



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarpp.org.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 4/25/2019

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: County of Orangeburg

STATE: South Carolina

POPULATION SIZE: 88,000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 27%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Johnnie Wright, Sr.
Chairman, Orangeburg County Council

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: PO Box 9000 Orangeburg, Sc 29116

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

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Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

Ken Middleton is the Chairman and leader of the One Orangeburg County Initiative. This initiative is designed to improve the quality of life of Orangeburg Citizens of all ages. The initiative will include the 8 domains of livability and work to make Orangeburg County an age-friendly community. The initiative includes a collaboration of community leaders from government, private sector and non- profits.

Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

The County currently has an office on aging that performs many services for seniors. The County Library and several senior centers provide services. The County has the Orangeburg Area Development Centers which provide services for all ages. The County has performed a pedestrian and cycling plan to accommodate for all ages. The County would like to enhance the community where it is able to make it more livable and age friendly.

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

The County will work through the One Orangeburg County Initiative and other County services to connect with older citizens. The One Orangeburg County Initiative has several task forces set up to work on community needs and will encourage the age friendly perspective on those committees.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

The One Orangeburg County Initiative is a collaborative effort that brings together government, non profit and private sector to accomplish community goals. The initiative is divided into task forces that create goals and actions. The committees include representatives from the County and many of its departments.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP


Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Orangeburg County would contribute to the AARP Network of Age friendly Communities by being an engaged community and working diligently to become a better place to live for all ages. We will dedicate time, volunteer effort and other resources to accomplishing these goals and stay engaged in what AARP and the livable communities initiative has made available.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

We first learned about the program through a conference called SC Rural Summit. We later had the opportunity to visit the Columbia, SC group. We felt this would be a beneficial initiative for Orangeburg.



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6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file of your community logo. Membership Application: AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities – Page 3

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >