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To participate in a **Public Hearing** you may either email to comments@jaspercountysc.gov or request via email or phone by 1:00pm on Monday, July 19, 2021 to speak in person at the Council Meeting. Seating is limited and we will confirm your ability to appear in person and will provide additional information.

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SPER COUNTY CAROLINA

JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

HYBRID MEETING

Council in person with Electronic Virtual Access for the Public

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg

358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936

July 19, 2021 AGENDA

3:00 P.M.

Workshop Topics:

- A) Andrew Fulghum Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- B) Danny Lucas Hazard Mitigation Plan
- C) Chief Wells Emergency Management / Regional Shelter
- D) David Tedder Electronic Meetings Ordinance
- 1. Call to Order by Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark earlier of completion of workshop or 5:00PM

Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

- II. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly.
 - (a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:
 - (1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that a hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing County Council; Coroner
 - (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim –

699 Church Rd.; Hardeeville Satellite Office Lease; Exit 3 and Legal Services Contract; Nickel Plate MCIP; Mercury Funding Case - Tax Sales

- (3) Discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices Cyber Security
- (5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body Jasper Ocean Terminal (JOT); Prospect Update; Project Riddler

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED
MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME,
AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN
SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6:30 P.M.

- III. Return to Open Session
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Invocation
- VI. Approval of Agenda
- VII. Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 2021:
- VIII. Proclamations and Presentations:
 - A: David Tedder Presentation of Proclamation for the Gullah Geechee National Appreciation Week
 - B: Danny Lucas Presentation of a proclamation to proclaim August 15th thru August 22nd as South Carolina Aviation Week in Jasper County.
- IX. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.
 - *Please submit Public Comments via email at <u>comments@jaspercountysc.qov</u> or via US Mail at Attention: Clerk to Council P.O. Box 1149 Ridgeland, SC 29936. If you would like to be contacted by phone during <u>Open Floor</u>, please email your name, address and phone number to the email address listed above.
- X. Resolutions:
 - A. Danny Lucas Resolution # <u>2021-15</u> of Jasper County Adopting the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

XI. Ordinances:

- A. Lisa Wagner 3rd Reading of Ordinance # 2021-18 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 083-00-03-058 from the Community Commercial Zone to the Mixed Business Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (5851 Lowcountry Drive)
- B. Lisa Wagner 3rd Reading of Ordinance # 2021-19 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-002 from the Planned Development District to the General Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (Argent Blvd. LRTA)
- C. Lisa Wagner 3rd Reading of Ordinance # <u>2021-20</u> to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-01-00-003 from the Resource Conservation Zone to the Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (186 Macedonia Road)
- D. Lisa Wagner Public hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance # 2021-21 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 087-00-03-011 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map 8881 Coosaw Scenic Drive
- E. Lisa Wagner Public hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance # 2021-22 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 084-00-02-065 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map 358 Chippa Willow Road.
- F. David Tedder 3rd reading of Ordinance # 2021-16_ of Jasper County Council to Amend Certain Provisions to the Jasper County Code of Ordinances, to Authorize Meetings to be Held by Telephonic or Other Electronic Means, and Matters Related Thereto.
- G. Andrew Fulghum 2nd reading of Ordinance # 2021-23 Authorizing (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu Of Tax And Incentive Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina (The "County"), a Company Known to the County as Project Lite, Acting for Itself, One or More Affiliates, and/or Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, The "Company"), Pursuant to which the County Shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to the Establishment and/or Expansion of Certain Facilities in the County (The "Project"); and (2) Other Matters Relating Thereto.
- H. Kim Burgess Public hearing and 3rd reading of Ordinance # 2021-05 to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$5,990,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Jasper County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.
- I. Andrew Fulghum Consideration of 1st reading of an ordinance to adopt a new organization chart.

XII. New Business:

- A. Nicole Holt Approval of the Holiday Schedule for Jasper County Employees for the 2021 2022 year.
- B. Nicole Holt Consideration of approval of position descriptions authorized in fiscal year 2022 budget.
- C. David Tedder Discussion regarding impact of Greenville County Road Maintenance Fee Case.
- D. Kim Burgess Bid presentation for Concrete Pad and Steel Building at Emergency Services building.
- XIII. Old Business: NONE
- XIV. Council Members Comments
- XV. Administrator's Report
- XVI. Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.
- XVII. Adjourn

*Council may act on any item appearing on the agenda including items discussed in executive session.

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place and on the county website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

<u>Special Accommodations Available Upon Request to Individuals with Disabilities</u>
(843) 717-3696

AGENDA ITEM: VIII

Proclamation Item A



GULLAH / GEECHEE NATION APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

To designate the week of July 31 — August 7, 2021, as Gullah / Geechee Nation Week

WHEREAS, Jasper County is one of the most historic Lowcountry counties in South Carolina, and in the 18th Century, this area and the South Carolina coast became the locale of some of the richest rice and farming plantations in the South, which were linked to specific West African ethnic groups who became known as Gullah/Geechee; and,

WHEREAS, the Gullah/Geechee civilization originated in West Africa, its people coming to the United States as having been enslaved in the United States to work on these plantations in the coastal regions, including South Carolina; and with their African fare, original language, and craftmanship, the Gullah-Geechee people left their mark on South Carolina, and.

WHEREAS, the Gullah/Geechee culture has had a powerful impact on the Lowcountry of South Carolina, including Jasper County, and these Gullah/Geechee influences have helped to define our southern lifestyle and culture; and,

WHEREAS. John Bascomb, who served Jasper County in the SC House of Representatives from 1870 to 1874, was born in 1827 emerged from this culture and community and farmed the very lands on which he and many of his people had been enslaved; and.

WHEREAS, the preservation and celebration of the Gullah/Geechee culture has gained momentum due to the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act, created by United States Representative James Clyburn, as well as the efforts of others such as Queen Quet, of the Gullah-Geechee Nation, and Kwame Sha, co-founders of the Gullah-Geechee Nation International Music & Movement Festivalim, and,

WHEREAS, the Gullah/Geechee Sustainability Plan has been created to sustain the land and the Gullah/Geechee culture: and,

WHEREAS, Queen Quet, who became the first Gullah/Geechee to speak before the United Nations on behalf of Gullah/Geechees, lead the creation of this plan; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of bringing awareness and appreciation for this rich culture and history in order to increase understanding of all the contributions the Gullah/Geechee have given to our area; and,

WHEREAS, the "Gullah/Geechee Nation International Music & Movement Festival" moves to various parts of the Gullah/Geechee Nation and the African Diaspora each year to educate the world about and to celebrate the continuation of Gullah/Geechee traditions, and.

WHEREAS, the "Gullah/Geechee Nation International Music & Movement Festival" will be the culmination of "Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week," and

WHEREAS, a series of activities will take place throughout Jasper County and virtually to honor the history and legacy of the Gullah/Geechee Nation and are part of the United Nations Decade of People of African Descent; and,

WHEREAS, Jasper County joins in celebrating the lives of Gullah/Geechees that have left such a rich legacy of our county, region, and nation by joining in with the theme this year. "Celebrating Gullah/Geechee Land & Living Legacy,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 1T RESOLVED that the JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL, does hereby proudly recognize the 2021 Gullah/Geechee Nation International Music & Movement Festival** and proclaim the week of July 31-August 7,2021 as

GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION APPRECIATION WEEK

in Jasper County and encourages all citizens to actively participate in educational activities aimed at increasing both knowledge and appreciation of this rich culture.

DONE THIS THE	_TH DAY OF	, 2021, AT RIDGELAN	ID, JASPER C	OUNTY, SOUTH

AGENDA ITEM: VIII

Proclamation Item B

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Palmetto State is home to 6 commercial service airports, 51 general aviation airports, and 5 military airfields that provide essential support to South Carolina's diversified business base, it's increasing population, and a growing tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, airports support and assist South Carolina in many ways, including recreational flying, providing a gateway to communities and tourist attractions, agricultural spraying, air cargo, law enforcement, aerial firefighting, emergency medical and military support; and

WHEREAS, many businesses in our state rely on aviation, both commercial service and general aviation airports, for the efficient transportation of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 South Carolina Airport Economic Impact report, over 2.6 million visitors to South Carolina arrived by airline flight along with another 532,000 visitors arriving by private aircraft economy annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the same report, 122,759 jobs, a \$4.8 billion annual payroll, \$11.5 billion annual spending accounted for a \$16.3 billion contribution to the State's annual economy; and

WHEREAS, with more than 400 aerospace-related companies in the Palmetto State, aviation is a multi-billion dollar industry that supports hundreds of thousands of jobs and contributes millions of dollars each year in tax revenues to state and local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Jasper County Council, do hereby proclaim August 15 - 21, 2021, as

SOUTH CAROLINA AVIATION WEEK

throughout the County and encourage all residents to recognize aviation for its significant contributions to our quality of life and economic growth and stability.

	ATTEST:	
Barbara B. Clark Chairman, Jasper County Council	Wanda H. Simmons Clerk to Council	July 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM:

X

Resolution: Item A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA JASPER COUNTY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021 - 15 RESOLUTION OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

A Resolution of Jasper County Adopting the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHREAS, the Jasper County Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Jasper County; and

WHEREAS, Jasper County has been an "official participant" in the planning process of the natural hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by the Lowcountry Council of Governments in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property in Jasper County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Jasper County Council demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BET IT RESOLVED by Jasper County Council, in the council duly assembled and by the authority of the same, that Jasper County Council hereby endorses and adopts the 2020 Lowcountry Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This Resolution Nomade this	day of, 2021.
	Barbara B. Clark
	Chairwoman
	ATTEST:
	Wanda Simmons
	Clerk to Council
Reviewed for form and draftsmanship by the Jasp	er County Attorney.
David L. Tedder	D-4-
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AGENDA ITEM: XI-A

Ordinance item A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDINANCE: 2021-18

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 083-00-03-058 from the Community Commercial Zone to the Mixed Business Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

WHEREAS, the owner of the parcel consisting of approximately 3 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 083-00-03-058 located at 5851 Lowcountry Drive, has requested rezoning of the parcel on the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County from the Community Commercial Zone to the Mixed Business Zone and the property owner submitted that request to the Jasper County Planning Commission and County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Planning Commission has concurred with the recommendations of the staff report as reflected in this Ordinance and recommends approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Jasper County Council for determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jasper County Council in council duly convened and by the authority of the same:

Jasper County Council finds that in accordance with the staff report and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the proposed zoning is consistent with the continued pattern of growth in the vicinity and is in harmony with the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan. Good cause having been shown, approximately 3 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 083-00-03-058, located at 5851 Lowcountry Drive, depicted on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map in the Community Commercial Zone shall be transferred to the Mixed Business Zone.

This ordinance shall take ef	ffect upon approval by Council.
	Ms. Barbara B. Clark Chairwoman
	ATTEST:
	Wanda Simmons Clerk to Council
ond Reading: <u>June 21, 2021</u> lic Hearing: <u>June 21, 2021</u> pted: <u>July 19, 2021</u>	
Considered by the Jasper (County Planning Commission at it's meeting on
May 11, 2021	and recommended for approval.
ewed for form and draftsmanship by	the Jasper County Attorney.
id Tedder	Date





AGENDA ITEM: XI-B

Ordinance item B

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDINANCE: 2021-19

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-002 from the Planned Development District to the General Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

WHEREAS, the staff has recognized a parcel consisting of 7.24 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-002 located along Argent Boulevard, was improperly zoned as Planned Development District on the Official Zoning Map and has recommended to the Jasper County Planning Commission re-zoning of the subject parcel to the General Commercial Zone; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has been notified of the zoning map amendment initiated by staff; and

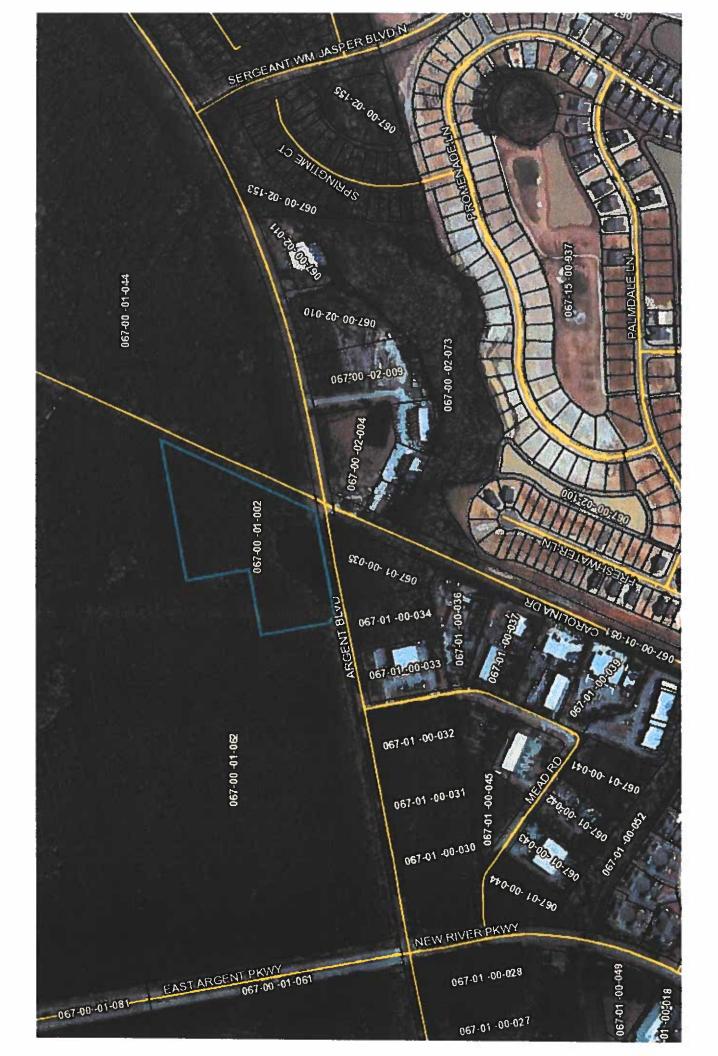
WHEREAS, the Jasper County Planning Commission has concurred with the recommendations of the staff report as reflected in this Ordinance and recommends approval by Council; and

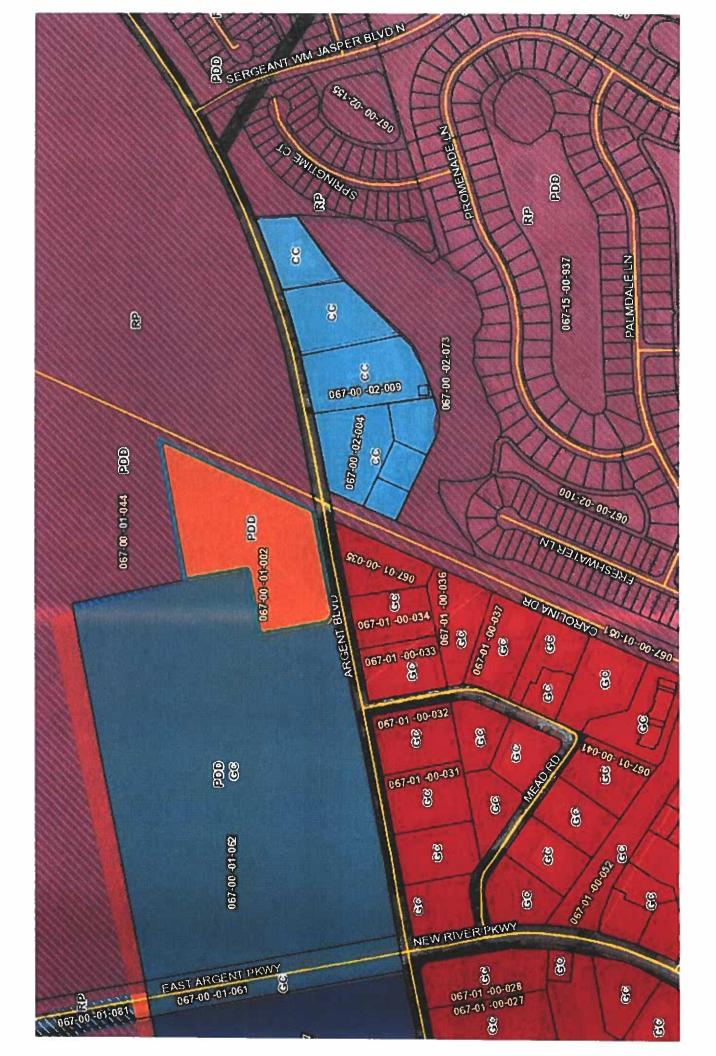
WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Jasper County Council for determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jasper County Council in council duly convened and by the authority of the same:

 Jasper County Council finds that in accordance with the staff report and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the proposed zoning is consistent with the continued pattern of growth in the vicinity and is in harmony with the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan. Good cause having been shown, approximately 7.24 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 067-00-01-002, located along Argent Boulevard, depicted on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map in the Planned Development District shall be transferred to the General Commercial Zone.

2.	This ordinance shall take effect upon approval by Council.		
		Ms. Barbara B. Clark Chairwoman	
		ATTEST:	
		Wanda Simmons Clerk to Council	
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David '	Tedder	Date	





AGENDA ITEM: XI-C

Ordinance item C

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDINANCE: 2021-20

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-01-00-003 from the Resource Conservation Zone to the Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

WHEREAS, the staff has recognized a parcel consisting of .69 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-01-00-003 located at 186 Macedonia Road, was improperly zoned as Resource Conservation Zone on the Official Zoning Map and has recommended to the Jasper County Planning Commission re-zoning the subject parcel to the Residential Zone; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has been notified of the zoning map amendment initiated by staff; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Planning Commission has concurred with the recommendations of the staff report as reflected in this Ordinance and recommends approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Jasper County Council for determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jasper County Council in council duly convened and by the authority of the same:

1. Jasper County Council finds that in accordance with the staff report and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the proposed zoning is consistent with the continued pattern of growth in the vicinity and is in

harmony with the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan. Good cause having been shown, approximately .69 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-01-00-003, located at 186 Macedonia Road, depicted on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map in the Resource Conservation Zone shall be transferred to the Residential Zone.

2.	This ordinance shall	take effect	upon appr	oval by Council.
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Ms. Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Wanda Simmons

Clerk to Council

ORDINANCE: # 2021-20

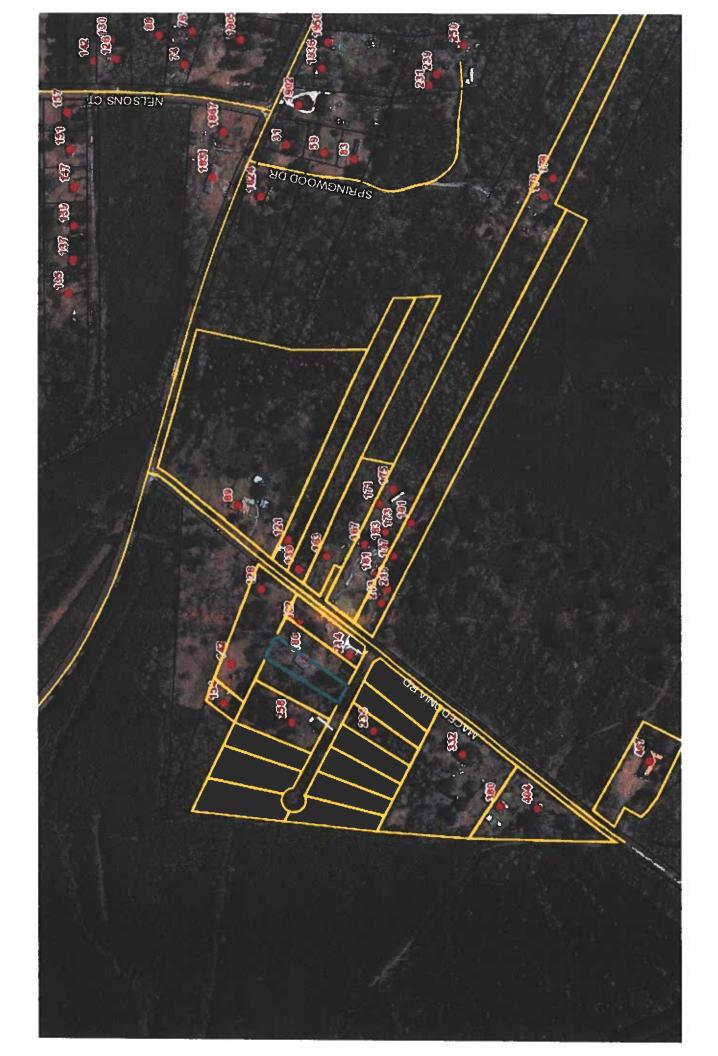
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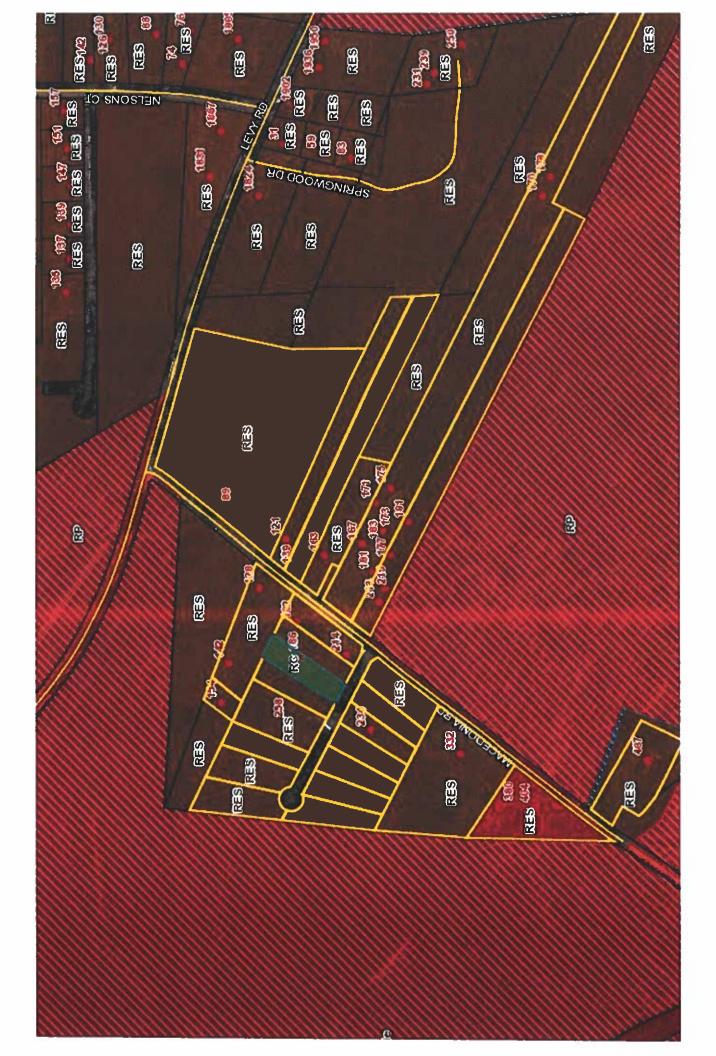
Considered by the Jasper County Planning Commission at it's meeting on May 11, 2021 and recommended for approval.

