

S.C. Municipalities - Date of incorporation and county in which located

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "39. Please provide a table listing all municipalities in South Carolina and, for each, date of incorporation and county(ies) in which it is located."

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table that is provided in Attachment I.

ATTACHMENT I

Municipalities

Name	Date of Charter/Commission	County
Abbeville	(04/14/1904)	Abbeville
Aiken	(12/24/1889)	Aiken
Allendale	02/26/1916	Allendale
Anderson	02/20/1908	Anderson
Andrews	10/25/1909	Georgetown
Arcadia Lakes	11/03/1959	Richland
Atlantic Beach	06/30/1966	Horry
Awendaw	(05/15/1992)	Charleston
Aynor	05/21/1914	Horry
Bamberg	04/22/1897	Bamberg
Barnwell	11/25/1909	Barnwell
Batesburg-Leesville (formerly Batesburg, merged with Leesville)	09/09/1901	Lexington
Beaufort	05/02/1913	Beaufort
Belton	10/02/1914	Anderson
Bennettsville	(12/20/1866)	Marlboro
Bethune	06/11/1900	Kershaw
Bishopville	03/21/1905	Lee
Blacksburg	02/04/1899	Cherokee
Blackville (name changed to Clinton and back to Blackville)	(07/13/1908)	Barnwell
Blenheim	06/04/1901	Marlboro
Bluffton	04/22/1903	Beaufort
Blythewood	(12/24/1879)	Richland
Bonneau	04/25/1935	Berkeley
Bowman	(12/18/1894)	Orangeburg
Branchville	06/07/1897	Orangeburg
Briarcliffe Acres	02/25/1976	Horry
Brunson	12/09/1907	Hampton
Burnettown	06/30/1941	Aiken
Calhoun Falls	01/09/1908	Abbeville
Camden	(03/01/1906)	Kershaw

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Cameron	07/10/1896	Calhoun
Campobello	03/11/1910	Spartanburg
Carlisle	03/15/1898	Union
Cayce	09/07/1914	Lexington
Central	10/08/1901	Pickens
Central Pacolet	09/14/1955	Spartanburg
Chapin	(12/24/1889)	Lexington
Charleston	(08/13/1873)	Charleston
Cheraw	(07/05/1899)	Chesterfield
Cheraw	(02/15/1908)	Chesterfield
Chesnee	05/26/1911	Spartanburg
Chester	(12/18/1840)	Chester
Chesterfield	01/15/1902	Chesterfield
Clemson (formerly Calhoun)	07/27/1937	Pickens
Clinton	03/24/1906	Laurens
Clio	(02/04/1882)	Marlboro
Clover	12/09/1904	York
Columbia	12/24/1889	Richland
Conway (formerly Conwayboro)	04/13/1898	Horry
Cope	(12/22/1894)	Orangeburg
Cordova	08/19/1914	Orangeburg
Cottageville	11/22/1937	Colleton
Coward	05/07/1963	Florence
Cowpens	04/06/1900	Spartanburg
Cross Hill	05/19/1896	Laurens
Darlington	(12/19/1835)	Darlington
Denmark (formerly Grahams)	12/22/1885	Bamberg
Dillon	04/04/1901	Dillon
Donalds	(12/24/1884)	Abbeville
Due West (formerly Selma)	12/18/1846	Abbeville

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Duncan	08/15/1896	Spartanburg
Easley	03/23/1901	Pickens
Eastover	03/07/1907	Richland
Edgefield	02/28/1898	Edgefield
Edisto Beach	12/18/1970	Colleton
Ehrhardt	05/02/1898	Bamberg
Elgin (formerly Blaney)	01/23/1908	Kershaw
Elko	06/07/1877	Barnwell
Elloree (formerly Harlin City)	03/04/1924	Orangeburg
Estill	09/08/1905	Hampton
Eutawville	09/09/1907	Orangeburg
Fairfax	05/16/1898	Allendale
Florence	(03/09/1871)	Florence
Folly Beach	07/27/1951	Charleston
Forest Acres	09/24/1935	Richland
Fort Lawn	(12/24/1887)	Chester
Fort Mill	10/11/1907	York
Fountain Inn	05/03/1911	Greenville
Furman	04/17/1911	Hampton
Gaffney	3/3/1875	Cherokee
Gaston	02/05/1975	Lexington
Georgetown	(12/27/1950)	Georgetown
Gifford	03/07/1972	Hampton
Gilbert (formerly Lewiedale)	05/12/1899	Lexington
Goose Creek	03/22/1961	Berkeley
Govan	(12/18/1894)	Bamberg
Gray Court	10/20/1899	Laurens
Great Falls	(05/16/1968)	Chester
Greelyville	03/06/1914	Williamsburg
Greenville	02/14/1907	Greenville
Greenwood	11/06/1896	Greenwood

