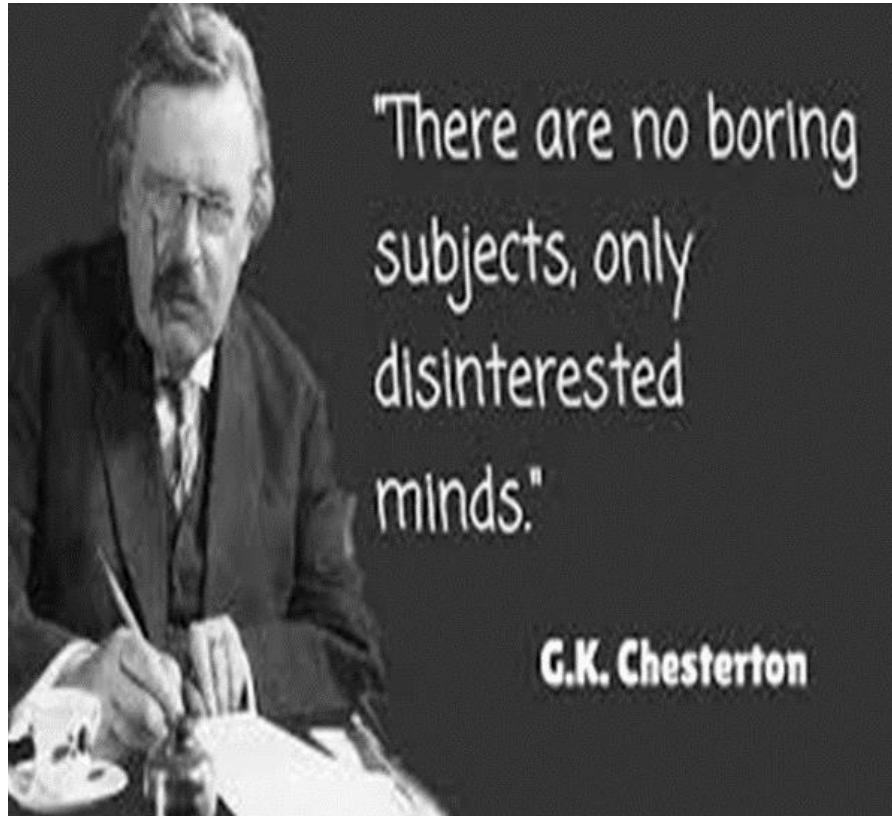




# Transportation Forum

SC Office of Regulatory Staff  
October 18, 2022

# Purpose



Why are we here?

- **Provide an Overview of ORS**
- **Discuss Changes in Laws**
- **Continue to Build Relationships**
- **Find out what you need from us!**

# Tom Allen

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- **Chief of Broadband, Communications & Safety for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff**
- **Oversight of Rail and Pipeline Safety, Transportation for Hire, Telecommunications, Broadband and Emergency Support Function 12**

# Facilities and Safety

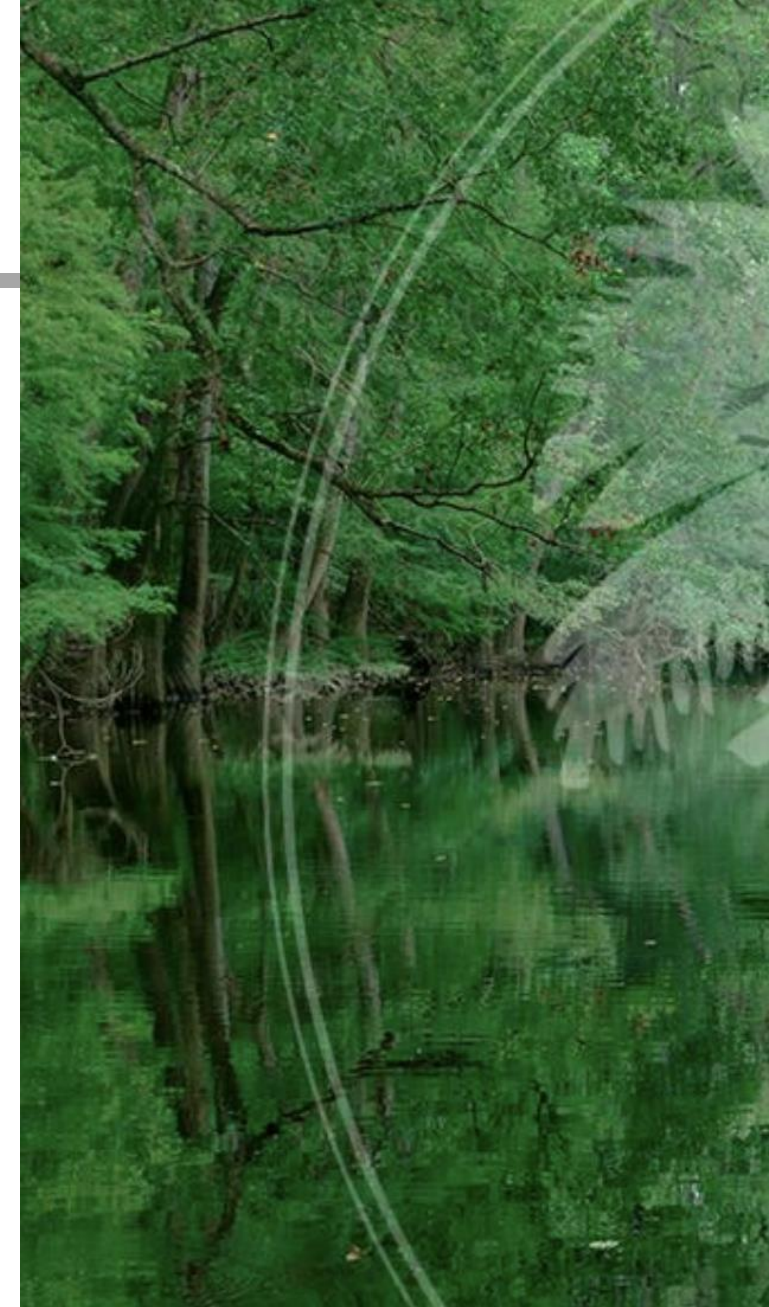
- Location of restrooms, break rooms, cell phones and calls
- Sign-in sheet
- Inclement Weather/External Threat Procedures
- Emergency Exits and Rally Point
- Medical Emergencies, 911, First Aid/CPR

**SAFETY FIRST!**

# About ORS

**The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) was created with the enactment of Act 175 in 2004.**

The ORS represents the public interest of South Carolina in utility regulation for the major utility industries — electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water/wastewater, and transportation — before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC), the court system, the South Carolina General Assembly, and federal regulatory bodies.



# ORS Mission

**ORS represents consumers of investor-owned utilities in SC before the PSC. (PSC sets utilities' rates)**

**ORS must look at the impact to the consumer and utilities' continued investment in reliable and high-quality services.**

**ORS participates in matters before the PSC for electric, natural gas, transportation, water and wastewater utilities, and most telecommunications providers.**

**ORS is party of record for all cases, including rates, that go before the PSC.**

**ORS audits and inspects investor-owned utilities and provides limited oversight of electric cooperatives.**

**ORS administers the leasing program for solar panels in South Carolina.**

**The staff is organized into the following divisions:**

- 1. Utilities Rates (electric, natural gas, water and wastewater)**
- 2. Utilities Services (consumer services, solar)**
- 3. Energy Office**
- 4. Broadband, Communications & Safety (Rail Safety, Pipeline Safety, Transportation, Telecom, EM, Broadband)**
- 5. Legal**
- 6. Communications**
- 7. Auditing & Administration**