Reviewed for form and draftsmanship by the Jasper County Attorney.

David Tedder

Date





AGENDA ITEM: XI-D

Ordinance item D

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDINANCE: 2021-21

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 087-00-03-011 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

WHEREAS, the owner of the parcel consisting of approximately 2.4 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 087-00-03-011 located at 8881 Coosaw Scenic Drive, has requested rezoning of the parcel on the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone and the property owner submitted that request to the Jasper County Planning Commission and County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Planning Commission has concurred with the recommendations of the staff report as reflected in this Ordinance and recommends approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Jasper County Council for determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jasper County Council in council duly convened and by the authority of the same:

1. Jasper County Council finds that in accordance with the staff report and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the proposed zoning is consistent with the continued pattern of growth in the vicinity and is in harmony with the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan. Good cause having been shown, approximately 2.4 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map

Number 087-00-03-011, located at 8881 Coosaw Scenic Drive, depicted on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map in the Residential Zone shall be transferred to the Community Commercial Zone.

2.	This ordinance shall take effect upon approval by Council.		
		Ms. Barbara B. Clark Chairwoman	
		ATTEST:	
		Wanda Simmons Clerk to Council	
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David	Tedder	Date	



AGENDA ITEM: XI-E

Ordinance item E

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDINANCE: 2021-22

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 084-00-02-065 from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

WHEREAS, the owner of the parcel consisting of approximately .90 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 084-00-02-065 located at 358 Chippa Willow Road, has requested rezoning of the parcel on the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone and the property owner submitted that request to the Jasper County Planning Commission and County Council; and

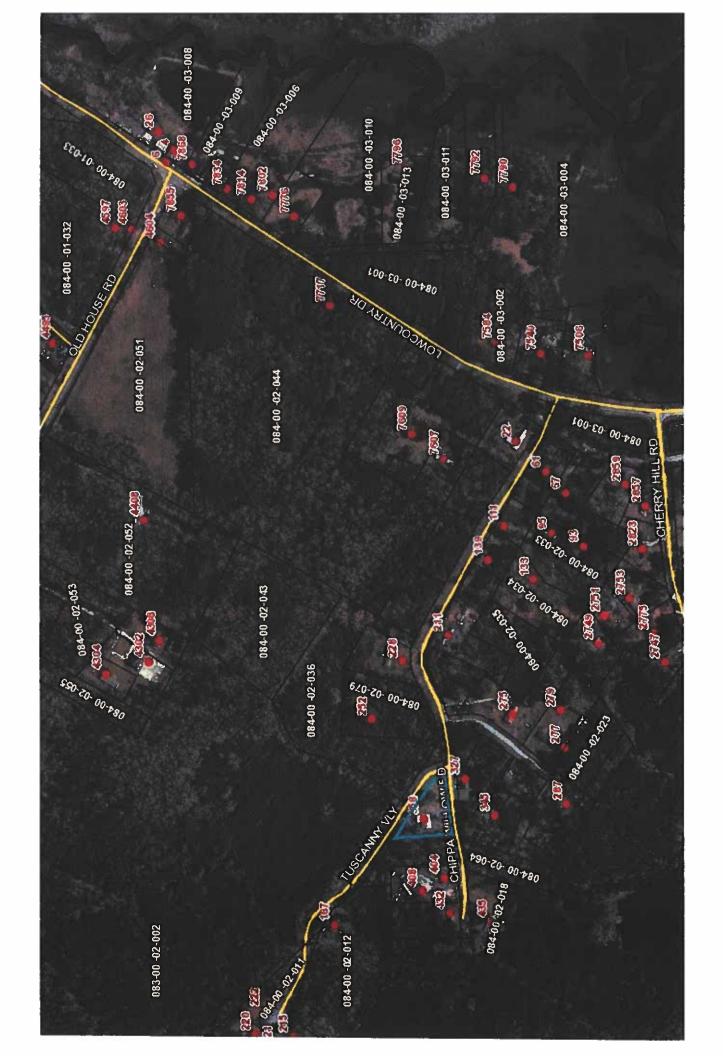
WHEREAS, the Jasper County Planning Commission has concurred with the recommendations of the staff report as reflected in this Ordinance and recommends approval by Council; and

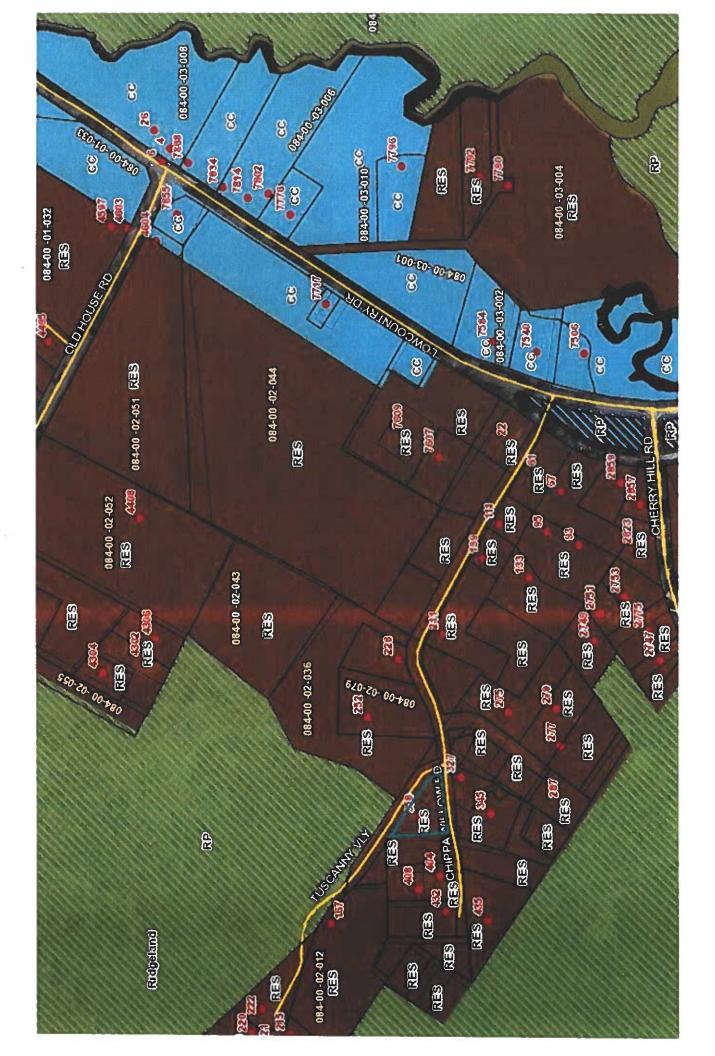
WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Jasper County Council for determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Jasper County Council in council duly convened and by the authority of the same:

Jasper County Council finds that in accordance with the staff report and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the proposed zoning is consistent with the continued pattern of growth in the vicinity and is in harmony with the Jasper County Comprehensive Plan. Good cause having been shown, approximately .90 acres bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 084-00-02-065, located at 358 Chippa Willow Road, depicted on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map in the Residential Zone shall be transferred to the Community Commercial Zone.

2.	This ordinance shall take effect upon	approval by Council.
		Ms. Barbara B. Clark Chairwoman
		ATTEST:
		Wanda Simmons Clerk to Council
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David '	Tedder	Date





AGENDA ITEM: XI-F

Ordinance item F

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDINANCE #2021-16

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY TELEPHONIC OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Jasper County, South Carolina (the "County") is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), and as such possesses all general powers granted by the Constitution and statutes of the State to such public entities; and

WHEREAS, , the Freedom of Information Act, which is codified at Title 30, Chapter 4 of the S.C. Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "S.C. Code"), in Section 30-4-20(e) of the S.C. Code provides that "'Quorum' unless otherwise defined by applicable law means a simple majority of the constituent membership of a public body;" and

WHEREAS the S.C. Code in Section 30-4-20(d) defines a meeting as "convening a quorum of the constituent membership of the public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power" [emphasis added]; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the provisions of the S.C. Code, Section 2-35 et. seq. of Jasper County's Code of Ordinances (the "Code of Ordinances") defines and describes the requirements for a "quorum" of the County Council of Jasper County, the governing body thereof (the "Town Council") and further defines and describes the rules of procedure for meetings; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and a State Declaration of Emergency, County Council declared a local state of emergency, in Resolution/Proclamation 2020-19 adopted on March 16, 2020, and subsequently enacted an emergency ordinance on April 6, 2020, provisions of which temporarily suspended certain procedural rules of the County Council in response to social-distancing guidelines and executive orders, and allowing for electronic and telephonic meetings, whose provisions have been renewed from time to time by adoption of subsequent Emergency Ordinances (collectively, the "Emergency Ordinances"); and

WHEREAS, such telephonic and other electronic meetings have proven successful and effective under the Emergency Ordinances and in light of the current public safety considerations associated with 2019 novel coronavirus, and the potential for future public safety considerations, including those attendant to the adverse weather events that seasonally affect coastal cities, the County Council finds that great benefit may be realized from authorizing meeting by telephonic or other electronic means whenever necessary and convenient for carrying out the business of the County, to include County Council-appointed boards, commissions and committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL, in accordance with the foregoing, the Council hereby amends the Code of Ordinances for Jasper County as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Jasper County hereby amends Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances for Jasper County, South Carolina, by amending and adding text to allow for the conduct of meetings of the County Council and its Council-appointed boards, commissions and committees electronically and/or telephonically, as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and fully incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by Council.

