Jason M. Springs District 1

Roger M. Poston District 2

Alphonso Bradley District 3

Mitchell Kirby District 4

Kent C. Caudle District 5 AGENDA FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING COUNTY COMPLEX 180 N. IRBY STREET COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803 FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015 9:00 A. M. H. Steven DeBerry, IV District 6

Waymon Mumford District 7

James T. Schofield District 8

Willard Dorriety, Jr. District 9

# I. <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u>

#### **ROGER M. POSTON, CHAIRMAN**

# II. <u>INVOCATION:</u> MITCHELL KIRBY, SECRETARY/CHAPLAIN

# III. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:</u> JAMES T. SCHOFIELD, VICE CHAIRMAN

IV. <u>WELCOME:</u>

#### **ROGER M. POSTON, CHAIRMAN**

## **V. ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

#### THIRD READING

1. ORDINANCE NO. 36-2014/15

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$8,300,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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# 2. ORDINANCE NO. 37-2014/15

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$575,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

# 3. ORDINANCE NO. 02-2015/16

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2015/16 In Order To Increase The Debt Service Millage For Florence County For The FY2015/16 Budget And Other Matters Related Thereto.

# VI. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u>

Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended.

# VII. <u>ADJOURN:</u>

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# FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 25, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Third Reading of Ordinance No. 36-2014/15

#### DEPARTMENT: Administration Finance

#### **ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

(An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$8,300,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

#### **POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- 1. The various rural fire departments have developed a list of apparatus and equipment needs for the next five years.
- 2. This list totals in excess of \$8,100,000 and could be funded by the issuance of a general obligation bond for a period of twenty years.

#### **FUNDING FACTORS:**

1. The payment due in FY2015/16 on this general obligation bond will require a levy of 3.5 mills in the unified fire district.

#### **OPTIONS:**

- 1. (Recommended) Approve Third Reading of Ordinance No. 36-2014/15
- 2. Provide An Alternate Directive.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Copy of Ordinance No. 36-2014/15

Sponsor(s): FinFirst Reading: MaCommittee Referral: N/Committee Consideration Date: N/Committee Recommendation: N/Second Reading: JunPublic Hearing: JunThird Reading: JunEffective Date: Im

Finance
May 21, 2015
N/A
N/A
N/A
June 18, 2015
June 18, 2015
June 25, 2015
Immediately

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Council Clerk, certify that this Ordinance was advertised for Public Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 36-2014/15**

#### COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

#### AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A. NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$8,300,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (FLORENCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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Exhibit D - Form of Disclosure Dissemination Agreement

# BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

#### ARTICLE I

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

As an incident to the adoption of this Ordinance and the issuance of the bonds provided for herein, the Florence County Council (the "Council"), the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina (the "County"), finds that the facts set forth in this Article exist, and the statements made with respect thereto are true and correct:

#### Section 1.01 Objectives of Expenditures.

Council has been advised that a need exists within the Florence County Fire Protection District (the "Fire District") for the acquisition and installation of and improvements related to vehicles and other fire-fighting apparatus and equipment for use within the Fire District (the "Improvements"). The total cost of the Improvements is approximately \$8,158,500.

In order to raise the moneys to finance the Improvements and to pay the costs of issuance to be incurred in connection therewith, the Council has determined to issue general obligation bonds of the County in the principal amount of not exceeding \$8,300,000 (the "Bonds") and to use the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds for such purposes.

#### Section 1.02 Statutory Authorization.

Section 4-19-50 of the Code of Laws of South Garolina, 1976, as amended, authorizes the County to issue general obligation bonds to establish, maintain and operate fire protection districts and to purchase the necessary fire-fighting equipment and to construct, acquire and build necessary fire stations within such districts and to acquire sites for such stations.

#### Section 1.03 Recital of Applicable Constitutional Provisions .

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (7) of Section 14 of Article X of the South Carolina Constitution, the County is authorized to issue general obligation debt which is incurred pursuant to and within the limitations described by Section 12 of Article X. In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of Article X and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Council shall impose upon all taxable property within the District an ad valorem tax in an amount designed to provide debt service on the Bond authorized hereby. Further, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 and paragraph (7) of §14 of Article X, debt incurred in this manner is not to be considered in computing the general obligation debt limit of the County.

#### Section 1.04 Holding of Public Hearing.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-9-130 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, a public hearing, after giving reasonable notice, is required to be conducted prior to the third and final reading of this Ordinance by Council. As stated in Section 1.01(e) of this Ordinance, such public hearing has been duly held by Council prior to third reading of this Ordinance.

#### Section 1.05 Notice Pursuant to Section 11-27-40.

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The Council is mindful of the fact that Section 4--9-1220 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "S.C. Code"), applies to the provisions of this Ordinance. In the event that the Chairman determines in his sole discretion that it is necessary to proceed as soon as possible to issue and deliver the bond authorized hereby, the County may avail itself of the provisions of Paragraph 8 of Section 11-27-40 of the S.C. Code. In such case, notice shall be published in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

[End of Article I]

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#### ARTICLE II

#### DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

#### Section 2.01 Definitions.

As used in this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

"Authorized Investments" mean and include such investments as are approved for political subdivision of the State pursuant to Sections 6-5-10 and 6-6-30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

"Authorized Officer" means the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Council and any other officer or employee of the County designated from time to time as an Authorized Officer by ordinance and when used with reference to any act or document also means any other person authorized by ordinance to perform such act or sign such document.

"Council" means the Florence County Council, the governing body of the County or any successor governing body of the County.

"Bond or Bonds" means any of the Bonds of the County authorized by this ordinance, and shall mean, as appropriate, Bonds of a particular Series issued under the authorization of this ordinance.

"Bond Counsel" means a firm of nationally recognized attorneys practicing in the field of municipal finance law retained by the County to serve as Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Bonds.

"Bondholder" or "Holder" or "Holders" of Bonds" or "Owner" or similar term means, when used with respect to a Bond or Bonds, any person who shall be registered as the owner of any Bond Outstanding.

"Bond Payment Date" means each April 1 and October 1 on which interest on any of the Bonds shall be payable or on which both the Principal Installment or Redemption Price and interest shall be payable on any of the Bonds.

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman.

"Continuing Disclosure Certificate" means that certificate, the form of which appears attached hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u>, which is to be executed by an Authorized Official and delivered at or prior to the closing of the Bonds as required by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended.

"Corporate Trust Office," when used with respect to any Paying Agent or Registrar, means the office at which its principal corporate trust business shall be administered.

"County" means Florence County, South Carolina.

"County Administrator" means the individual hired by the Council to fulfill the duties of the County Administrator.

"County Request" means a written request of the County signed by an Authorized Officer.

"District" means the Florence County Fire Protection District.

"Enabling Act" means Chapter 19, Title 4, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended and supplemented by Act No. 113 of the 1999 Acts of the South Carolina General Assembly.

"Fiduciary" means the Paying Agent, the Registrar and their successors and assigns.

"Financial Advisor" is an investment bank or other financial institution selected by the County to assist it with the issuance of the Bonds.

"Government Obligations" means and includes direct general obligations of the United States of America or agencies thereof or obligations, the payment of principal or interest on which is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America.

"Improvements" shall have the meaning given in Section 1.01 herein.

"Ordinance" means this Ordinance as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Outstanding," when used in this Ordinance with respect to Bonds means, as of any date, all Bonds theretofore authenticated and delivered pursuant to this ordinance except:

(i) any Bond cancelled or delivered to the Registrar for cancellation on or before such date;

(ii) any Bond (or any portion thereof) deemed to have been paid in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.01 hereof; and

(iii) any Bond in lieu of or in exchange for which another Bond shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to Section 3.11 of the Ordinance.

"Paying Agent" means any bank, trust company or national banking association which is authorized, to pay the principal of or interest on a Series of Bonds and having the duties, responsibilities and rights provided for in this Ordinance, and its successor or successors and any other corporation or association which at any time may be substituted in its place pursuant to this Ordinance. The institution named as Paying Agent may also act as Registrar.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a trust, a trustee, an unincorporated organization, or a government or an agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Principal Installment" means, as of any date of calculation, the principal amount of all Bonds due on a specified date.

"Record Date" means the 15th day immediately preceding each Bond Payment Date.

"Redemption Dates" means the dates upon which Bonds shall be subject to redemption.

"Redemption Price" when used with respect to a Bond or portion thereof to be redeemed, means the principal amount of such Bond or such portion thereof plus the applicable premium, if any, payable upon redemption thereof pursuant to this Ordinance. "Registrar" means any bank, trust company, or national banking association which is authorized to maintain an accurate list of those who from time to time shall be the Holders of the Bonds of a Series and shall effect the exchange and transfer of Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and having the duties, responsibilities, and rights provided for in this Ordinance and its successor or successors and any other corporation or association which at any time may be substituted in its place pursuant to this Ordinance. The institution named as Registrar may also act as Paying Agent.

"Series" or "Series of Bonds" shall mean all of the Bonds authenticated and delivered on original issuance in a simultaneous transaction and designated as a single Series by the County Administrator, and any Bonds thereafter authenticated and delivered in lieu of or in substitution for (but not to refund) such Bonds as herein provided, regardless of variations in maturity, interest rate or other provisions.

#### Section 2.02 Construction.

In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) Articles and Sections referred to by number shall mean the corresponding Articles and Sections of this Ordinance.

(b) The terms "hereby," "hereof," "hereto," "herein," "hereunder" and any similar terms refer to this Ordinance, and the term "hereafter" shall mean after, and the term "heretofore" shall mean before, the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

(c) Words of the masculine gender shall mean and include correlative words of the female and neuter genders, and words importing the singular number shall mean and include the plural number and vice versa.

(d) Any Fiduciary shall be deemed to hold an Authorized Investment in which money is invested pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, even though such Authorized Investment is evidenced only by a book entry of similar record of investment.

[End of Article II]

#### ARTICLE III

#### ISSUANCE OF BONDS

#### Section 3.01 Ordering the Issuance of Bonds.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act, and for the purpose of obtaining funds to finance the costs of the Improvements and to pay costs of issuance, there shall be issued not exceeding in the aggregate Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,300,000) of general obligation bonds of the County. The Bonds shall be designated "General Obligation Bonds of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), Series 2015C." The principal amount, description and series designation of the Bonds shall be determined by the County Administrator. The Bonds may be issued as a single series or as several series simultaneously or from time to time as determined by the County Administrator.

#### Section 3.02 Maturity Schedule of Bonds.

The Bonds shall bear interest at rates determined in the manner prescribed by Section 3.15 hereof. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to establish a maturity schedule for each Series, upon advice of the County's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel; provided, however, that (i) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$8,300,000, (ii) the maximum term of a Series does not exceed 20 years from the date of issuance thereof, and (iii) the first Bond Payment Date applicable to a Series is not more than 12 months from the date of issuance of such Series.

#### Section 3.03 Provision for Payment of Interest on the Bonds.

The Bonds shall be authenticated on such dates as they shall, in each case, be delivered. The original issue date of the Bonds shall be the date of delivery of the Bonds. The Bonds shall bear interest from the original issue date of the Bonds. The interest to be paid on any April 1 or October 1 shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the Record Date next preceding such April 1 or October 1.

#### Section 3.04 Medium of Payment; Form and Denomination of Bonds; Place of Payment of Principal.

(a) The Bonds shall be payable as to Principal Installment or Redemption Price and interest at the rates per annum determined in the manner prescribed by Section 3.15 hereof (on the basis of a 360day year of twelve 30-day months) in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

(b) The Bonds shall be issued in the form of fully registered Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 or any whole multiple thereof, not exceeding the principal amount of the Bonds maturing in such year. The Bonds shall be numbered from 1 upwards in such fashion as to maintain a proper record thereof.

(c) The Principal Installment or Redemption Price of all Bonds shall be payable at the Corporate Trust Office of the Paying Agent and payment of the interest on each Bond shall be made by the Paying Agent to the Person appearing on each Record Date on the registration books of the County, which books shall be held by the Registrar as provided in Section 3.08 hereof, as the registered owner thereof, by check or draft mailed to such registered owner at his address as it appears on such registration books in sufficient time to reach such registered owner on the Bond Payment Date. Payment of the

Principal Installment or Redemption Price of all Bonds shall be made upon the presentation and surrender for cancellation of such Bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

#### Section 3.05 Agreement to Maintain Registrar and Paying Agent.

As long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding there shall be a Registrar and a Paying Agent each of which shall be a financial institution maintaining Corporate Trust Offices where (i) the Bonds may be presented for registration of transfers and exchanges, (ii) notices and demands to or upon the County in respect of the Bonds may be served, and (iii) the Bonds may be presented for payment, exchange and transfer. Initially, the financial institution agreed upon by the County and the successful bidder at the sale of the Bonds shall act as both Paying Agent and Registrar. In the event of a failure to agree, a financial institution designated by the County shall act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The single institution so chosen shall exercise both the functions of the Paying Agent and the Registrar.

#### Section 3.06 Execution and Authentication.

(a) The Bonds shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the County by the manual signature of an Authorized Officer, with its corporate seal impressed thereon, and attested by the manual signature of its Clerk to Council or other Authorized Officer (other than the officer executing such Bonds). Bonds bearing the manual signature of any Person who shall have been such an Authorized Officer at the time such Bonds were so executed shall bind the County notwithstanding the fact that he may have ceased to be such Authorized Officer prior to the authentication and delivery of such Bonds or was not such Authorized Officer at the date of the authentication and delivery of the Bonds.

(b) No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any right or benefit hereunder unless there shall be endorsed on such Bond a certificate of authentication in the form set forth in the Ordinance, duly executed by the manual signature of the Registrar and such certificate of authentication upon any Bond executed on behalf of the County shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued hereunder and that the Holder thereof is entitled to the benefit of the terms and provisions of the Ordinance.

#### Section 3.07 Exchange of Bonds.

Bonds may, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Registrar with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered Holder or his duly authorized attorney, at the option of the registered Holder thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds in authorized denominations of the same interest rate and maturity. So long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, the County shall make all necessary provisions to permit the exchange of Bonds at the Corporate Trust Office of the Registrar.

#### Section 3.08 Transferability and Registry.

All Bonds shall at all times, when the same are Outstanding, be payable, both as to Principal Installment, Redemption Price and interest to a Person, and shall be transferable only in accordance with the provisions for registration and transfer contained in the Ordinance and in the Bonds. So long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, the County shall maintain and keep, at the office of the Registrar, books for the registration and transfer of Bonds, and, upon presentation thereof for such purpose at the Corporate Trust Office of the Registrar, the County shall register or cause to be registered therein, and permit to be transferred thereon, under such reasonable regulations as it or the Registrar may prescribe, any Bond, except

that under no circumstances shall any Bond be registered or transferred to bearer. So long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, the County shall make all necessary provisions to permit the transfer of Bonds at the Corporate Trust Office of the Registrar.

#### Section 3.09 Transfer of Bonds.

Each Bond shall be transferable only upon the books of the County, which shall be kept for such purpose at the Corporate Trust Office of the Registrar which shall be maintained for such purpose by the Registrar, upon presentation and surrender thereof by the Holder of such Bond in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered Holder or his duly authorized attorney. Upon surrender for transfer of any such Bond, the County shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the Person who is the transferee, one or more new Bonds of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity and rate of interest as the surrendered Bond. All action taken by the Registrar pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be the action of the County.

#### Section 3.10 Regulations with Respect to Exchanges and Transfers.

All Bonds surrendered in any exchanges or transfers shall forthwith be cancelled by the Registrar. For each such exchange or transfer of Bonds, the County or the Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it or them for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the Holder requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer. The County shall not be obligated to (i) issue, exchange or transfer any Bond during the 15 days next preceding any Bond Payment Date, (ii) issue, exchange or transfer any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days next preceding any selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the date of the mailing of notice of such redemption, or (iii) transfer or exchange any Bonds called or being called for redemption in whole or in part.

# Section 3.11 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Bonds.

(a) If any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Registrar and the Registrar or the County receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and there is delivered to the Registrar or the County such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the County shall execute, and upon County Request, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for any such mutilated Bond or in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, a new Bond of like tenor, principal amount and redemption provisions, bearing a number unlike that of a Bond contemporaneously Outstanding. The Registrar shall thereupon cancel any such mutilated Bond so surrendered. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the County in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond.

(b) Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section 3.11, the County may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax, fee or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses, including counsel fees or other fees, of the County or the Registrar connected therewith.

(c) Each new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the County, whether or not the destroyed, lost or

stolen Bond shall at any time be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits hereof equally and proportionately with any and all other Bonds duly issued pursuant to the Ordinance. All Bonds shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights or remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of stolen Bonds or securities.

#### Section 3.12 Holder As Owner of Bond.

The County, the Registrar and any Paying Agent may treat the Holder of any Bond as the absolute owner thereof, whether such Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the Principal Installment or Redemption Price of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes, and payment of the Principal Installment or Redemption Price and interest shall be made only to, or upon the order of, such Holder. All payments to such Holder shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the County nor any Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

#### Section 3.13 Cancellation of Bonds.

The Registrar shall destroy all Bonds surrendered to it for cancellation and shall deliver a certificate to that effect to the County. No such Bonds shall be deemed Outstanding under the Ordinance and no Bonds shall be issued in lieu thereof.

# Section 3.14 Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

In any case where the Bond Payment Date or Redemption Date shall be a Saturday or Sunday or shall be, at the place designated for payment, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, then payment of Redemption Price, interest on or Principal Installment of the Bonds need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding business day not a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday or a day upon which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, with the same force and effect as if made on the Bond Payment Date and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

#### Section 3.15 Conditions Relating to Naming of Interest Rates.

The Bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall at the sale of such Bonds reflect the lowest true interest cost (TIC) or net interest cost (NIC) to the County, as determined by the Chairman and the County Administrator, upon advice of the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, at a price of not less than par, and further provided that:

- (a) all Bonds of the same maturity shall bear the same rate of interest;
- (b) no rate of interest named shall be more than two per centum (2%) higher than the lowest rate of interest named, nor (unless determined otherwise by the County Administrator, upon advice of the Financial Advisor) shall any rate of interest named be less than any rate of interest named for Bonds of an earlier maturity if such bonds are subject to optional redemption, if the County Administrator is so advised by the Financial Advisor;
- (c) each interest rate named shall be a multiple of 1/8th or 1/20th of one per centum (1%); and

(d) any premium offered must be paid in cash as a part of the purchase price.

#### Section 3.16 Tax Exemption in South Carolina.

Both the Principal Installment or Redemption Price and interest on said 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, transfer or certain franchise taxes.

#### Section 3.17 Order of Tax Levy to Pay Principal and Interest of Bonds.

For the payment of the Principal Installment and interest on the Bonds as the same respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit, taxing power and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied annually by the Auditor of Florence County and collected by the Treasurer of Florence County a tax on all taxable property in the Fire District, sufficient to pay the Principal Installment and interest on such Bonds as they respectively mature, and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

#### Section 3.18 Notice to Auditor and Treasurer to Levy Tax.

The Auditor and Treasurer of Florence County shall each be notified of this issue of Bonds and directed to levy and collect upon all taxable property in the Fire District an annual tax sufficient to meet the payment of the Principal Installment and interest on said Bonds, as the same respectively mature, and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

#### Section 3.19 Bonds Issued in Book-Entry Only Form.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the Bonds will initially be issued under the DTC Book-Entry-Only System in fully registered form, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as the registered owner and securities depository nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as initial securities depository for the Bonds. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, so long as the Bonds are being held under a book-entry system of a securities depository, transfers of beneficial ownership of the Bonds will be effected pursuant to rules and procedures established by such securities depository." Cede & Co. and successor securities depository nominees are hereinafter referred to as the "Securities Depository Nominee."

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, as long as a book-entry system is in effect for the Bonds, the Securities Depository Nominee will be recognized as the holder of the Bonds for the purposes of (i) paying the principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, on such Bonds, (ii) if Bonds are to be redeemed in part, selecting the portions of such Bonds to be redeemed, (iii) giving any notice permitted or required to be given to Bondholders under this ordinance, (iv) registering the transfer of Bonds, and (v) requesting any consent or other action to be taken by the holders of such Bonds, and for all other purposes whatsoever, and the County shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

(c) The County shall not have any responsibility or obligation to any participant, any beneficial owner or any other person claiming a beneficial ownership in any Bonds which are registered to a Securities Depository Nominee under or through the Securities Depository with respect to any action taken by the Securities Depository as holder of such Bonds.