# Broadband, Communications & Safety

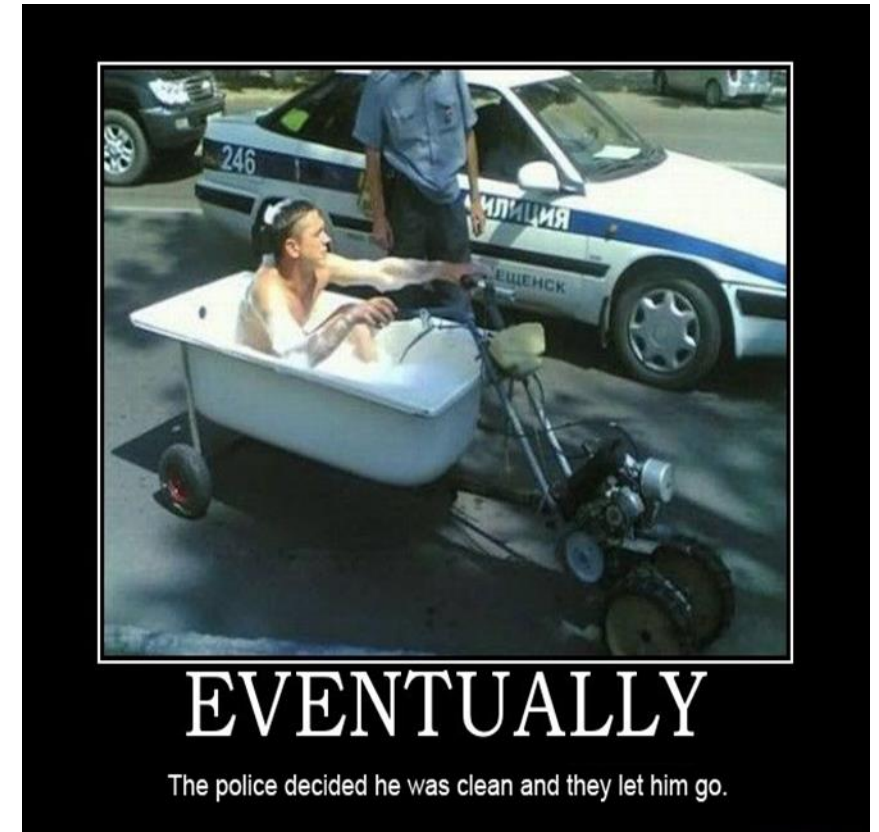
- **Pipeline and Rail Safety:** Agreements with USDOT to enforce federal regulations
- **Broadband:** central planning body to coordinate with federal, state, regional, local, and private entities to engage in the continued deployment of broadband in the state.
- **Telecommunications:** regulation of traditional landline carriers, lifeline, dual party relay
- **Emergency Response:** work with SCEMD to get utilities resources during emergencies and disasters



## TRANSPORTATION

The ORS has regulatory oversight of the licensing – including enforcement of insurance and rates – of motor carriers of:

- Passengers (including taxis, charter, charter buses, limousines, non-emergency, stretcher vans and transportation network carriers such as Uber and Lyft)
- Household Goods Moved within South Carolina



# Dina Lusk

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- Transportation Specialist for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
- I manage the semi-annual licensing and decal fee payment process and insurance filing of motor carriers that hold a Class C Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

# Field Enforcement – Transportation Inspectors

ORS has three transportation inspectors that provide regulatory enforcement in the field.

- Investigations
- Complaints
- Vehicles – Registration, Lettering, License Plates, Certificate Number, Trade Dress, etc.
- Driver Information Requirements
- Driver File Audits

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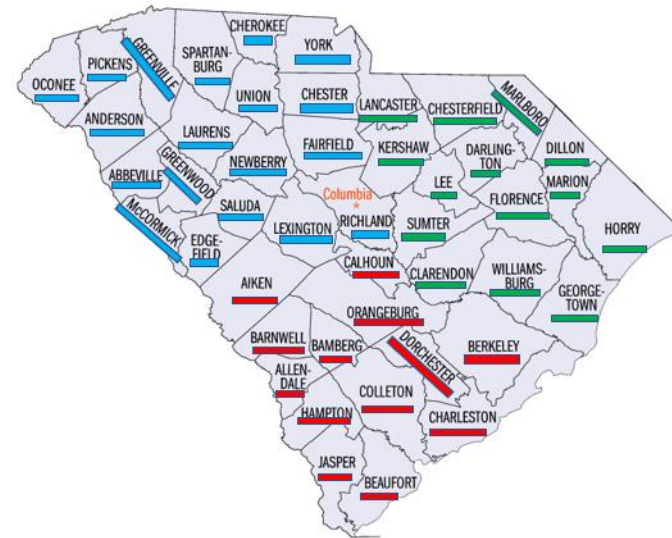
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# Statute Changes

