

Hartsville

South Carolina

“ A small town with a big heart!”

The City of Hartsville, located in South Carolina’s Pee Dee region, halfway between Charlotte, N.C. and Myrtle Beach, S.C., combines big-city amenities with small-town charm and southern hospitality. It is 1 hour away from Columbia, the state capital, and 2 hours away from tourist attractions like Myrtle Beach and Historic Charleston – one of the 5 largest tourist destination areas in the United States.

In Hartsville, visitors may explore historic sites ranging from Kalmia Gardens to the waterfront of Lawton Park, take in Black Creek’s unique ecosystem on a canoe trip, or sample the shopping, dining and cultural opportunities of a historic downtown.



Sample of Things to do in Hartsville.....

- Discover cultural activities around Hartsville, from the ongoing displays and programs of the Black Creek Arts Council to the displays of local and regional interest at the Hartsville Museum.
- In addition, tour the many offerings of Kalmia Gardens, from the historic home of Thomas E. Hart to the widely varied botanical garden and the steep elevation drop down to the cypress swamp through which Black Creek flows.
- Experience Hartsville's recreational opportunities, from the downtown green space of Burry Park to the fields, track, gym and splash pad of the Byerly Park Recreation Complex.



History of Hartsville



Hartsville traces its origins to Thomas Edward Hart, who came to the area in 1817 and built a plantation along Black Creek. His son, John Lide Hart, developed Hartsville Plantation in what is now downtown, creating a carriage factory, steam-powered sawmill, grist mill and more.

Early community leader James Lide Coker played an extremely influential role in Hartsville's development. He and his family would develop a seed company, oil mill, fertilizer plant and the iconic J.L. Coker & Company General Store, housed in a massive brick storefront which remains a downtown landmark. The Cokers also created Welsh Neck High School, forerunner of Coker College, as well as the Southern Novelty Company, predecessor to Sonoco Products Company, a major provider of packaging, industrial products and more. Hartsville received its town charter on Dec. 11, 1891 in a period of growing industry, business and a booming population.

Hartsville is today a center of industry, education and reinvention – the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, for example, has been built on the site of the Hartsville Cotton Mill. Possessing a downtown full of historic sites, access to Prestwood Lake and an ongoing array of quality-of-life projects from recreational facilities, special events and community development opportunities, Hartsville remains a small town full of innovation and opportunity.

Demographics



City of Hartsville, 2010 (approximately 5.72 square miles)

Population: 7,764

- **Median age: 36.7**
- **Households: 3,081**
- **Housing units: 3,704**

(Source: United States Census)

29550 zip code, 2010

- **Population: 32,284**
- **Median age: 39.5**
- **Households: 12,539**
- **Housing units: 14,406**

(Source: United States Census)

Government

Hartsville was incorporated Dec. 11, 1891.

- **Hartsville operates under the Council-Manager form of government. City Council includes a mayor elected at large and six additional council members. City Council meets in Council Chambers at Hartsville City Hall, 100 E. Carolina Ave. Monthly meetings include a work session on the first Tuesday of the month, as well as regular meetings, during which action items may be considered, on the second Tuesday of the month.**