

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA            )  
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER            )        RESOLUTION   09-18

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA FOR THE PRESENTMENT OF A SERVICE WEAPON UPON THE RETIREMENT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

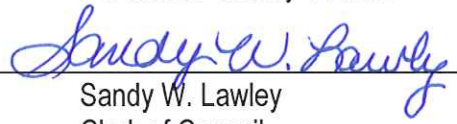
WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council and the Dorchester County Sheriff wish to recognize retiring law enforcement officers with the Sheriff's Office for their loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Dorchester County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America enacted the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004," which provides for the carrying of concealed firearms by "qualified retired law enforcement officers," who retire in good standing.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Dorchester County Council, that retiring law enforcement officers of the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office are eligible to be presented their service weapon and receive an identification card indicating the retirement rank and name of the law enforcement officer, said identification card to indicate that the law enforcement officer is retired from the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, if such law enforcement officer has served as a law enforcement officer with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office for a minimum total of 15 years, said years of service not having to be continuous, and retires in good standing or, after such years of service retires with a service related disability. The decision to present a service weapon to a law enforcement officer with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office who meets these criteria for eligibility shall rest exclusively with the Dorchester County Sheriff serving at the time the eligibility criteria have been met, said decision to be in the Sheriff's sole and absolute discretion.

This Resolution is adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2009.

  
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Jamie Feltner, Chairman  
Dorchester County Council

ATTEST:   
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Sandy W. Lawley  
Clerk of Council