

Project Unity Gateway

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT UNITY GATEWAY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "*County*"), acting by and through its County Council (the "*County Council*"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 (the "*FILOT Act*"), Title 4, Chapter 1 (the "*Multi-County Park Act*"), and Title 4, Chapter 29, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enter into agreements with commercial enterprises whereby the commercial enterprises would pay fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to qualified projects; to provide infrastructure credits against payment in lieu of taxes for reimbursement in respect of investment in certain infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County; through all such powers the industrial and business development of the State of South Carolina (the "*State*") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FILOT Act, and in order to make an investment in the County, _____, a _____ (the "*Company*") (which was known to the County as "*Project Unity Gateway*") upon the consideration of this Ordinance by the County at first reading), desires with respect to the acquisition, construction, and installation of land, buildings, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment, furnishings and other real and/or tangible personal property to constitute one or more new facilities in the County to be operated as a commercial enterprise including such uses as multi-family housing project, an office building and/or a hotel (collectively, the "*Project*"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that the Project will involve an investment of approximately \$50,000,000 within the Investment Period (as such term is defined in the hereinafter defined Fee Agreement and provide affordable housing rental rates with respect to a portion of the Project to low income residents; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the Company that the Project would be a "project" and "economic development property" as such terms are defined in the FILOT Act, and that the Project would serve the purposes of the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 4-1-170 of the Multi-County Park Act and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the County intends to cause the Project, to the extent not already therein located, to be placed in a joint county industrial and business park (the "*Park*") such that the Project will receive the benefits of the Multi-County Park Act; a

WHEREAS, because the land which is part of the Project (the "*Land*") is located within the corporate limits of the City of Greenville (the "*City*"), the Multi-County Park Act requires the consent of the City before the Land and the Project may be included in the Park and by resolution the City has

consented to including the Land in the Park; and

WHEREAS, the City's consent to the County including the Land and the Project into the Park, provided that the County agreed to distribute a portion of the fees in lieu of taxes paid on behalf of the Land and all property located therein, including the Project, to the City as more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees with the City's position regarding distribution of the fee in lieu of tax revenues, and desires to include the Land and the Project in the Park in accordance with that understanding; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City have reduced their mutual understandings regarding the City's consent to the County's addition of the Land to the Park, to include the Company's investment in the Project located on the Land, and the mutual understanding regarding distribution of fee in lieu of tax revenues paid on behalf of the Land and all property located therein, including the Project, to an Intergovernmental Agreement to be approved, executed and delivered by and between the City and the County (the "*Intergovernmental Agreement*").

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to, among other things, (a) enter into a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Credit Agreement with the Company (the "*Fee Agreement*"), whereby the County would provide therein for a payment of a fee-in-lieu-of taxes by the Company with respect to the Project, and (b) provide for certain special source credits to be claimed by the Company against its payments of fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Multi-County Park Act; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement and Intergovernmental Agreement which the County proposes to execute and deliver; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the documents above referred to, which are now before this meeting, are in appropriate form and are an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered or approved by the County for the purposes intended;

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

Section 1. Based on information supplied by the Company, it is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council, as follows:

(a) The Project will constitute a "project" and "economic development property" as said terms are referred to and defined in the FILOT Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act;

(b) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally;

(c) The Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either;

(d) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes; and

(e) The benefits of the Project are anticipated to be greater than the costs.

Section 2. The form, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement was out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council and/or the County Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Greenville County Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the County Administrator, upon advice of counsel, his execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of his approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 3. The form, terms and provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Intergovernmental Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council and/or the County Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Intergovernmental Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, and thereupon to cause the Intergovernmental Agreement to be delivered to the City and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Greenville County Treasurer. The Intergovernmental Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the County Administrator, upon advice of counsel, his execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of his approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Intergovernmental Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 4. The Chairman of County Council, the County Administrator and the Clerk to County Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the Intergovernmental Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions 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, phrases and provisions hereunder.

Section 6. All 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 by the County Council.

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ENACTED in meeting duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020.

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
H.G. (Butch) Kirven, Jr., Chairman of
County Council, Greenville County,
South Carolina

By: _____
Joseph M. Kernell, County Administrator
Greenville County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: _____
Regina McCaskill, Clerk to County Council
Greenville County, South Carolina

First Reading: _____, 20__
Second Reading: _____, 20__
Third Reading: _____, 20__
Public Hearing: _____, 20__

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

I, the undersigned Clerk to County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, accurate and complete copy of an ordinance which was given reading, and received unanimous approval, by the County Council at its meetings of _____, 20__, _____, 20__, and _____, 20__, at which meetings a quorum of members of County Council were present and voted, and an original of which ordinance is filed in the permanent records of the County Council.

Clerk to County Council,
Greenville County, South Carolina

Dated: _____, 20__