

*A Bill of Rights for the Citizens of Ballentine SC*

As we form a new town in Ballentine, South Carolina, we, the citizens of this community, hold the following principles as our “Bill of Rights” to guide our elected town officials in making decisions:

**PURPOSE** - The main reason to incorporate as the Town of Ballentine is to preserve and enhance the quality of life of residents in our community.

**TAXES** – There will be **NO NEW PROPERTY TAXES** imposed on the citizens of this Town unless approved by a **VOTE OF THE TOWN RESIDENTS**, not just by action of the Town Council.

**INCOME** – The Town Council will impose no increase to the business license fees currently being paid by businesses operating within the town limits unless voted on by the residents of the Town.

**BOND ISSUE** – The Town Council will approve only balanced budgets so as not to incur debt on Town residents.

**TOWN COUNCIL** – All Town residents are encourage to run for municipal office and elected officials are to serve **ALL** the residents of the Town, not interest groups with specific agendas.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – The Town of Ballentine will continue to use police services provided by Richland County unless a change is voted on by the Town residents.

**ZONING** – Land usage policies and zoning standards will be set by the Ballentine Town Council, not Richland County. We believe Town residents can best determine the standards of our community.

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