ATTEST:		Barbara B. Clark Chair	
Wanda Simmon Clerk to Council	s		
First Reading: Second Reading: Public Hearing: Adopted:	June 7, 2021		
Reviewed for form	and draftsmanshi	p by the Jasper County A	ttorney.
David Tedder			Date

AGENDA ITEM: XI-G

Ordinance item G

JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO.2021-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY"), A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT LITE, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES. AND/OR OTHER **PROJECT SPONSORS** (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE "PROJECT"); AND (2) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, Jasper County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), and particularly Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code (the "Negotiated FILOT Act"): (i) to enter into agreements with certain investors to construct, operate, maintain, and improve certain projects through which the economic development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate and remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, agricultural products, and natural resources of the State; (ii) to covenant with such investors to accept certain fee in lieu of ad valorem tax ("FILOT") payments, including, but not limited to, negotiated FILOT payments made pursuant to the Negotiated FILOT Act, with respect to a project; and

WHEREAS, a company known to the County as Project Lite, acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or project sponsors (collectively, the "Company"), are considering the establishment and/or expansion of certain commercial and related facilities at one or more locations in the County (the "Project"), and anticipates that, should its plans proceed as expected, it will invest, or caused to be invested, at least \$45,000,000, in the aggregate, in the Project; and

WHEREAS, based solely on information provided to the County by the Company, the County has determined that the Project will subserve the purposes of the Negotiated FILOT Act and has made certain findings pertaining thereto in accordance with the Negotiated FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with such findings and determinations, and in order to induce the Company to locate the Project in the County, the Council adopted a Resolution on June 21, 2021 (the "Inducement Resolution"), whereby the County agreed to provide the benefits of a negotiated FILOT with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Company have agreed to specific terms and conditions of such arrangements as set forth herein and in a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and among the County and the Company with respect to the Project (the "Incentive Agreement"), the

form of which is presented to this meeting, wh	ich Incentive Agreement is to be dated as of
, 2021, or such other dat	e as the parties thereto may agree; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Incentive Agreement now before this meeting is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered by the County for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council, as follows:

- Section 1. As contemplated by Section 12-44-40(I) of the Negotiated FILOT Act, the findings and determinations set forth in the Inducement Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed. In the event of any disparity or ambiguity between the terms and provisions of the Inducement Resolution and the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the Incentive Agreement, the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the Incentive Agreement shall control. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Incentive Agreement. Additionally, based on information provided to the County by the Company with respect to the Project, the County makes the following findings and determinations:
 - (a) The Project will constitute a "project" within the meaning of the Negotiated FILOT Act; and
 - (b) The Project, and the County's actions herein, will subserve the purposes of the Negotiated FILOT Act; and
 - (c) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the State and the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; and
 - (d) The Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or an incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either; and
 - (e) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and
 - (f) The benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.

Section 2.

(a) The County hereby agrees to enter into the Incentive Agreement, which agreement shall be in the form of a fee agreement, pursuant to the Negotiated FILOT Act, whereby the Company will agree to satisfy, or cause to be satisfied, certain investment requirements with respect to the Project within certain prescribed time periods in accordance with the Negotiated FILOT Act and the County will agree to accept certain negotiated FILOT payments with respect to the Project (the "Negotiated FILOT"), as set forth in Section 2(b) hereof and in accordance with the terms of the Incentive Agreement.

(b)

- (i) The Negotiated FILOT shall be determined using: (1) an assessment ratio of 6%; (2) the lowest millage rate allowed with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 12-44-50(a)(1)(d) of the Negotiated FILOT Act as set forth in greater detail in the Incentive Agreement; (3) the fair market value of such Negotiated FILOT Property as determined in accordance with Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(c) of the Negotiated FILOT Act; and (4) such other terms and conditions as are or will be specified in the Incentive Agreement including, but not limited to, that the Company and the Project shall be entitled to the maximum benefits allowable under the Negotiated FILOT Act with respect to the disposal and replacement of Project property.
- (ii) The Negotiated FILOT shall be calculated as provided in this Section 2(b) for all Negotiated FILOT Property placed in service as part of the Project during the Investment Period. For each annual increment of investment in Negotiated FILOT Property, the annual Negotiated FILOT payments shall be payable for a payment period of thirty (30) years. Accordingly, if such Negotiated FILOT Property is placed in service during more than one year, each year's investment during the Investment Period shall be subject to the Negotiated FILOT for a payment period of thirty (30) years up to an aggregate of thirty-five (35) years based on the initial Investment Period of five (5) years, or, if the Investment Period is extended as set forth in the Incentive Agreement, up to an aggregate of forty (40) years.
- Section 3. The form, provisions, terms, and conditions of the Incentive Agreement presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk to the Council are hereby approved, and all of the provisions, terms, and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Incentive Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of the Council is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute the Incentive Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County; the Clerk to the Council is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to attest the same; and the Chairman of the Council is further authorized, empowered, and directed to deliver the Incentive Agreement to the Company. The Incentive Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall not materially adversely affect the rights of the County thereunder and as shall be approved by the official or officials of the County executing the same, upon the advice of counsel, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the Incentive Agreement now before this meeting.
- Section 4. The Chairman of the Council, the County Administrator, and the Clerk to Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby each authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary or proper to effect the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to the Incentive Agreement.
- Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent

jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phases, and provisions hereunder.

Section 6. All orders, ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

[End of Ordinance]

Enacted and a	pproved, in a mee	eting duly assembled, this day of	, 2021.
[SEAI	В	ASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA y: Barbara B. Clark, Chairperson, County Council Jasper County, South Carolina	
Attest:			
By: Wanda Simmons Jasper County, S	, Clerk to County outh Carolina	Council	
First Reading: Second Reading: Public Hearing: Third Reading:	June 21, 2021		

AGENDA ITEM: XI-H

Ordinance item H

JASPER COUNTY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE 2021-05 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,990,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,990,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

As an incident to the enactment of this Ordinance and the issuance of the bonds provided for herein, the County Council of Jasper County, South Carolina (the "County Council"), the governing body of Jasper County, South Carolina (the "County"), find that the facts set forth herein exist and the statements made with respect thereto are true and correct.

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Refunding Act (Title 11, Chapter 15, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended), as amended and continued by Section 11-27-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the Refunding Act, as so amplified, amended and continued, being hereinafter called the "Refunding Act"), the County is authorised to issue general obligation bonds of the County whose proceeds are to be used to pay sums due on general obligation bonds previously issued by the County, including the current refunding of such previously issued general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously issued its General Obligation Bonds of 2011 (the "Series 2011 Bonds") and its General Obligation Bonds of 2015 (the "Series 2015 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the County Council have determined, upon the advice of Municipal Advisors Group of Boston, Inc., the County's Financial Advisor (the "Financial Advisor"), that a savings in the debt service payments through the current refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2011 Bonds and Series 2015 Bonds (the Series 2011 Bonds and Series 2015 Bonds to be refunded in whole or in part are referred to herein as the "Refunded Bonds") can be achieved by issuing refunding bonds (the "Bonds") at this time, in one or more series, and using the proceeds thereof to provide for the payment of (i) the Refunded Bonds maturing subsequent to the date of issuance of the Bonds, (ii) the amount required to pay all or a portion of the interest on the Refunded Bonds to the date fixed for redemption in the plan of current refunding, (iii) any other deposits required with respect to the Bonds, and (iv) all expenses incurred by County Council with respect to the issuance of the Bonds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing authorisations and for the purposes set forth above, the County Council enact this Ordinance to effect the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$5,990,000 general obligation refunding bonds of the County, in one or more series, authorised by the Refunding Act.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1 Defined Terms.

The terms defined in this Article (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) for all purposes of this Ordinance shall have the respective meanings specified in this Article.

"Act" shall mean the Refunding Act (Title 11, Chapter 15, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended), as amended and continued by Section 11-27-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

"Authenticating Agent" shall mean the authenticating agent for the Bonds designated pursuant to Section 1 of Article II hereof.

"Authorised Denominations" shall mean denominations of Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) and any integral multiple thereof.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean the person in whose name a Bond is recorded as the beneficial owner of the Bond by a Participant on the records of the Participant or such person's subrogee.

"Bonds" shall mean the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 of the County authorised to be issued hereunder, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,990,000.

"Bond Registrar" shall mean the bond registrar designated pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of Article II hereof.

"Book-Entry Only System" shall have the meaning attributed to that term in Article II, Section 14 hereof.

"Books of Registry" shall mean the registration books maintained by the Bond Registrar in accordance with Section 8 of Article II hereof.

"Bond Counsel" means, with respect to the Bonds, Howell Linkous & Nettles, LLC, Charleston, South Carolina, or any other firm of attorneys of nationally recognised standing in the matters pertaining to the federal tax exemption of interest on bonds issued by states and political subdivisions, and duly admitted to practice law before the highest court of any state of the United States.

"Chairperson" shall mean the chairperson of the County Council or, in her absence, the vice chairperson of the County Council.

"Chief Financial Officer" shall mean the Finance Director of the County or, in her absence, any other officer or employee of the County designated in writing by the County Administrator to perform the duties of the Chief Financial Officer under this Ordinance.

"Clerk" shall mean the clerk of the County Council or, in her absence, the acting clerk.

"Closing Date" shall mean the date upon which there is an exchange of the Bonds for the proceeds representing the purchase price of the Bonds by the Original Purchaser.

"Continuing Disclosure Undertaking" shall mean the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking hereby authorised to be executed by the Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the County, as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"County" shall mean Jasper County, South Carolina.

"County Administrator" shall mean the County Administrator of the County.

"County Council" shall mean the County Council of Jasper County, South Carolina, the governing body of the County or any successor governing body of the County.