- 58-23-210-
  - (A) An applicant applying for a certificate or applying to amend a certificate to operate as a motor vehicle common carrier must submit a written application to the commission on a form provided by the commission. The commission must post information regarding an application to apply for a certificate or amend a certificate for fifteen days immediately following receipt of the application. Any person who may be affected by the issuance or amendment of the requested certificate or amendment may file a written objection with the commission within fourteen days after the commission posts the notice regarding the application.
  - (B)(1) If no objection to an application is filed pursuant to subsection (A), the commission may meet to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service, upon a showing based upon criteria established by the commission. If the commission issues a directive approving the application, the Office of Regulatory Staff may then issue the certificate. The directive of the commission shall serve as the commission's order thirty days after issuance.
- 58-23-560- A holder of a certificate A, B, or C must annually before January first of each year pay to the Office of Regulatory Staff a fee of fifty dollars per vehicle.

# New Registration Process

- You will still receive a reminder from ORS to register vehicles
  - By mail this year
  - Only email in future
- Register vehicles in portal or mail in check/money order
  - \$50 per vehicle
- If you add a vehicle throughout the year, you must register and pay the \$50 registration fee.
- Once registration fee is paid and other compliance requirements are met, vehicles are added to Active Vehicle List
- Transfer applications are still available
- Active Vehicle Report

# Registration Form

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM**

This is a vehicle registration form. As of May 23, 2022, South Carolina Code Section 58-23-560 states that the holder of a Certificate A, B, or C must pay to ORS annually, before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a registration fee of **\$50 per vehicle**. You are renewing your registration for:

**The 2023 Enforcement Period (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)**

Failure to renew or register new vehicles with the ORS could result in revocation of your operating certificate and a fine.

You can register new vehicles in one of two ways. Only choose one of these options to pay and register your vehicle.

**ALL REGISTRATION PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

- Register and pay your registration fees online through the ORS online vehicle registration portal. The online registration portal is located at (<http://ors.sc.gov>) under Regulated Utilities, Transportation. You will pay for each vehicle with a credit or debit card.
- OR**
- Complete and mail this form to the SC Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, SC 29201. With this form, you need to include a business and/or personal check, money order, or certified/cashier check. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** You may send one (1) money order/check as payment of the fees for multiple vehicles.

THE DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION IS **December 15, 2022.**

APPLICATION FOR ORS VEHICLE REGISTRATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Type or write clearly on the bottom of this form
- You are required to complete ALL portions of this form.
- You must be in compliance with all Public Service Commission and Office of Regulatory Staff requirements before any vehicle is placed on the active vehicle list, issued by the ORS.

**Class C:  Charter  Non-Emergency  Stretcher Van  Taxi**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company DBA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE OWNER <small>(Based on DMV registration)</small>	VEHICLE MAKE/BODY TYPE	Year	Current Plate #	Seating Capacity	VIN # (LAST 6 DIGITS)

**There is a \$50 fee for each vehicle registered**

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle(s) x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE FILL OUT FRONT AND BACK\*\***

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM**

VEHICLE OWNER <small>(Based on DMV registration)</small>	VEHICLE MAKE/BODY TYPE	Year	Current Plate #	Seating Capacity	VIN # (LAST 6 DIGITS)

**\*\*PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW\*\***

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

\*Company Mailing Address

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Transfer Form

## TRANSFER OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Class C:  Charter  Non-Emergency  Stretcher Van  Taxi

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company DBA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### CURRENT REGISTERED VEHICLE

Vehicle Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ VIN# (Last 6 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Seating Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### NEW REGISTERED VEHICLE

Vehicle Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ VIN# (Last 6 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Seating Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of person requesting the transfer)