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Greer	02/11/1905	Greenville/ Spartanburg
Hampton	12/23/1879	Hampton
Hanahan	09/21/1973	Berkeley
Hardeeville	04/08/1911	Beaufort/Jasper
Harleyville	(12/20/1893)	Dorchester
Hartsville	10/29/1906	Darlington
Heath Springs	12/24/1890	Lancaster
Hemingway	06/22/1914	Williamsburg
Hickory Grove	12/19/1919	York
Hilda	11/08/1910	Barnwell
Hilton Head Island	05/18/1983	Beaufort
Hodges	01/17/1901	Greenwood
Holly Hill	(12/19/1887)	Orangeburg
Hollywood	12/03/1949	Charleston
Honea Path	02/16/1917	Anderson
Inman	(05/31/1905)	Spartanburg
Irmo	03/19/1902	Richland
Isle of Palms	01/12/1953	Charleston
Iva	09/07/1904	Anderson
Jackson	05/26/1951	Aiken
James Island	05/17/2012	Charleston
Jamestown	08/06/1957	Berkeley
Jefferson	04/11/1904	Chesterfield
Jenkinsville	03/08/2008	Fairfield
Johnsonville	05/24/1913	Florence
Johnston (formerly Johnson's Turnout)	06/22/1877	Edgefield
Jonesville	08/25/1896	Union
Kershaw	03/23/1921	Kershaw-Lancaster
Kiawah Island	09/13/1988	Charleston
Kingstree	09/27/1905	Williamsburg
Kline	03/30/1904	Barnwell
Lake City	11/27/1912	Williamsburg

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(formerly Graham)		
Lake View (formerly Page's Mill)	02/26/1907	Dillon
Lamar	05/25/1897	Darlington
Lancaster	04/19/1898	Lancaster
Landrum	09/10/1897	Spartanburg
Lane	10/09/1912	Williamsburg
Latta	03/11/1908	Dillon
Laurens	(04/12/1916)	Laurens
Lexington	09/30/1903	Lexington
Liberty	09/24/1904	Pickens
Lincolnton	06/12/1916	Charleston
Little Mountain	06/25/1924	Newberry
Livingston	(12/19/1892)	Orangeburg
Lockhart	10/25/1955	Union
Lodge	03/23/1899	Colleton
Loris	07/26/1902	Horry
Lowndesville	02/20/1897	Abbeville
Lowrys (formerly Lowryville)	12/28/1907	Chester
Luray	03/26/1904	Hampton
Lydia	08/20/1913	Darlington
Lyman	05/14/1954	Spartanburg
Lynchburg	04/08/1905	Lee
Manning	03/15/1904	Clarendon
Marion	(02/21/1905)	Marion
Mauldin	02/14/1910	Greenville
Mayesville	(02/13/1874)	Sumter
McBee	10/08/1901	Chesterfield
McClellanville	08/03/1926	Charleston
McColl	07/20/1909	Marlboro
McConnells	09/14/1906	York
McCormick	05/07/1913	McCormick
Meggett	01/09/1905	Charleston

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Moncks Corner	12/15/1909	Berkeley
Monetta	04/27/1905	Aiken/Saluda
Mount Croghan	10/23/1911	Chesterfield
Mount Pleasant	12/20/1837	Charleston
Mullins	02/02/1904	Marion
Myrtle Beach	03/12/1938	Horry
Neeses	08/14/1903	Orangeburg
New Ellenton	04/26/1952	Aiken
Newberry	12/02/1919	Newberry
Nichols	06/24/1896	Marion
Ninety-Six	05/27/1905	Greenwood
Norris	10/16/1909	Pickens
North	09/30/1974	Orangeburg
North Augusta	04/11/1906	Aiken
North Charleston	06/12/1972	Charleston
North Myrtle Beach	05/07/1968	Horry
Norway (formerly Prewitts)	12/16/1891	Orangeburg
Olanta	06/01/1908	Florence
Olar (formerly Hammond)	12/23/1891	Bamberg
Orangeburg	08/10/1904	Orangeburg
Pacolet	04/28/1896	Spartanburg
Pageland	01/11/1908	Chesterfield
Pamplico	12/01/1913	Florence
Parksville	(12/26/1884)	McCormick
Patrick	11/22/1906	Chesterfield
Pawleys Island	09/04/1985	Georgetown
Paxville	12/12/1905	Clarendon
Peak	(02/29/1880)	Newberry
Pelion	09/07/1912	Lexington
Pelzer	03/17/1952	Greenville, Anderson
Pendleton	(04/13/1898)	Anderson

