

**South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office**  
**Fiscal Year 2020-21**  
**Proviso 117.71 Fines and Fees Report**

**Background**

Proviso 117.71 of the FY 2021-2022 Appropriations Act requires agencies to produce a report showing the aggregate amount of fines and fees that were charged and collected by the agency in the prior fiscal year. This report shares this information from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

**Proviso Requiring Fines and Fees Report**

Proviso 117.71. (GP: Fines and Fees Report) states that in order to promote accountability and transparency, each state agency must provide and release to the public via the agency's website, a report of all aggregate amounts of fines and fees that were charged and collected by that state agency in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the code section, regulation, or proviso that authorized the fines and fees to be charged, collected, or received; (2) the amount of the fine or fee; (3) the amount received by source; (4) the purpose for which the funds were expended by the agency; (5) the amount of funds transferred to the general fund, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place; and (6) the amount of funds transferred to another entity, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place, as well as the name of the entity to which the funds were transferred. The report must be posted online by September first. Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized for use by each state agency shall be used to accomplish this directive.

**Authorization of Fines and Fees**

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) is authorized to receive fines and fees from the following sources:

Proviso 103.5. (RFAO: Revenue for Goods and Services) states that the respective sections of the RFA are authorized to provide and receive from other governmental entities, including other divisions, state and local agencies and departments, and the private sector, goods and services, as will in its opinion promote efficient and economical operations. The sections may charge and pay the entities for the goods and services, the revenue from which shall be deposited in the state treasury in a special account and expended only for the costs of providing the goods and services, and such funds may be retained and be expended for the same purposes.

South Carolina Code of Laws §23-47-65(C)(1)(c) provides that RFA is authorized to incur expenses that are subject to reimbursement from the CMRS E911 surcharge fund for

provision of any administrative, legal, support, or other services to assist the RFA in fulfilling its responsibilities for public safety communication centers. Under this section, two percent of the wireless surcharge is allocated for administrative expenses.

South Carolina Code of Laws §44-6-155(C)(7) provides up to two hundred forty thousand dollars for the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse RFA and hospitals for the cost of collecting and reporting data pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws §44-6-170.

**Amount of Fines and Fees**

| <b>Fee Type</b>                                      | <b>Fee Rate</b>   | <b>Amount Received</b> |
|--|---|------------------------|
| <u>Geodetic Survey Section</u>                       |   |                        |
| Subscriptions to Real Time Network (Proviso 103.5)   | \$600 Annual Fee;<br>One-time Activation of \$100;<br>\$15 credit card transaction fee                                      | \$593,160.00           |
| Geographic Information Council (Proviso 103.5)       | Annual contribution per member for personnel and operations \$15,000, and aerial imagery \$5,000; ad hoc for aerial imagery | \$697,848.00           |
| Sale of Services (Proviso 103.5)                     | Actual charges incurred by RFA  | \$74,682.34            |
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| <u>Health and Demographics Division</u>              |   |                        |
| Sale of Services (Proviso 103.5 and §44-6-155(C)(7)) | \$90 per hour;<br>\$1.25 per 1,000 records requested;<br>Actual charges incurred by RFA                                     | \$3,799,326.95         |
| Sale of Listings and Labels (Proviso 103.5)          | \$35 per request, plus \$0.05 per record  | \$19,716.55            |
| Sale of Maps (Proviso 103.5)                         | \$35 per map  | \$0.00                 |

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| <u>Digital Cartography and Precinct Demographics</u> |  |              |
| Sale of Maps (Proviso 103.5)                         | \$25 per map   | \$175.00     |
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| <u>Wireless E911 Section</u>                         |  |              |
| Administration (§23-47-65)                           | Actual administrative costs, including payroll, associated fringe, and operating         | \$372,782.79 |
| <u>Miscellaneous Operations</u>                      |  |              |
| Freedom of Information Act Requests                  | Black and White Copies \$0.10 per page; Color Copies \$0.25 per page<br><br>Actual Costs | \$0.00       |

**Purpose for Which Funds Were Expended by Agency**

*Geodetic Survey Section.* Revenues are generated through sales of subscriptions to the Real Time Network. The Real Time Network is a GPS network that provides efficient methods of real time positioning solutions for surveying and mapping activities related to utility, transportation and other public capital improvement projects. These subscriptions cover the direct and indirect administrative costs of maintaining the South Carolina Real Time Network. In addition, revenues are generated through annual contributions from member agencies of the South Carolina Geographic Information Council (SCGIC). The SCGIC hosting function was transferred from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to RFA in FY2018-19. Additional other funds authorization to support this function was requested by RFA through the annual budget submission process and appropriated through the 2019-2020 General Appropriations Bill. The purpose of the SCGIC is to better coordinate GIS activities in the state including spatial data collection and management, standards development and data and information sharing. RFA is currently serving as the host for the administrative and technical functions of the SCGIC, and revenues support the State GIS Coordinator position and operating functions, including the statewide aerial imagery collection. Revenues are also generated through sales of services to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for review and reset of beach survey monuments along the coast.

*Health and Demographics Division.* Revenues are generated from sales of statistical, development, and consultative services in the area of health and human services based upon the

associated expenditures via a contract or a per request basis to both private and public sector entities. Functions and services include partnerships for either data linkage projects, acting as a partner's statistical unit, or the development of web applications. Revenues are also generated through the sale of electronic lists, mailing labels of licensed medical professionals in the state, and sale of public libraries maps.

*Digital Cartography and Precinct Demographics Section.* Revenues are generated by the sales of maps. This section is responsible for providing GIS mapping services to state and local agencies, E911 officials, the private sector, and the legislature. Maps of record that document the various election districts and voting precincts in South Carolina are maintained and printed on request.

*Wireless E911 Section.* Revenues are drawn from the two percent administration portion of the wireless E911. This section has responsibility for managing the wireless E-911 program, and provides assistance to local jurisdictions' Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). With the advice of the SC Commercial Mobile Radio Service Advisory Committee, this section disburses the other ninety-eight percent of the fund to local 911 centers for costs related to wireless services. This section also provides Geographic Information Systems services to the PSAPs by constructing, mapping, and correcting road centerline and address structure files used in the 911 system.

#### **Amount of Funds Transferred to the General Fund or to another Entity**

No funds were transferred to the General Fund or to any other entity.

#### **Link to Report on RFA's Website**

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