(d) The County shall pay all principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, on Bonds issued under a book-entry system only to the Securities Depository or the Securities Depository Nominee, as the case may be, for such Bonds, and all such payments shall be valid and effectual to fully satisfy and discharge the obligations with respect to the principal of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on such Bonds.

(e) In the event that the Securities Depository for the Bonds discontinues providing its services, the County shall either engage the services of another Securities Depository or direct the Registrar and Paying Agent to authenticate, register and deliver physical certificates for the Bonds in exchange for the Bonds registered in the name of the Securities Depository Nominee in the manner prescribed in this Article III.

(f) In connection with any notice or other communication to be provided to the holders of Bonds by the County or by the Registrar and Paying Agent with respect to any consent or other action to be taken by the holders of Bonds, the County or the Registrar and Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall establish a record date for such consent or other action and give the Securities Depository Nominee notice of such record date not less than 15 days in advance of such record date to the extent possible.

(g) The closing of the Bonds may be accomplished under DTC's "FAST" procedures, in which circumstance delivery of the Bonds at closing shall be made to the Paying Agent for the Bonds.

(h) For as long as the Bonds are being held under a book-entry system of a securities depository, the County shall remit to the Paying Agent and Registrar by 1:00 p.m. New York Time on each Bond Payment Date funds for all principal and interest payments due thereupon, or at such earlier time as required by the Paying Agent and Registrar to guarantee that DTC or successor Securities Depository will receive payment in same-day funds by 2:30 p.m. New York time on such Bond Payment Date. In addition, automated payment details receipt shall be provided by the Paying Agent by 12:00 noon New York time of each Bond Payment Date for interest payments.

Section 3.20 Form of Bonds.

The form of the Bonds and registration provisions to be endorsed thereon shall be substantially as set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

#### Section 3.21 Bonds Issued as Single Instrument

Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the Bonds authorized hereby, if so determined by the Chairman upon advice of the Financial Advisor, may be issued in the form of a single Bond. In the event the Bond is issued as a single Bond, the following shall apply:

(a) The dated date of the Bond shall be the date of its delivery, and the Bond shall bear interest from such date;

(b) The Chairman may require that the Bond bear a single, fixed rate of interest;

(c) No bidder shall be required to submit a good faith check with its bid;

(d) The form of the Bonds as set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto and the Notice of Sale as set forth in <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto shall be appropriately modified, and any advertisement of the sale of the Bond required by the Enabling Act and Section 5.01 hereof may be published in any newspaper of general circulation in the

State of South Carolina;

(e) The County Treasurer of Florence County shall serve as Paying Agent for the Bond and the County, acting through the Clerk to Council, shall serve as Registrar for the Bond, provided that neither the County Treasurer of Florence County nor the Clerk to Council shall be deemed to be a Fiduciary within the meaning of Article VIII herein;

(f) If so determined by the Chairman, the Bond shall not be issued in book-entry only form, and, in lieu thereof, shall be registered in the name of the Holder as directed by the purchaser thereof.

(g) An official statement need not be prepared in connection with the sale of the Bond pursuant to this Section 3.21, and, in which case, the delivery of the Bond shall be conditioned upon the delivery by the purchaser thereof at closing of a certificate in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel regarding the suitability of the purchaser and restrictions on transfer of the Bonds. The County shall not in such case be obligated to deliver a continuing disclosure certificate as otherwise provided in Exhibit D hereto.

[End of Article III]

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **REDEMPTION OF BONDS**

#### Section 4.01 Bonds Subject to Redemption.

One or more Series of Bonds may be made subject to redemption if so determined by the County Administrator, upon advice of the Financial Advisor. In such case, the County Administrator shall establish the Redemption Dates upon which such Bonds shall be subject to redemption and the Redemption Prices, not to exceed 102% of par, which shall be paid to Holders upon redemption.

#### Section 4.02 County's Election to Redeem

In the event that the County shall, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.01, elect to redeem Bonds, it shall give notice by County Request to the Registrar and Paying Agent of each optional redemption. Each County Request shall specify the date fixed for redemption and the Bonds which are to be redeemed. Such notice shall be given at least 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption or such lesser number of days as shall be acceptable to the Registrar.

#### Section 4.03 Notice of Redemption.

If the County determines a Series of Bonds shall be subject to redemption as provided in Section 4.01, the following terms will apply:

When any Bonds are to be redeemed, the Registrar shall give notice of the redemption of (a) the Bonds in the name of the County specifying (i) the Series of Bonds and maturities thereof to be redeemed; (ii) the Redemption Date; (iii) the Redemption Price; (iv) the numbers and other distinguishing marks of the Bonds to be redeemed unless all of the Bonds Outstanding are to be redeemed; (v) the place or places where amounts due upon such redemption will be payable; and (vi) in the case of Bonds to be redeemed in part only, the respective portions of the principal thereof to be redeemed. Such notice shall further state that on such date there shall become due and payable upon each Bond to be redeemed the Redemption Price thereof, together with interest accrued to the redemption date, and that, from and after such date, interest thereon shall cease to accrue. The Registrar shall mail by registered mail a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, not less than 30 days before the redemption date to the registered Holders of all Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed at their addresses which appear upon the registration books, but failure to so mail any such notice to any of such Holders shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of Bonds held by Holders to whom written notice has been mailed. The obligation of the Registrar to give the notice required by this Section shall not be conditioned upon the prior payment to the Paying Agent of money or the delivery to the Paying Agent of Authorized Investments or Government Obligations sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of the Bonds to which such notice relates or the interest thereon to the redemption date. Interest on the Bonds to be redeemed shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date specified in such notice, unless the County defaults in making due provision for the payment of the redemption price thereof.