"Dated Date" shall mean the date of delivery of the Bonds.

"DTC" shall mean The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company organised under the laws of the State of New York, and its successors pursuant to Article II, Section 14 hereof.

"Escrow Agent" shall mean the as escrow agent appointed pursuant to Section 1 of Article IX hereof to serve as escrow agent under the Escrow Deposit Agreement, and its successors and assigns thereunder.

"Escrow Deposit Agreement" shall mean the Escrow Deposit Agreement, between the County and Escrow Agent, established with respect to the Refunded Bonds, as amended from time to time.

"Financial Advisor" shall mean Municipal Advisors Group of Boston, Inc., the financial advisor to the County.

"Fiscal Agents" shall mean the Paying Agent, the Bond Registrar, the Authenticating Agent, and any Escrow Agent under Article VI hereof with respect to the Bonds.

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean any April 1 or October 1, commencing April 1, 2022.

"Letter of Representations" shall mean the Blanket Letter of Representations of the County to DTC dated December 1, 2005.

"Ordinance" shall mean this Ordinance as from time to time amended and supplemented by one or more supplemental ordinances enacted in accordance with the provisions of Article VII hereof.

"Original Purchaser" shall mean the first purchaser of the Bonds from the County.

"Participants" shall mean those broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions for which the Securities Depository holds Bonds as securities depository.

"Paying Agent" shall mean the paying agent for the Bonds designated pursuant to Section 1 of Article II hereof.

"Refunded Bonds" means the Series 2011 Bonds and Series 2015 Bonds or any part thereof that are refunded by the Bonds.

"Securities Depository" shall mean the administrator of the book-entry only system for the Bonds, as further described in Article II, Section 14 hereof and any successor appointed as provided in Article II, Section 14 hereof. The initial Securities Depository shall be DTC.

"Series 2011 Bonds" shall mean the General Obligation Bonds of 2011 of the County.

"Series 2015 Bonds" shall mean the General Obligation Bonds of 2015 of the County.

"Sinking Fund Account" shall mean the sinking fund account established and held by the Treasurer of Jasper County designed to provide for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively fall due.

Section 2 General Rules of Interpretation.

For purposes of this Ordinance, except as otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise requires:

- (a) Articles, Sections, and Paragraphs, mentioned by number are the respective Articles, Sections, and Paragraphs, of this Ordinance so numbered.
- (b) Except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, words importing persons include firms, associations, and corporations, and the masculine includes the feminine and the neuter.
- (c) Words importing the redemption or redeeming or calling for redemption of a Bond do not include or connote the payment of such Bond at its stated maturity or the purchase of such Bond.
 - (d) Words importing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa.

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ARTICLE II

ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Section 1 Authorisation of Bonds; Approval of Maturity Dates, Principal Amounts, and Interest Rates.

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of the Refunding Act and for the purposes of providing for the payment of (i) the Refunded Bonds maturing subsequent to the date of issuance of the Bonds, (ii) the amount required to pay interest on the Refunded Bonds to the date fixed for redemption in the plan of current refunding, (iii) any other deposits required with respect to the Bonds, and (iv) all expenses incurred by County Council with respect to the issuance of the Bonds, there shall be issued, in one or more series, the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Five Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,990,000.00) of general obligation refunding bonds of the County (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall be designated "General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021;" and may be issued in one or more subseries as designated by the Chairperson.
- (b) The Bonds shall be originally dated the Dated Date, shall be in fully-registered form, shall be in Authorised Denominations, and may be numbered from R-1 upward.
- (c) The Bonds will bear interest at such rates, payable on each Interest Payment Date, and will mature on the dates and in the amounts as are approved by the Chairperson provided that:
 - (i) The Bonds shall bear an interest rate such that they result in a net present value savings for the Refunded Bonds of not less than 3.5%.
 - (ii) The Bonds shall mature not later than April 1, 2042.
 - (iii) The Paying Agent, Authenticating Agent, and Bond Registrar shall be a Fiscal Agent as designated by the Chairperson as in the best interest of the County.
- (d) The Chairperson is hereby expressly delegated the authority to approve the sale and issuance of the Bonds so long as they conform to all of the parameters set forth in this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, this Section 1 of Article II.

Section 2 Redemption of Bonds.

- (a) General. The Bonds may not be called for redemption by the County except as provided in this Section 2.
- (b) <u>Redemption</u>. The Bonds as designated in writing by the County may be subject to redemption prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, and by lot as to Bonds or portions of Bonds within a maturity as designated in writing by the County (but only in integral multiples of \$5,000), upon the terms and on the dates and at the redemption prices as approved by the Chairperson prior to the issuance of the Bonds.

- (c) Partial Redemption of Bonds. In the event that only part of the principal amount of a Bond shall be called for redemption or prepaid, payment of the amount to be redeemed or prepaid shall be made only upon surrender of that Bond to the Paying Agent. Upon surrender of such Bond, the County shall execute and the Authenticating Agent shall authenticate and deliver to the holder thereof, at the office of the Authenticating Agent, or send to such holder by registered mail at his request, risk, and expense, a new fully-executed Bond or Bonds, of authorised denominations equal in aggregate principal amount to, and of the same maturity and interest rate as, the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered.
- (d) Official Notice of Redemption. (i) Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of any such redemption shall be given by the County by mailing a copy of an official redemption notice by first class mail at least thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owners of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Books of Registry. Notice of redemption shall describe whether and the conditions under which the call for redemption may be revoked. Failure to give notice by mail or any defect in any notice so mailed with respect to any Bond shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for such redemption for Bonds for which notice was properly given.
 - (ii) All official notices of redemption shall be dated and shall state:
 - (A) the redemption date,
 - (B) the redemption price,
 - (C) if less than all outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed,
 - (D) that on the redemption date the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after such date, and
 - (E) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price.
- (e) <u>Conditional Notice of Redemption of Bonds Permitted</u>. In the case of an optional redemption, the notice may state (i) that it is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Trustee no later than the redemption date or (ii) that the County retains the right to rescind such notice on or prior to the scheduled redemption date (in either case, a "Conditional Redemption"), and such notice and optional redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys are not so deposited or if the notice is rescinded.
- (f) <u>Deposit of Funds.</u> At least one day prior to any redemption date, the County shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Paying Agent an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed on that date.
- (g) <u>Effect of Deposit of Funds.</u> Official notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds or portions of Bonds so to be redeemed shall, on the redemption date, become due and payable at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless (i)

the County shall have revoked the redemption in accordance with the terms set forth in the official notice of redemption or (ii) the County shall default in the payment of the redemption price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. If said money shall not be available on the redemption date, such bonds or portions thereof shall continue to bear interest until paid at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with such notice, such Bonds shall be paid by the Paying Agent at the redemption price. Instalments of interest due on or prior to the redemption date shall be payable as herein provided for payment of interest. Upon surrender for any partial redemption of any Bond, there shall be prepared for the registered owner a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity in the amount of the unpaid principal. All Bonds which have been redeemed shall be cancelled by the Paying Agent and shall not be reissued.

Section 3 Cancellation of Bonds.

All Bonds which have been redeemed shall be cancelled and either maintained or destroyed by the Paying Agent and shall not be reissued. A counterpart of the certificate of destruction evidencing such destruction shall be furnished by the Paying Agent to the County upon the request of the Chief Financial Officer.

Section 4 Purchase of Bonds.

The Paying Agent shall, if and to the extent practicable, endeavor to purchase Bonds or portions of Bonds at the written direction of the County at the time, in the manner, and at the price as may be specified by the County. The Paying Agent may so purchase the Bonds; provided, that any limitations or restrictions on such redemption or purchases contained in this Ordinance shall be complied with. The expenses of such purchase shall be deemed an expense of the Paying Agent to be paid by the County. The Paying Agent shall incur no liability for any purchase made in accordance with this Section or for its inability to effect such purchase in excess of the redemption price thereof.

Section 5 Medium of Payment.

Both the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

Section 6 Place of Payments; Selection of Paying Agent.

Principal and premium, if any, of the Bonds, when due, shall be payable at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent. Interest on any Bond shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date by cheque or draught mailed to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the Regular Record Date) by the Paying Agent. Principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest payable to any person holding Bonds in aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or more will be paid, upon the written request of any such registered owner in form and substance satisfactory to the Paying Agent, by wire transfer of immediately available funds

to an account within any of the continental United States of America designated by such registered owner on or before the Regular Record Date.

Section 7 Execution of Bonds; Designation of Authenticating Agent.

- (a) The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairperson, and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk, and the seal of the County shall be impressed or reproduced on each Bond. Any manual or facsimile signature appearing on the Bonds may be that of the officer who is in office on the date of the enactment of this Ordinance. The execution of the Bonds in this fashion shall be valid and effective notwithstanding changes in the personnel of any of the above offices subsequent to their execution.
- (b) The Bonds shall bear a certificate of authentication, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A, duly executed by the Authenticating Agent. The Authenticating Agent shall authenticate each Bond with the manual signature of an authorised officer of the Authenticating Agent, but it shall not be necessary for the same authorised officer to authenticate all of the Bonds. Only such authenticated Bonds shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance. Such certificate on any Bond issued hereunder shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond has been duly issued and is secured by the provisions hereof.

Section 8 Form of Bonds; Designation of Bond Registrar.

- (a) The Bonds shall be issued in fully-registered form, and all principal, interest, or other amounts due thereunder shall be payable only to the registered owner thereof. The County Council hereby direct the Bond Registrar to maintain, at the County's expense, the Books of Registry for the registration or transfer of the Bonds.
- (b) The form of the Bonds and assignment provisions to be endorsed thereon shall be substantially as set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance with any appropriate variations, legends, omissions, and insertions as permitted or required by this Ordinance or law.

Section 9 Registration and Transfers of Bonds; Persons Treated as Owners.

- (a) Each Bond shall be fully-registered and no Bond may be transferred except by the registered owner thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorised in writing upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Bond Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorised attorney. Upon the transfer of any such registered Bond or Bonds, the County shall execute and the Authenticating Agent shall authenticate and deliver, subject to the provisions of Section 12 of this Article, in the name of the transferee, a new registered Bond or Bonds of the same aggregate principal amount as the unpaid principal amount of the surrendered Bond or Bonds.
- (b) Any registered owner requesting any transfer shall pay all taxes or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto. Any purported assignment in contravention of the foregoing requirements shall be, as to the County, absolutely null and void. The

person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effective to satisfy and discharge the liability of the County upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than the registered owner shall have any right to receive payments, pursue remedies, enforce obligations, or exercise or enjoy any other rights under any Bond against the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall limit the rights of a person having a beneficial interest in any Bond as against a person (including the registered owner) other than the County, as in the case where the registered owner is a trustee or nominee for two or more beneficial owners of an interest in any Bond.

