

2 Minute City DOGE Proposal to a City Council

Good evening Mayor and Council Members. My name is _____. I am a member of this community and founder of a soon to be nationally recognized digital platform, focused on public local financial transparency.

I am here tonight for one simple reason:

To ask you to vote to create a CityDoge Financial Oversight Committee made up of volunteer Certified Public Accountants.

This committee would not make laws or in any way run the town.

It would not replace Council.

It would do one thing only: independently review how public money is spent.

Every year this Town and this County spend millions of dollars in Accommodations Tax, Hospitality Tax, Tourism marketing, Nonprofit and Chamber contracts...

Yet no independent financial oversight exists.

Taxpayers are forced to rely on the same lawyers who draft the contracts, the same staff who process the checks, and the same recipients who receive the money

That is not oversight... That is circular self-policing.

The CityDoge Committee fixes that — legally, ethically, and at zero cost.

The ordinance I submitted does three things: Appoints independent volunteer CPAs, gives them access to financial records, and requires their findings to be made public under FOIA

Taxpayers deserve to know that their money is being used appropriately. The Doge committee simply gives them a way to verify that it is.

Transparency is not an attack on government, ***it is the foundation of government.***

This council has full legal authority under South Carolina Home Rule to create advisory committees, Planning Commissions, A Tax Committee – why not a financial audit committee?

A financial-oversight committee is not radical.

It is standard governance.

So tonight I respectfully request that Council place the CityDoge Financial Oversight Committee ordinance on the next agenda for a vote.

Either you vote yes and embrace transparency, or you can vote no and explain to the public why independent CPAs should not be allowed to see how their money is spent.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.