(b) Notice of redemption having been given as provided in subsection (a) hereof, the Bonds or portions thereof so to be redeemed shall, on the date fixed for redemption, become due and payable at the Redemption Price specified therein plus accrued interest to the redemption date, and upon presentation and surrender thereof at the place specified in such notice, such Bonds or portions thereof shall be paid at the Redemption Price, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. On and after the redemption date (unless the County shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest), such Bonds shall cease to bear interest, and such Bonds shall no longer be considered as Outstanding hereunder. If money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price and accrued interest has not been made available by the County to the Paying Agent on the redemption date, such Bonds shall continue to bear interest until paid at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption until the same shall have been paid.

#### Section 4.04 Selection by Registrar of Bonds to Be Redeemed.

(a) If less than all of the Bonds of like maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected, not less than 45 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, by the Registrar by lot or in such other manner as the Registrar may deem to be appropriate, provided, however, that for so long as the Bonds are held in book-entry only form, the selection of Bonds to be redeemed hereunder shall be in accordance with the rules of the Securities Depository.

(b) In making such selection, the Registrar shall treat each Bond to be redeemed as representing that number of Bonds of the lowest authorized denomination as is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by such denomination. If any Bond is to be redeemed in part, the portion to be so redeemed shall be in a principal amount of an authorized denomination.

(c) The Registrar shall promptly notify the County in writing of the Bonds so selected for redemption.

#### Section 4.05 Deposit of Redemption Price.

On or before any date fixed for redemption of any Bonds, cash and/or a principal amount of noncallable Government Obligations maturing or redeemable at the option of the Holder thereof not later than the date fixed for redemption which, together with income to be earned on such Government Obligations prior to such date fixed for redemption, will be sufficient to provide cash to pay the Redemption Price of and accrued interest on all Bonds or portions thereof which are to be redeemed on such date, shall be deposited with the Paying Agent unless such amount shall have been previously deposited with the Paying Agent.

#### Section 4.06 Partial Redemption of Bonds.

In the event part but not all of a Bond Outstanding shall be selected for redemption, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing (with, if the County or the Registrar so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the County and the Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing) to the Registrar, the County shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the order of such Holder, without charge therefor, for the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Bond so surrendered, a Bond or Bonds of any authorized denomination of like tenor. Bonds so presented and surrendered shall be cancelled in accordance with Section 3.13 hereof.

#### Section 4.07 Purchases of Bonds Outstanding.

Purchases of Bonds Outstanding may also be made by the County at any time with money available to it from any source. Upon any such purchase the County shall deliver such Bonds to the Registrar for cancellation.

[End of Article IV]

#### ARTICLE V

#### SALE OF BONDS

#### Section 5.01 Determination of Time to Receive Bids - Form of Notice of Sale.

The Bonds shall be sold at public sale, at not less than par and accrued interest to the date of delivery. Bids shall be received until 11:00 a.m. (local time) on a date to be selected by the County Administrator. The said Bonds shall be advertised for sale in *THE BOND BUYER* or *THE STATE*, which advertisement shall appear at least once, not less than seven (7) days before the date set for said sale. The form of the Official Notice of Sale as to the Bonds and the conditions of sale shall be substantially those set forth in <u>Exhibit C</u> attached hereto and made a part and parcel hereof with such changes, not inconsistent with the general terms of this Ordinance, as shall be approved by the County Administrator; provided, however, that a summary of that appearing as <u>Exhibit C</u> may be published at the election of the County Administrator in lieu of publication of the full Notice.

#### Section 5.02 Award of Bonds.

Upon receipt of bids for the Bonds, the County Administrator is authorized to award the Bonds to the bidder offering the lowest true interest cost or net interest cost therefore, as the case may be. The County Administrator is further authorized to name the Registrar and the Paying Agent of the Bonds in accordance with Section 3.05.

Section 5.03 Official Statement.

The County Administrator is authorized to prepare and cause to be distributed in connection with the sale of the Bonds an Official Statement, and he is further authorized to "deem final" a preliminary Official Statement within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and cause the same to be distributed prior to the sale of the Bonds. The preliminary Official Statement may be distributed in electronic format.

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#### ARTICLE VI

#### DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF BONDS

#### Section 6.01 Disposition of Bond Proceeds including Temporary Investments.

The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be expended and made use of by the Council as follows:

(a) any premium shall be applied to costs of issuance;

(b) the remaining proceeds shall be expended and made use of by the Council to defray the costs of issuance of the Bonds and for the Improvements, with allocation of such proceeds among the components of the Improvements to be determined by the County Administrator. Pending the use of proceeds for such purposes, the same shall be invested and reinvested by the Treasurer of Florence County, South Carolina, in Authorized Investments. All earnings from such investments determined by the Council to be not necessary to defray the cost of the undertakings as set forth above shall be applied to the interest due on the Bonds at their maturity; and

(c) if any balance remains, it may be used for other capital projects of the County by subsequent resolution of Council or, if not so used, held by the Treasurer of the County in a special fund and used to effect the retirement of the Bonds authorized by this Ordinance.