(c) The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or transfer any Bond or portion thereof (i) for which notice of redemption has been mailed to the registered owner thereof or (ii) for the period beginning on the Regular Record Date and ending on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

Section 10 Mutilated, Lost, or Stolen Bonds.

In the event any Bond is mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the County may execute and the Authenticating Agent may authenticate a new Bond of like date, maturity, interest rate, and denomination, as that mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed; provided that, in the case of any mutilated Bonds, they shall first be surrendered to the Paying Agent, and in the case of any lost, stolen, or destroyed Bonds, there shall be first furnished to the County and the Paying Agent evidence of their loss, theft, or destruction satisfactory to the County and the Paying Agent, together with indemnity satisfactory to them; provided that in the case of a registered owner which is a bank or insurance company, the agreement of such bank or insurance company to indemnify the County and the Paying Agent shall be sufficient. In the event any such Bonds shall have matured, instead of issuing a duplicate Bond, the County may pay the same without surrender thereof. The County, the Paying Agent, and the Authenticating Agent, may charge the registered owner of such Bond with their reasonable fees and expenses to replace mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Bonds.

Section 11 Exchange of Bonds.

Subject to the provisions of Section 9 of this Article, the Bonds, upon surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorised attorney, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, and upon payment by such registered owner of any charges which the Paying Agent, the Authenticating Agent, or the Bond Registrar may make as provided in Section 12 of this Article, be exchanged for a principal amount of Bonds of any other authorised denominations equal to the unpaid principal amount of surrendered Bonds.

Section 12 Regulations with Respect to Exchanges and Transfers.

In all cases in which the privilege of exchanging or transferring the Bonds is exercised, the County shall execute and the Authenticating Agent shall authenticate and deliver the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. All Bonds surrendered in any such exchanges or

transfers shall forthwith be cancelled by the Paying Agent. There shall be no charge for such exchange or transfer of the Bonds except that the Paying Agent, the Bond Registrar, and the Authenticating Agent, may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them, or any of them, for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.

Section 13 Book-Entry Only System for the Bonds.

- (a) The provisions of this section shall apply with respect to any Bond registered to Cede & Co. or any other nominee of DTC while the book-entry only system (the "Book-Entry Only System") provided for herein is in effect and shall, during the period of their application, supersede any contrary provisions of this Ordinance.
- The Bonds shall be issued as a single Bond for each maturity. On the date of the initial authentication and delivery of all of the Bonds, the Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC as the registered owner of the Bonds. With respect to Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the County shall have no responsibility or obligation to any Participant (which means securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and various other entities, some of whom, or their representatives, own DTC) or to any Beneficial Owner (which means, when used with reference to the Book-Entry Only System, the person who is considered the beneficial owner thereof pursuant to the arrangements for book entry determination of ownership applicable to DTC) with respect to the following: (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co., or any Participant with respect to any ownership interests in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any Participant, any Beneficial Owner, or any other person, other than DTC, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any Participant, or any Beneficial Owner, or any other person, other than DTC, of any amount with respect to the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. The Paying Agent shall pay all principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of DTC, and all such payments shall be valid and effective fully to satisfy and discharge the County's obligations with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Bonds to the extent of the sum so paid. No person other than DTC shall receive a Bond. Upon delivery by DTC to the County of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the words "Cede & Co." in this section shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.
- (c) Upon receipt by the County of written notice from DTC to the effect that DTC is unable or unwilling to discharge its responsibilities hereunder, the County shall issue, transfer, and exchange Bonds as requested by DTC in authorised denominations, and whenever DTC requests the County to do so, the County will coöperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice to arrange for a substitute Securities Depository willing and able upon reasonable and customary terms to maintain custody of the Bonds registered in whatever name or names the registered owners transferring or exchanging such Bonds shall designate in accordance with this section.
- (d) In the event the County determines that it is in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners that they be able to obtain Bonds registered in the name of a registered owner other than DTC, the County may so notify DTC, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants of the availability

through DTC of such Bonds. In such event, upon the return by DTC of Bonds held by DTC in the name of Cede & Co., the County shall issue, transfer, and exchange Bonds in authorised denominations as requested by DTC, and whenever DTC requests the County to do so, the County will coöperate with DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice to make available Bonds registered in whatever name or names the Beneficial Owners transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with this section.

- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, to DTC as provided in the Letter of Representations delivered by the County to DTC.
- (f) In the event that the Book-Entry Only System pursuant to this section is discontinued, the Bonds shall be issued, transferred, and exchanged through DTC and its Participants to the Beneficial Owners.

ARTICLE III

SECURITY FOR BONDS

Section 1 Pledge of Full Faith, Credit, and Taxing Power.

For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same respectively mature, and for the creation of such Sinking Fund Account as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit, and taxing power, of the County are irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied annually by the Auditor of Jasper County, and collected by the Treasurer of Jasper County, in the same manner as other County taxes are levied and collected, a tax, without limit, on all taxable property in the County, sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the Bonds as they mature, and to create such Sinking Fund Account as may be necessary therefor.

<u>Section 2</u> <u>Levy and Collection of Property Taxes.</u>

The Auditor and Treasurer of Jasper County, South Carolina, shall be notified of this issue of Bonds and directed to levy and collect, respectively, upon all taxable property in the County, an annual tax, without limit, sufficient to meet the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively mature, and to create such Sinking Fund Accounts as may be necessary therefor.

ARTICLE IV

SALE OF BONDS; DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE

Section 1 Sale of Bonds.

The Bonds shall be sold at public sale at the price of not less than 100% of par and accrued interest to the date of delivery, in accordance with Section 11-27-40(9)(b) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, on the terms and conditions as are approved by the Chairperson. The Chairperson is hereby expressly delegated the authority to approve the sale of the Bonds so long as they conform to all of the parameters set forth in Section 1 of Article II hereof. The sale of the Bonds shall be advertised as directed by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Section 11-27-40(9)(b). In the event that the Bonds are sold at a public sale, the form of the notice of sale, and the conditions of sale, are substantially those set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part and parcel hereof. Bids for the purchase of the Bonds may be received in such form as determined by the Chief Financial Officer to be in the best interest of the County.

<u>Section 2</u> <u>Disposition of Proceeds of Sale of Bonds and Other Funds.</u>

- (a) The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be made use of by the County Council as follows:
 - (i) Any accrued interest shall be deposited in the Sinking Fund Account and applied to the payment of the first instalment of interest to become due on the Bonds.
 - (ii) Any premium on the Bonds shall be deposited with the Escrow Agent and applied to the payment of principal, interest, and redemption price of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Escrow Deposit Agreement.
 - (iv) The remaining proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be applied as follows:
 - (A) Sufficient proceeds shall be applied to defray the costs of issuing the Bonds.
 - (B) The proceeds of the Bonds necessary to refund all the Refunded Bonds as designated for refunding pursuant to Section 3 of this Article shall be deposited with the Escrow Agent and applied to the payment of principal, interest, and redemption price of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Escrow Deposit Agreement.
 - (C) Any remaining proceeds of the Bonds, after their application to the purposes set forth in paragraph (a) above, together with investment earnings on the proceeds of the Bonds, shall be applied as directed by the County Council to defray costs of other capital projects of the County or to the redemption of the Bonds as directed by the Chairperson.

(b) No purchaser or registered owner of the Bonds shall be liable for the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

<u>Section 3</u> <u>Designation of and Redemption of Refunded Bonds.</u>

- (a) Based upon the advice of the Financial Advisor, the Chairperson shall designate those maturities and the principal amounts, if any, of the Refunded Bonds which have been determined to be in the best interest of the County to refund from the proceeds of the Bonds.
- (b) The Chairperson, upon the advice of the Financial Advisor, shall take all necessary action to call the Refunded Bonds so selected for prior redemption on the dates that are most advantageous to the County.

ARTICLE V

TAX EXEMPTION OF BONDS

Section 1 Exemption from State Taxes.

Both the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be exempt from all state, county, municipal, school district, and all other taxes or assessments of the State of South Carolina, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, except inheritance, estate, or transfer taxes.

Section 2 Federal Tax Provisions.

The County Council hereby authorise the Chief Financial Officer to execute and deliver a tax regulatory agreement or certificate for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the excludability of interest on the Bonds which bond counsel has opined may be excluded from the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE VI

DEFEASANCE

Section 1 Release of Ordinance.

- (a) If all of the Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall have been paid and discharged, then the obligations of the County under this Ordinance, and all other rights granted thereby shall cease and determine. Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of this Article in each of the following circumstances:
 - (i) If the Paying Agent shall hold, at the stated maturities of such Bonds, in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, moneys for the full payment thereof; or

- (ii) If default in the payment of the principal of such Bonds or the interest thereon shall have occurred, and thereafter tender of such payment shall have been made, and the Paying Agent shall hold, in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, sufficient moneys for the payment thereof to the date of the tender of such payment; or
- (iii) If the County shall have deposited with the Paying Agent or other escrow agent meeting the requirements of a Fiscal Agent hereunder, in an irrevocable trust, either moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or direct general obligations of the United States of America, which are not subject to redemption by the issuer prior to the date of maturity of the Bonds to be defeased, the principal of and interest on which, when due, and without reinvestment thereof, will provide moneys, which, together with the moneys, if any, so deposited at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal, interest, and redemption premium or premiums, if any, due or to become due on and prior to the maturity date or dates; or
- (iv) If there shall have been so deposited either moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or direct general obligations of the United States of America the principal of and interest on which, when due, will provide moneys which, together with the moneys, if any, so deposited at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal and interest due or to become due on the Bonds on the maturity thereof.
- (b) In addition to the above requirements of paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv), in order for this Ordinance to be discharged, all other fees, expenses, and charges of the Fiscal Agents, shall have been paid in full at such time.
- (c) Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Ordinance, the Fiscal Agents shall continue to be obligated to hold in trust any moneys or investments then held by the Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Bonds, to pay to the registered owners of Bonds the funds so held by the Fiscal Agents as and when such payment becomes due.
- (d) Any release under this Section shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Fiscal Agents to be paid reasonable compensation for all services rendered under this Ordinance and all reasonable expenses, charges, and other disbursements and those of their respective attorneys, agents, and employees, incurred on and about the administration of trusts by this Ordinance created and the performance of the powers and duties under this Ordinance of the Fiscal Agents.

Section 2 Deposit of Moneys.

