

As of January 2023, Mr. Pierce began his new duties as the City Manager of York, South Carolina. He brings with him years of experience working with various municipalities, including his most recent position as the Town Administrator for the Town of Blacksburg, SC. In this role, Mr. Pierce has worked closely with the Town Council to develop a Strategic Operating Plan, Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, and Infrastructure Assessment and Evaluation that worked to tackle many of the same exciting opportunities that York will face in the coming years, such as land development, community growth and sustainability. "We are extremely pleased that Mr. Pierce will be our next city manager and are excited to welcome him to our wonderful community," said York Mayor Mike Fuesser, "We took time to ensure that our selection process was deliberate and thorough, we interviewed several highly qualified candidates, and, at the end of the day, feel Mr. Pierce is a great fit for our community."

Mr. Pierce is eager to move to the White Rose City and begin the initiative to make York a great place to live. He added, "I am really looking forward to working with the City of York community, the Mayor, the City Council, and staff in achieving their goals. I feel very fortunate and honored to be joining the City's team."

Mr. Pierce earned his Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Public Management from Valdosta State University and his Bachelor's in Political Science from Catawba College. Currently, he is finishing up the Doctor of Public Administration program at Valdosta State University.

Mr. Pierce's goals for the City of York include:

- Developing resilient infrastructure through strategic capital investments, built upon the assists that make the community unique, while cultivating new growth that strengthens the City's character and quality of life
- Integrating sustainovation initiatives and through existing and new programs to increase the current public services provided performances, but also provide unparalleled return on investment for the community
- Providing fiscal sustainability and transparency
- Improving organizational capability, capacity, and effectiveness delivered by a high quality workforce that strives for continuous improvement in all areas of the organization
- Developing a systems approach, driven by data, to effectively solve problems, creatively pursue opportunities for improvement and develop innovative solutions

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