Neither the purchaser nor any Holder of the Bonds shall be liable for the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

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#### ARTICLE VII

#### DEFEASANCE OF BONDS

# Section 7.01 Discharge of Ordinance - Where and How Bonds are Deemed to Have Been Paid and Defeased.

If all of the said Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance and all interest thereon shall have been paid and discharged, then the obligations of the County under this Ordinance and all other rights granted hereby shall cease and determine. The Bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of this Article under each of the following circumstances, viz:

(1) The Paying Agent shall hold, at the stated maturities of the Bonds, in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, sufficient moneys for the payment of the Principal Installment and interest thereof; or

(2) If default in the payment of the principal of the Bonds or the interest thereon shall have occurred on any Bond Payment Date, and thereafter tender of such payment shall have been made, and at such time as 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

(3) If the County shall elect to provide for the payment of the Bonds prior to their stated maturities and shall have deposited with the Paying Agent in an irrevocable trust moneys which shall be sufficient, or Government Obligations, the principal of and interest on which when due will provide moneys, which together with moneys, if any, deposited with said Baying Agent at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay when due the Principal Installment or Redemption Price and interest due and to become due on the Bonds on and prior to their maturity dates or redemption dates, as the case may be. In the event that the County shall elect to redeem Bonds prior to their stated maturities, the County shall proceed in the manner prescribed by Article IV hereof, subject to the provisions of Section 3.19 in the event that at the time of such election the Bonds Outstanding are issued in book-entry only form.

Neither the Government Obligations for moneys deposited with the Paying Agent pursuant to this Section nor the principal or interest payments thereon shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the Principal Installment or Redemption Price, and interest on said Bonds; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on Government Obligations deposited with the Paying Agent, if not then needed for such purpose, shall, to the extent practicable, be invested and reinvested in Government Obligations maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the Principal Installment or Redemption Price, and interest to become due on said Bonds on and prior to the maturity date or redemption date thereof, as the case may be, and interest earned from such reinvestments not required for the payment of the Principal Installment or Redemption Price, and interest may be paid over to the County, as received by the Paying Agent, free and clear of any trust, lien or pledge.

[End of Article VII]

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### CONCERNING THE FIDUCIARIES

#### Section 8.01 Fiduciary; Appointment and Acceptance of Duties.

The financial institution chosen pursuant to Section 3.05 hereof to act initially as Paying Agent and Registrar hereunder shall accept the duties and trusts imposed upon it by the 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 Registrar or as a successor Paying Agent shall signify its acceptance of the duties and trusts imposed by the Ordinance by a written acceptance.

#### Section 8.02 Responsibilities of Fiduciaries.

The recitals of fact herein and in the Bonds contained shall be taken as the statements of the County and no Fiduciary assumes any responsibility for the correctness of the same except in respect of the authentication certificate of the Registrar endorsed on the Bonds. No Fiduciary makes any representations as to the validity or sufficiency of the Ordinance or of any Bonds or as to the security afforded by the Ordinance, and no Fiduciary shall incur any liability in respect thereof. No Fiduciary shall be under any responsibility or duty with respect to the application of any moneys paid to any other Fiduciary. No Fiduciary 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 Fiduciary shall be liable in connection with the performance of its duties hereunder except for its own negligence or willful misconduct.

#### Section 8.03 Evidence on Which Fiduciaries May Act.

(a) Each Fiduciary, 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 the Ordinance, shall examine such instrument to determine whether it conforms to the requirements of the 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 Fiduciary 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 authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered by it under the Ordinance in good faith and in accordance therewith.

(b) Whenever any Fiduciary shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter to be proved or established prior to taking or suffering any action under the 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 an Authorized Officer, and such certificate shall be full warrant for any action taken or suffered in good faith under the provisions of the Ordinance upon the faith thereof; but in its discretion the Fiduciary may in lieu thereof accept other evidence of such fact or matter or may require such further or additional evidence as to it may deem reasonable.

(c) Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Ordinance any request, order, notice or other direction required or permitted to be furnished pursuant to any provision thereof by the County to any Fiduciary shall be sufficiently executed if executed in the name of the County by an Authorized Officer.

#### Section 8.04 Compensation.

The County shall pay to each Fiduciary from time to time reasonable compensation based on the then standard fee schedule of the Fiduciary for all services rendered under the 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 the Ordinance. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.02 hereof, the County further agrees to indemnify and save each Fiduciary harmless against any liabilities which it may incur in the exercise and performance of its powers and duties hereunder and which are not due to its negligence or willful misconduct; provided, however, that any specific agreement between the County and a Fiduciary with respect to the compensation of such Fiduciary shall control the compensation to be paid to such Fiduciary.

#### Section 8.05 Certain Permitted Acts.

Any Fiduciary 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 Fiduciary. To the extent permitted by law, any Fiduciary may act as depositary for, and permit any of its officers or directors to effect or aid in any reorganization growing out of the enforcement of the Bonds or the Ordinance.