Any moneys which at any time shall be deposited with a Fiscal Agent by or on behalf of the County for the purpose of paying and discharging any Bonds shall be and are hereby assigned, transferred, and set over to the Fiscal Agent in trust for the respective registered owners of such Bonds, and such moneys shall be and are hereby irrevocably appropriated to the payment and discharge thereof. If, through lapse of time or otherwise, the registered owners of such Bonds shall no longer be entitled to enforce payment of their obligations, then, in such event, it shall be the duty of the Fiscal Agent to transfer such funds to the County.

Section 3 Notice of Release of Ordinance.

- (a) In the event any of said Bonds are not to be redeemed within the sixty (60) days next succeeding the date the deposit required by Section 1(a)(iii) or (iv) of this Article is made, the County shall give the Fiscal Agent irrevocable instructions to mail, as soon as practicable by first class mail, a notice to the registered owners of such Bonds at the addresses shown on the Books of Registry that (i) the deposit required by subparagraph (a)(iii) or (a)(iv) of Section 1 of this Article has been made with the Fiscal Agent, and (ii) said Bonds are deemed to have been paid in accordance with this Article and stating such maturity or redemption dates upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, said Bonds.
- (b) The County covenants and agrees that any moneys which it shall deposit with the Fiscal Agent shall be deemed to be deposited in accordance with, and subject to, the applicable provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING OF ORDINANCE

Section 1 Amending and Supplementing of Ordinance Without Consent of Registered Owners of Bonds.

- (a) The County Council, from time to time and at any time and without the consent or concurrence of any registered owner of any Bond, may enact an ordinance amendatory hereof or supplemental thereto, if the provisions of such supplemental ordinance shall not materially adversely affect the rights of the registered owners of the Bonds then outstanding, for any one or more of the following purposes:
 - (i) To make any changes or corrections in this Ordinance as to which the County Council shall have been advised by counsel that the same are verbal corrections or changes or are required for the purpose of curing and correcting any ambiguity or defective or inconsistent provision or omission or mistake or manifest error contained in this Ordinance, or to insert in this Ordinance such provisions clarifying matters or questions arising under this Ordinance as are necessary or desirable;
 - (ii) To add additional covenants and agreements of the County for the purpose of further securing the payment of the Bonds;
 - (iii) To surrender any right, power, or privilege reserved to or conferred upon the County by the terms of this Ordinance;
 - (iv) To grant or confer upon the registered owners of the Bonds any additional rights, remedies, powers, authority, or security that lawfully may be granted to or conferred upon them; or

- (v) To make such additions, deletions, or modifications as may be necessary to assure compliance with section 148(f) of the Code relating to required rebate to the United States of America or otherwise as may be necessary to assure the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.
- (b) The County Council shall not enact any supplemental ordinance authorised by the foregoing provisions of this Section unless in the opinion of Bond Counsel (which opinion may be combined with the opinion required by Section 4 hereof) the enactment of such supplemental ordinance is permitted by the foregoing provisions of this Section and the provisions of such supplemental ordinance do not adversely affect the rights of the registered owners of the Bonds then outstanding.

Section 2 Amending and Supplementing of Ordinance With Consent of Registered Owners of Bonds.

- With the consent of the registered owners of not less than a majority in principal (a) amount of the Bonds then outstanding the County Council from time to time and at any time may enact an ordinance amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Ordinance, or modifying or amending the rights or obligations of the County under this Ordinance, or modifying or amending in any manner the rights of the registered owners of the Bonds then outstanding; provided, however, that without the specific consent of the registered owner of each such Bond which would be affected thereby, no supplemental ordinance amending or supplementing the provisions hereof shall: (i) change the fixed maturity date of any Bond or the dates for the payment of interest thereon or the terms of the redemption thereof, or reduce the principal amount of any Bond or the rate of interest thereon or the redemption price (or the redemption premium) payable upon the redemption or prepayment thereof; (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Bonds, the registered owners of which are required to consent to any supplemental ordinance amending or supplementing the provisions of this Ordinance; or (iii) give to any Bond or Bonds any preference over any other Bond or Bonds secured hereby. Nothing in this paragraph contained, however, shall be construed as making necessary the approval of the registered owners of the Bonds of the enactment of any supplemental ordinance authorised by the provisions of Section 1 of this Article.
- (b) It shall not be necessary that the consents of the registered owners of the Bonds approve the particular form of the wording of the proposed amendment or supplement or of the supplemental ordinance effecting such amending or supplementing hereof pursuant to this Section. The County shall mail a notice at least once, not more than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such amendment or supplement, of such amendment or supplement postage prepaid, to each registered owner of Bonds then outstanding at his address appearing upon the Books of Registry and to the Paying Agent, but failure to mail copies of such notice to any of the registered owners shall not affect the validity of the supplemental ordinance effecting such amendments or supplements or the consents thereto. Nothing in this paragraph contained, however, shall be construed as requiring the giving of notice of any amendment or supplement of this Ordinance authorised by Section 1 of this Article. No action or proceeding to set aside or invalidate such supplemental ordinance or any of the proceedings for its enactment shall be instituted or maintained unless such action or

proceeding is commenced within sixty (60) days after the mailing of the notice required by this paragraph.

Section 3 Notation Upon Bonds; New Bonds Issued Upon Amendments.

Bonds delivered after the effective date of any action taken as provided in this Article may bear a notation as to such action, by endorsement or otherwise and in form approved by the County. In that case, upon demand of the registered owner of any Bond outstanding after such effective date and upon the presentation of the Bond for such purpose at the office of the Paying Agent, and at such additional offices, if any, as the County may select and designate for that purpose, a suitable notation shall be made on such Bond. If the County shall so determine, new Bonds, so modified as in the opinion of the County upon the advice of counsel to conform to the amendments or supplements made pursuant to this Article, shall be prepared, executed, and delivered, and upon demand of the registered owner of any Bond then outstanding shall be exchanged without cost to such registered owner for Bonds then outstanding, upon surrender of such outstanding Bonds.

<u>Section 4</u> <u>Effectiveness of Supplemental Ordinance.</u>

Upon the enactment (pursuant to this Article and applicable law) by the County Council of any supplemental ordinance amending or supplementing the provisions of this Ordinance and the delivery to the Paying Agent and the County Council of an opinion of Bond Counsel that such supplemental ordinance is in due form and has been duly enacted in accordance with the provisions hereof and applicable law and that the provisions thereof are valid and binding upon the County, or upon such later date as may be specified in such supplemental ordinance, (a) this Ordinance and the Bonds shall be modified and amended in accordance with such supplemental ordinance, (b) the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, and immunities, under this Ordinance of the County, the Fiscal Agents, and the registered owners of the Bonds, shall thereafter be determined, exercised, and enforced under this Ordinance subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and (c) all of the terms and conditions of any such supplemental ordinance shall be a part of the terms and conditions of the Bonds and of this Ordinance for any and all purposes.

Section 5 Supplemental Ordinance Affecting Fiscal Agents.

No supplemental ordinance changing, amending, or modifying any of the rights, duties, and obligations of any Fiscal Agent appointed by or pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may be enacted by the County Council or be consented to by the registered owners of the Bonds without written consent of such Fiscal Agent affected thereby.

ARTICLE VIII

CONCERNING THE FISCAL AGENTS

Section 1 Fiscal Agents; Appointment and Acceptance of Duties.

The Paying Agent, the Bond Registrar, the Authenticating Agent, and any escrow agent with respect to the Bonds shall accept the duties and trusts imposed upon it by this Ordinance and shall

agree in writing to perform such trusts but only upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Article VIII. Similarly, each financial institution appointed as a successor Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, Authenticating Agent, or escrow agent shall signify its acceptance of the duties and trusts imposed by this Ordinance by a written acceptance.

Section 2 Responsibilities of Fiscal Agents.

The recitals of fact contained herein and in the Bonds shall be taken as the statements of the County and no Fiscal Agent shall be deemed to assume any responsibility for the correctness of the same except in respect of the authentication certificate of the Authenticating Agent endorsed on the Bonds. No Fiscal Agent shall be deemed to make any representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Ordinance or of any Bonds or as to the security afforded by this Ordinance, and no Fiscal Agent shall incur any liability in respect thereof. No Fiscal Agent shall be under any responsibility or duty with respect to the application of any moneys paid to any other Fiscal Agent. No Fiscal Agent shall be under any obligation or duty to perform any act which would involve it in expense or liability or to institute or defend any suit in respect hereof or to advance any of its own moneys, unless indemnified to its reasonable satisfaction. No Fiscal Agent shall be liable in the performance of its duties hereunder except for its own negligence or wilful misconduct.

Section 3 Evidence on Which Fiscal Agents May Act.

- (a) Each Fiscal Agent, upon receipt of any notice, ordinance, request, consent, order, certificate, report, opinion, bond, or other paper or document furnished to it pursuant to any provision of this Ordinance, shall examine such instrument to determine whether it conforms to the requirements of this Ordinance and shall be protected in acting upon any such instrument believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. Each Fiscal Agent may consult with counsel, who may or may not be of counsel to the County, and the opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorisation and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered by it under this Ordinance in good faith and in accordance therewith.
- (b) Whenever any Fiscal Agent shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking or suffering any action under this Ordinance, such matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof be therein specifically prescribed) may be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by a certificate of the Chairperson, and such certificate shall be full warrant for any action taken or suffered in good faith under the provisions of this Ordinance; but in its discretion the Fiscal Agent may in lieu thereof accept other evidence of such fact or matter or may require such further or additional evidence as it may deem reasonable.
- (c) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Ordinance, any request, order, notice, or other direction required or permitted to be furnished pursuant to any provision hereof by the County to any Fiscal Agent shall be sufficiently executed if executed in the name of the County by the Chairperson.

Section 4 Compensation.

The County shall pay to each Fiscal Agent from time to time reasonable compensation based on the then standard fee schedule of the Fiscal Agent for all services rendered under this Ordinance, and also all reasonable expenses, charges, counsel fees and other disbursements, including those of its attorneys, agents, and employees, incurred in and about the performance of their powers and duties under this Ordinance; provided, however, that any specific agreement between the County and a Fiscal Agent with respect to the compensation of that Fiscal Agent shall control the compensation to be paid to it.

Section 5 Certain Permitted Acts.

Any Fiscal Agent may become the owner or underwriter of any bonds, notes, or other obligations of the County, or conduct any banking activities with respect to the County, with the same rights it would have if it were not a Fiscal Agent. To the extent permitted by law, any Fiscal Agent may act as a depository for and permit any of its officers or directors to effect or aid in any reorganisation growing out of the enforcement of the Bonds or this Ordinance.

Section 6 Resignation of Any Fiscal Agent.

