

General County Government Information

County	Date Formed	Form of Government	Method of Election	Council Members	Term Length	Council of Government
Abbeville	1785	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Aiken	1871	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	9	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Allendale	1919	Council	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Anderson	1826	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	2 yrs.	Appalachian
Bamberg	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Barnwell	1800	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Beaufort	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	11	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Berkeley	1682	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-
Calhoun	1908	Council	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Charleston	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-
Cherokee	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Chester	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Chesterfield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Clarendon	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	5	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Colleton	1800	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Darlington	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Dillon	1910	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Dorchester	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-
Edgefield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	2 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Fairfield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Florence	1888	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Georgetown	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
Greenville	1786	Council-Administrator	Single Member	12	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Greenwood	1897	Council-Manager	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Hampton	1878	Council-Administrator	At-Large	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Horry	1801	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	12	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
Jasper	1912	Council-Administrator	At Large	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Kershaw	1791	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Lancaster	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Laurens	1785	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Lee	1902	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Lexington	1804	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Marion	1800	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Marlboro	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
McCormick	1916	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Newberry	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Oconee	1868	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Orangeburg	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Pickens	1826	Council-Administrator	Single Member	6	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Richland	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	11	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Saluda	1895	Council	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	5	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Spartanburg	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	7	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Sumter	1800	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Union	1785	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Williamsburg	1804	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
York	1785	Council-Manager	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba

*Chester County form of government changes from council-supervisor to council-administrator on January 1, 2023.