# Proposed Insurance Regulations

- Insurance policies and surety bonds for bodily injury and property damage will have limits of liability not less than the following:

MOTOR CARRIERS, KIND OF LIABILITY LIMITS

EQUIPMENT & CAPACITY

PASSENGER

- Taxis: \$100,000.00 \$300,000.00 \$50,000.00
- All other Passenger Carriers:
  - 1 to 15 Passengers \$1,500,000.00 Carriers Schedule of Limits (CSL)
  - 16+ Passengers \$5,000,000.00 Carriers Schedule of Limits (CSL)

- Still Required to file a Form E as proof of insurance

# Compliance Letters

## Class C: Charter, Taxi, Non-Emergency, Stretcher Van

Good afternoon,

This email is being sent to notify you that the S.C. Public Service Commission issued Order No. 2022-000 on September 1, 2022, granting the authority for your Class C Charter Certificate. The deadline to comply with this Order is December 1, 2022. To comply with this Order, you must complete the requirements below. Failure to comply with the Order may result in the authorization being rescinded.

**YOUR CERTIFICATE CANNOT BE ISSUED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THESE REQUIREMENTS IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER.**

### 1. VEHICLE INSPECTION AND RECORDS AUDIT PERFORMED BY ORS INSPECTOR

Call Officer George Parker 803-240-6248 to schedule an appointment. Here is a link to the Driver File and Vehicle Requirements for a Class C Charter Certificate holder (<https://ors.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Regulatory/transportation/Class%20C/Charter%20Driver%20File%20%20Vehicle%20Requirements%20July%202021.pdf>). Please review this information carefully so you will be familiar with the requirements. It is provided to help you be prepared for your inspection with the ORS Inspector.

### 2. INSURANCE LIABILITY (FORM E) in the certificated name: Thomas Taxi

Regarding the Insurance Form E, it can be emailed to [transportation@ors.sc.gov](mailto:transportation@ors.sc.gov), or it can be submitted electronically via NIC. The Form E must be submitted by your insurance company once you purchase a commercial auto liability policy. It is not something that you can submit to ORS.

### 3. VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE(S) - THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT. PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS BELOW.

1. If you want to register and pay registration fee(s) online, you can use the ORS online vehicle registration payment portal. The online vehicle registration payment portal is located on the "Transportation" page of our website (<https://ors.sc.gov/>), and here is a link to the portal (<https://sc.accessgov.com/ors/Forms/Page/ors/decals/0>).
2. If you don't use the online payment portal, a link to a PDF version of the decal application form is located here on our website (<https://ors.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Regulatory/transportation/Class%20C/License%20Decal%20Application%20Form%20First%20Half%20Year%202022.pdf>). Please complete this form, print it out, and **mail** the completed application(s) with the appropriate fee(s), in the form of a money order, a cashier's check to the address listed in my email signature below.

# Updated DMV Process

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- Process to get LS plates:
  - Make registration payment on ORS Vehicle Registration Portal
  - ORS will send a Form to carrier with vehicles that are registered
  - Carrier takes form to **any DMV** in SC and they will accept and begin process of getting tags
  - Once tag is received, notify ORS of tag number so vehicle can be added to the Active Vehicle Report
  - Similar process for new companies

# Form to take to DMV

Nanette S. Edwards, Executive Director



Office of Regulatory Staff  
1401 Main Street  
Suite 900  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 737-0800  
ORS.SC.GOV

SCDMV,  
This serves as notice that \_\_\_\_\_ has  
received certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ through ORS on \_\_\_\_\_ and the following \_\_\_\_\_  
vehicles are eligible to receive an LS plate:

VEHICLE OWNER	VEHICLE MAKE/YEAR	VIN NUMBER	CURRENT PLATE # (If Applicable)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ORS at 803-737-0800 ext. 2.

Sincerely,  
*Thomas Meekins*  
Transportation Manager  
Broadband, Communications, and Safety

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Applicant is responsible for providing ORS with a copy of the new registration issued by SCDMV. Registration information can be emailed to [transportation@ors.sc.gov](mailto:transportation@ors.sc.gov)\*

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