Any Fiscal Agent may at any time resign and be discharged of the duties and obligations created by this Ordinance by giving not less than sixty (60) days' written notice to the County and not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the registered owners of the Bonds (as established by the Books of Registry) prior to the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, and such resignation shall take effect upon the date specified in such notice unless a successor shall have been appointed previously by the County pursuant to Section 8 of this Article VIII, in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor. In no event, however, shall such a resignation take effect until a successor has been appointed.

Section 7 Removal of Fiscal Agent.

Any Fiscal Agent may be removed at any time by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, filed with the County and such Fiscal Agent, and signed by either the Chairperson or the registered owners representing a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding or their attorneys in fact duly authorised.

Section 8 Appointment of Successor Fiscal Agents.

(a) In case any Fiscal Agent hereunder shall resign or be removed, or be dissolved, or shall be in the course of dissolution or liquidation, or otherwise become incapable of acting hereunder, or in case it shall be taken under the control of any public officer or officers, or of a receiver appointed by a court, a successor shall be appointed by the County. Every such Fiscal Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Section 8 shall be a trust company or bank organised under state or federal laws and which is in good standing, within or outside the State of South Carolina, having a stockholders' equity of not less than \$25,000,000 if there be such institution willing, qualified, and able to accept the trust upon reasonable and customary terms.

(b) If in a proper case no appointment of a successor Fiscal Agent shall be made by the County pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 8 within forty-five (45) days after any Fiscal Agent shall have given to the County written notice as provided in Section 6 of this Article VIII or after a vacancy in the office of such Fiscal Agent shall have occurred by reason of its removal or inability to act, the former Fiscal Agent or any registered owner may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor. Said court may thereupon, after notice, if any, as the court may deem proper, appoint a successor.

Section 9 Transfer of Rights and Property to Successor.

Any successor Fiscal Agent appointed under this Ordinance shall execute, acknowledge, and deliver to its predecessor, and also to the County, an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the successor, without any further act, deed, or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all moneys, estates, properties, rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the predecessor Fiscal Agent, with like effect as if originally named in that capacity; but the Fiscal Agent ceasing to act shall nevertheless, at the request of the County or at the written request of the successor Fiscal Agent, execute, acknowledge, and deliver, all instruments of conveyance and further assurance and do all things as may reasonably be required for more fully and certainly vesting and confirming in the successor Fiscal Agent all the right, title, and interest, of the predecessor Fiscal Agent in and to any property held by it under this Ordinance, and shall pay over, assign, and deliver, to the successor Fiscal Agent any money or other property subject to the trusts and conditions herein set forth. Should any deed, conveyance, or instrument in writing, from the County be required by such successor Fiscal Agent for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor any such estates, rights, powers, and duties, any and all such deeds, conveyances, and instruments in writing, shall, on request, and so far as may be authorised by law, be executed, acknowledged, and delivered, by the County. Each successor Fiscal Agent shall promptly notify the other Fiscal Agents, if any, of its appointment as Fiscal Agent.

Section 10 Merger or Consolidation.

Any corporation or other organisation into which any Fiscal Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated or any corporation or other organisation resulting from any merger, conversion, or consolidation or other organisation to which it may be party or any corporation or other organisation to which any Fiscal Agent may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its corporate trust business, provided such corporation or other organisation shall be a bank or trust company organised under state or federal laws, and shall be authorised by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by this Ordinance, shall be the successor to such Fiscal Agent without the execution or filing of any paper or the performance of any further act.

Section 11 Adoption of Authentication.

In case any of the Bonds contemplated to be issued under this Ordinance shall have been authenticated but not delivered, any successor Authenticating Agent may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Authenticating Agent so authenticating such Bonds and deliver such Bonds so authenticated. In case any such Bonds shall not have been authenticated, any

successor Authenticating Agent may authenticate such Bonds in the name of the predecessor Authenticating Agent or in the name of the successor Authenticating Agent, and in all such cases such certificate shall be of full force and effect.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>Section 1</u> <u>Execution of Closing Documents and Certificates.</u>

- (a) The Chairperson, the Clerk, the County Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer of the County, and all other officers and employees of the County, are fully authorised and empowered to take all further action and to execute and deliver all closing documents and certificates as may be necessary and proper in order to complete the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and the action of such officers or any one or more of them in executing and delivering any documents, in the form as he or they shall approve, is hereby fully authorised.
- (b) There is hereby authorised the Escrow Deposit Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit E, for use with the refunding of the Refunded Bonds designated pursuant to Section 3 of the Article IV hereof. The Chief Financial Officer of the County is hereby authorised and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Deposit Agreement on behalf of the County, with any changes as he shall approve, upon the advice of the Financial Advisor or counsel, his execution being conclusive evidence of his approval. The Chairperson shall appoint a Fiscal Agent to serve as Escrow Agent as is in the best interest of the County.

Section 2 Vice Chairperson May Act in Chairperson's Absence; Acting Clerk May Act in Clerk's Absence.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the vice chairperson of the County Council is fully authorised to exercise all powers vested in the Chairperson under this Ordinance. In the absence of the Clerk, the acting clerk of the County Council is fully authorised to exercise all powers and take all actions vested in the Clerk under this Ordinance.

Section 3 Official Statement.

- (a) The County Council hereby approve the form of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds in substantially the form presented at third reading hereof and hereby direct the distribution thereof in connexion with the sale of the Bonds.
- (b) The County Council hereby authorise the Official Statement of the County relating to the Bonds substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement presented at this meeting, with any modifications as the Chief Financial Officer of the County, upon the advice of the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, approves; the Chief Financial Officer of the County is hereby authorised and directed to execute copies of the Official Statement and deliver them to the Original Purchaser of the Bonds, which execution and delivery shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of any such

modifications; and the County hereby authorise the use of the Official Statement and the information contained therein in connexion with the public offering and sale of the Bonds.

Section 4 Benefits of Ordinance Limited to the County and Registered Owners of the Bonds.

With the exception of rights or benefits herein expressly conferred, nothing expressed or mentioned in or to be implied from this Ordinance or the Bonds is intended or should be construed to confer upon or give to any person other than the County and the registered owners of the Bonds, any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of or in respect to this Ordinance or any covenant, condition, stipulation, promise, agreement, or provision herein contained. This Ordinance and all of the covenants, conditions, stipulations, promises, agreements, and provisions hereof are intended to be and shall be for and inure to the sole and exclusive benefit of the County and the registered owners from time to time of the Bonds as herein and therein provided.

Section 5 Ordinance Binding Upon Successors or Assigns of the County.

All the terms, provisions, conditions, covenants, warranties, and agreements contained in this Ordinance shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the County and shall inure to the benefit of the registered owners of the Bonds.

Section 6 No Personal Liability.

No recourse shall be had for the enforcement of any obligation, covenant, promise, or agreement of the County contained in this Ordinance or the Bonds, against any member of the County Council, or any officer or employee of the County, as such, in his or her individual capacity, past, present, or future, either directly or through the County, whether by virtue of any constitutional provision, statute, or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Ordinance and the Bonds are solely corporate obligations, and that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, or be incurred by, any member, officer, or employee as such, past, present, or future, either directly or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants, promises, or agreements, entered into between the County and the registered owners of the Bonds or to be implied therefrom as being supplemental hereto or thereto; and that all personal liability of that character against every such member, officer, and employee is, by the enactment of this Ordinance and the execution of the Bonds, and as a condition of, and as a part of the consideration for, the enactment of this Ordinance and the execution of the Bonds, expressly waived and released. The immunity of the members, officers, and employees, of the County under the provisions contained in this Section shall survive the termination of this Ordinance.

Section 7 Effect of Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays.

Whenever this Ordinance requires any action to be taken on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or bank holiday in the State of South Carolina or in a state where the office of any Fiscal Agent is located, the action shall be taken on the first secular or business day occurring thereafter. Whenever in this Ordinance the time within which any action is required to be taken or within which any right will lapse or expire shall terminate on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or bank holiday in the State of South Carolina or in a state where the office of any Fiscal Agent is located, the time

shall continue to run until midnight on the next succeeding secular or business day.

Section 8 Partial Invalidity.

- (a) If any one or more of the covenants or agreements or portions thereof provided in this Ordinance on the part of the County or any Fiscal Agent to be performed should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants, or such agreement or agreements, or such portions thereof, shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements or portions thereof provided in this Ordinance and the invalidity thereof shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds, but the registered owners of the Bonds shall retain all the rights and benefits accorded to them hereunder and under any applicable provisions of law.
- (b) If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable or invalid as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions or in all jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any other case or circumstance, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained inoperative or unenforceable or invalid to any extent whatever.

Section 9 Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 11-1-85 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended ("Section 11-1-85"), the County Council covenant to file with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market when requested:
 - (i) An annual independent audit, within thirty days of the County Council's receipt of the audit; and
 - (ii) Event specific information within 30 days of an event adversely affecting more than five percent of the aggregate of revenues of the County.

The only remedy for failure by the County Council to comply with the covenant in this Section shall be an action for specific performance of this covenant. The County Council specifically reserves the right to amend this covenant to reflect any change in Section 11-1-85, without the consent of any registered owner of any Bonds.

(b) In addition, the County Council hereby authorise the Chief Financial Officer of the County to execute the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, with any changes therein as may be approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the County, upon the advice of the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel. The County Council further hereby covenant and agree that they will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, failure of the County Council to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not be considered an event of default with respect to the Bonds; however, any registered owner may take

such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the County Council to comply with their obligations under this paragraph.

Section 10 Law and Place of Enforcement of the Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina and all suits and actions arising out of this Ordinance shall be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction in said State.

Section 11 Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions.

All ordinances and resolutions of the County Council, and any part of any resolution or ordinance, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 12 Notice of Enactment of Ordinance.

Upon enactment of this Ordinance, notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D, of the enactment of this Ordinance shall be published in *Jasper Sun News*, a newspaper published in Ridgeland, South Carolina of general circulation in the County.

Section 13 Effective Date of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon approval following third reading.

(SEAL)

Chairperson, County Council of Jasper County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Clerk, County Council of Jasper County, South Carolina

First Reading: Second Reading: December 7, 2020 February 1, 2021

Second Reading: Public Hearing:

July 19, 2021

Third Reading:

July 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: XI-I

Ordinance item I

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDI	NANÇE	NO:	2021	-

AN ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

To amend the Jasper County, South Carolina Organizational Chart.

First Reading:	
Second Reading:	
Public Hearing:	
Adopted:	
The following document is required to be attached prior to 3 rd Reading:	
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Jasper County, South Carolina Organizational Chart dated	, 2021.
Reviewed for form and draftsmanship by the Jasper County Attorney.	
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