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Perry	(12/20/1888)	Aiken
Pickens	07/06/1908	Pickens
Pine Ridge	06/02/1958	Lexington
Pinewood (formerly Clarendon)	12/15/1899	Sumter
Plum Branch	06/18/1908	Mcormick
Pomaria	01/01/1903	Newberry
Port Royal	03/11/1932	Beaufort
Prosperity (formerly Frog Level)	07/05/1898	Newberry
Quinby	07/07/1967	Florence
Ravenel	11/14/1949	Charleston
Reevesville	03/16/1905	Dorchester
Reidville	02/15/1918	Spartanburg
Richburg	(12/24/1889)	Chester
Ridge Spring	08/23/1897	Saluda
Ridgeland	11/13/1900	Jasper
Ridgeville	07/20/1897	Dorchester
Ridgeway	05/09/1896	Fairfield
Rock Hill	(04/09/1902)	York
Rockville	(04/24/1996)	Charleston
Rowesville	(02/09/1876)	Orangeburg
Ruby	09/05/1902	Chesterfield
Salem	02/23/1952	Oconee
Salley	02/06/1918	Aiken
Saluda	02/10/1897	Saluda
Santee	05/20/1949	Orangeburg
Scotia	06/16/1906	Hampton
Scranton	01/19/1898	Florence
Seabrook Island	(05/26/1987)	Charleston
Sellers	07/01/1905	Dillon/Marion
Seneca	05/10/1899	Oconee
Sharon	03/24/1920	York
Silverstreet	11/01/1910	Newberry

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Simpsonville	08/13/1901	Greenville
Six Mile	12/15/1910	Pickens
Smoaks	12/16/1912	Colleton
Smyrna	(01/05/1895)	York
Snelling	08/04/1906	Barnwell
Society Hill (formerly Society Hill Depot)	09/02/1926	Darlington
South Congaree	08/08/1957	Lexington
Spartanburg	12/14/1901	Spartanburg
Springdale	06/17/1955	Lexington
Springfield	(12/19/1887)	Orangeburg
St. George	03/03/1911	Dorchester
St. Matthews (formerly Lewisville)	12/24/1888	Calhoun
St. Stephens	05/20/1913	Berkeley
Starr	05/16/1905	Anderson
Stuckey	08/10/1953	Williamsburg
Sullivans Island	06/16/1975	Charleston
Summerton	03/30/1921	Clarendon
Summerville	01/25/1906	Dorchester
Summit	05/21/1901	Lexington
Sumter (formerly Sumterville)	12/15/1845	Sumter
Surfside Beach	03/14/1964	Horry
Swansea	02/08/1905	Lexington
Sycamore	10/07/1993	Allendale
Tatum	(12/24/1887)	Marlboro
Tega Cay	(04/19/1982)	York
Timmonsville	03/16/1857	Florence
Travelers Rest	12/21/1959	Greenville
Trenton	06/22/1903	Edgefield
Troy	04/10/1907	Greenwood
Turbeville	08/18/1914	Clarendon
Ulmer	12/22/1891	Allendale

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Union	08/15/1907	Union
Van Wyck	08/23/2017	Lancaster
Vance	04/13/1921	Orangeburg
Varnville	(12/24/1880)	Hampton
Wagner	02/21/1908	Aiken
Walhalla	10/19/1901	Oconee
Walterboro	02/01/1910	Colleton
Ward	10/18/1897	Saluda
Ware Shoals	01/17/1966	Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens
Waterloo	(12/15/1885)	Laurens
Wellford	03/17/1911	Spartanburg
West Columbia (formerly Brookland)	09/13/1911	Lexington
West Pelzer (formerly Frankville)	12/24/1913	Anderson
West Union	07/21/1900	Oconee
Westminister	12/31/1907	Oconee
Whitmire	12/02/1919	Newberry
Williams	04/16/1914	Colleton
Williamston	03/14/1898	Anderson
Williston	05/23/1905	Barnwell
Windsor	12/15/1885	Aiken
Winnsboro	03/03/1903	Fairfield
Woodford	03/23/1906	Orangeburg
Woodruff	02/01/1908	Spartanburg
Yemassee	08/20/1904	Beaufort/Hampton
York (formerly Yorkville)	05/19/1900	York

Sources:

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Notes:

Municipalities with incorporation dates in parenthesis did not have a recorded charter in the Charter Books listed under sources. General Assembly incorporation dates are derived from the above sources, but have not been confirmed through the *Statutes At Large*.