steak House in November 2022 and August 2024 for meals totaling \$252.93, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-TWO
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from McDonalds between May 2021 through September 2024 for meals totaling \$268.41, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-THREE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make a personal purchase from Monterrey Mexican Restaurant in January 2022 for a meal totaling \$69.07, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-FOUR
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Outback Steak House in December 2021 and February 2023 for meals totaling \$206.45, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-FIVE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make

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personal purchases from Peach Blossom between January 2022 through April 2022 for meals totaling \$162.65, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-SIX
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Pizza Inn between November 2022 through October 2023 for meals totaling \$222.29, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-SEVEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from PureCleanKeto.com in December 2023 for diet supplies totaling \$84.96, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-EIGHT
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Pure Flix between November 2020 through May 2021 for a monthly subscription movie/television streaming service, totaling \$82.32, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT THIRTY-NINE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from QT between November 2021 through July 2024 for snacks, soft drinks, and thirty-eight (38) packs of cigarettes, totaling \$451.58, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Runway Cafe in August 2021 for meals totaling \$55.19, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-ONE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make a personal purchase from Ruths Chris Steak House in January 2022 for a meal totaling \$68.30, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-TWO

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Shine on 9 between April 2023 through October 2024 for a carwash membership, totaling \$855.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-THREE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Shipper Supply in December 2021 for packing stretch wrap totaling \$69.65, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-FOUR

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make

personal purchases from Sirius XM between October 2021 through August 2024 for a monthly subscription to XM radio, totaling \$1,586.55, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-FIVE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Souvlaki in May 2023 for meals totaling \$335.64, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-SIX
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Spinx between October 2021 through June 2024 for snacks, drinks, and carwashes, totaling \$91.27, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-SEVEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Strawberry Hill in October 2021 and December 2022 for food totaling \$86.32, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-EIGHT
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make a personal purchase from Stax’s Drake House in March 2023 for a meal totaling \$55.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FORTY-NINE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Substation II between February 2022 through November 2023 for meals totaling \$145.23, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Super King Buffet between March 2021 through November 2023 for meals totaling \$281.33, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-ONE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make a personal purchase from Taste of Thai in March 2022 for a meal totaling \$58.32, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-TWO

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make a personal purchase from Tavern Cafe in November 2021 for a meal totaling \$58.95, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-THREE

**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make

personal purchases from Tru Fitness Online between September 2023 through October 2024 for a monthly subscription for an online fitness app, totaling \$279.86, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-FOUR
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Tru Fitness Attire in September 2023 for fitness apparel, totaling \$56.86, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-FIVE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Verdins Farm & Garden Verdins Farm & Garden in August 2023 and December 2023 for agricultural/farm products, totaling \$75.09, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-SIX
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Waffle House between April 2021 through July 2024 for meals totaling \$96.89, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-SEVEN
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Walmart between March 2022 through December 2023 for sporting

goods, Christmas decorations, batteries, and medication, totaling \$238.33, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-EIGHT
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Whatta Wash in March 2023 and June 2023 car washes totaling \$69.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT FIFTY-NINE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from Zaxbys in March 2023 and June 2023 for meals totaling \$150.42, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SIXTY
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases of meals totaling \$455.47 as follows: 1) \$21.16 to Arby's between December 2020 through October 2022; 2) \$44.48 to Big Boy's Country Cooking in November 2021; 3) \$32.85 to Big Daddy's Restaurant in March 2022; 4) \$6.52 to Biscuitville in October 2023; 5) \$36.64 to Bojangles in December 2021 through September 2023; 6) \$7.64 to Boot's and Sonny's in February 2022; 7) \$33.46 to Clock of Gaffney in October 2021; 8) \$37.56 to Claudio's Bistro in August 2023; 9) \$45.59 to Coffee Bean in May 2023; 10) \$31.64 to El Poblano in January 2021; 11) \$8.64 to Hot Dogs & More in May 2023; 12) \$37.48 to Huddle House in December 2021; 13) \$27.15 to Jersey Mike's in July 2022; 14) \$35.30 to Jimmy Johns in February 2024; 15) \$7.95 to

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KFC in February 2024; 16) \$11.96 to Los Mexicano’s in April 2023; 17) \$10.30 to Theo’s Family Restaurant in October 2021; and 18) \$19.15 to Wendys in April 2021 and December 2022, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SIXTY-ONE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases of car washes totaling \$102.80 as follows: 1) \$19.80 to Bob’s Car Wash in December 2022; 2) \$25.00 to Hero’s Car Wash in February 2023; 3) \$18.00 to Hurricane Car Wash in September 2023; and 4) \$40.00 to Parrs Car Wash in April 2022 and October 2023, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SIXTY-TWO
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from retail stores totaling \$106.18 as follows: 1) \$10.74 to Family Dollar in December 2023 and January 2024; 2) \$15.43 to Food Lion in February 2024; 3) \$18.74 to Ingles in January 2024 and August 2024; 4) \$32.09 to T & K Outdoors in February 2023; and 5) \$29.18 total to Walgreens in July 2021 and July 2023, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

COUNT SIXTY-THREE
USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN
SECTION 8-13-700(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles “Chuck” Wright did use a credit card paid for with County funds to make personal purchases from convenience stores totaling \$513.29 as follows: 1) \$41.04 total to BP between August 2022 through February 2024; 2) \$34.01 to Carlisle Crossing in November 2022; 3) \$20.30 to Circle Food Store in August 2023; 4) \$38.33 to Club Corner in June 2023; 5) \$13.15

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to Corner Stop in December 2022; 6) \$13.19 to EZ Mart in September 2021 and February 2024; 7) \$23.58 to Fast Stop in October 2023 and November 2023; 8) \$39.78 to H & H Stop and Go between March 2022 through March 2024; 9) \$36.84 to Jenkins Mini Mart in May 2023; 10) \$12.59 to Kan & Ken in July 2023; 11) \$24.57 to Wilson's Corner Store in February 2022; 12) \$28.61 to Sunco in October 2022; 13) \$2.10 to Sowell, LLC in October 2023; 14) \$26.88 to Southern Pride in January 2023; 15) \$5.57 to Lucky Express in October 2023; 16) \$6.27 to Market Store in August 2023; 17) \$4.29 to Pauline General Store in April 2023; 18) \$19.77 to Petro Point in October 2022 and March 2024; 19) \$21.49 to Pop & Tops in November 2023; 20) \$30.97 to PJ's Quickstop in July 2023 and June 2024; 21) \$15.19 to Quick Purchase in January 2023 and January 2024; 22) \$2.49 to Raceway in February 2022; 23) \$13.10 to S & J Mart in May 2022; 24) \$1.49 to SAI Mart in September 2023; 25) \$10.00 to Sam's Corner in February 2021; and 26) \$27.69 to Scotchman in August 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics

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Commission.



Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 29th day,
of September 2025.

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Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on Respondent's Attorney Steve Denton, 178 W. Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 15th day of October 2025, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.

Columbia, South Carolina


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