#### Section 8.06 Resignation of Any Fiduciary.

Any Fiduciary may at any time resign and be discharged of the duties and obligations created by the Ordinance by giving not less than 60 days written notice to the Gounty and not less than 30 days written notice to the Holders of the Bonds as established by the books of registration prior to the next succeeding Bond Payment Date and such resignation shall take effect upon the date specified in such notice unless previously a successor shall have been appointed by the County pursuant to Section 8.08 hereof in which event such resignation shall take effect upon the appointment of such successor. In no event, however, shall such a resignation take effect until a successor has been appointed.

#### Section 8.07 Removal of Fiduciary.

Any Fiduciary may be removed at any time by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing, filed with the County and such Fiduciary, and signed by the Bondholders representing a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding or their attorneys in fact duly authorized, excluding any Bonds held by or for the account of the County.

#### Section 8.08 Appointment of Successor Fiduciaries.

In case any Fiduciary 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 Fiduciary appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be a trust company or bank organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof and which is in good standing, within or outside the State of South Carolina, having a stockholders' equity of not less than \$50,000,000 if there be such an institution willing, qualified and able to accept the trust upon reasonable and customary terms.

If in a proper case no appointment of a successor Fiduciary shall be made by the County pursuant to

the foregoing provisions of this Section within 45 days after any Fiduciary shall have given to the County written notice as provided in Section 8.06 hereof or after a vacancy in the office of such Fiduciary shall have occurred by reason of its removal or inability to act, the former Fiduciary or any Bondholder may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor. Said court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as such court may deem proper, appoint a successor.

#### Section 8.09 Transfer of Rights and Property to Successor.

Any successor Fiduciary appointed under the Ordinance shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to its predecessor, and also to the County, an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon such successor, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all moneys, estates, properties, rights, powers, duties and obligations of such predecessor Fiduciary, with like effect as if originally named in such capacity; but the Fiduciary ceasing to act shall nevertheless, on the written request of the County, or of the successor, execute, acknowledge and deliver such instruments of conveyance and further assurance and do such other things as may reasonably be required for more fully and certainly vesting and confirming in such successor all the right, title and interest of the predecessor Fiduciary in and to any property held by it under the Ordinance, and shall pay over, assign and deliver to the successor Fiduciary 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 Fiduciary 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 authorized by law, be executed, acknowledged and delivered by the County. Any such successor Fiduciary shall promptly notify the Paying Agent and Depositaries, if any, of its appointment as Fiduciary.

#### Section 8.10 Merger or Consolidation.

Any company into which any Fiduciary may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated or any company resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which it may be party or any company to which any Fiduciary may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its corporate trust business, provided such company shall be a bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States or a national banking association, and shall be authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by the Ordinance, shall be the successor to such Fiduciary without the execution or filing of any paper or the performance of any further act.

#### Section 8.11 Adoption of Authentication.

In case any of the Bonds contemplated to be issued under the Ordinance shall have been authenticated but not delivered, any successor Registrar may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Registrar so authenticating such Bonds and deliver such Bonds so authenticated. In case any such Bonds shall not have been authenticated, any successor Registrar may authenticate such Bonds in the name of the predecessor Registrar or in the name of the successor Registrar, and in all such cases such certificate shall be of full force and effect.

#### [End of Article VIII]

#### ARTICLE IX

#### FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

#### Section 9.01 Compliance with the Code.

The County will comply with all requirements of the Code in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, including without limitation, the requirement to file the information report 8038-G with the Internal Revenue Service. In this connection, the County covenants to execute any and all agreements, certificates and other documentation as it may be advised by bond counsel will enable it to comply with this Section, and such agreements, certificates and other documentation may be executed by an Authorized Officer and by the County Administrator or either of them.

The County hereby represents and covenants that it will not take any action which will, or fail to take any action which failure will, cause interest on the Bonds to become includable in the gross income of the Holder thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of Bonds. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County represents and covenants that:

(a) All property provided or refinanced by the net proceeds of the Bonds will be owned by the County in accordance with the rules governing the ownership of property for federal income tax purposes.

(b) The County shall not permit the proceeds of the Bonds or any facility refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds to be used in any manner that would result in (a) ten percent (10%) or more of such proceeds being considered as having been used directly or indirectly in any trade or business carried on by any natural person or in any activity carried on by a person other than a natural person other than a governmental unit as provided in Section 141(b) of the Code, or (b) five percent (5%) or more of such proceeds being considered as having been used directly or indirectly to make or finance loans to any person other than a governmental unit as provided in Section 141(c) of the Code.

(c) The County is not a party to nor will it enter into any contracts with any person for the use or management of any facility refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds that do not conform to the guidelines set forth in Revenue Procedure 97-13, as may be subsequently modified by applicable pronouncements of the United States Treasury Department.

(d) The County will not sell or lease any property refinanced by the Bonds to any person unless it obtains the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such lease or sale will not affect the tax exemption of the Bonds.

(e) The Bonds will not be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code. The County has not entered into any leases or sales or service contract with any federal government agency and will not enter into any such leases or contracts unless it obtains the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such action will not affect the tax exemption of the Bonds.

#### Section 9.02 Ability to Meet Arbitrage Requirements.

Careful consideration has been given to the time in which the expenditures will be made. It has been ascertained that all of the money received from the proceeds of the Bonds will be expended within the limitations imposed by Section 148 of the Code and the Treasury regulations promulgated pursuant

thereto. Accordingly, the Council will be able to certify upon reasonable grounds that the Bonds herein provided for are not "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code.

[End of Article IX]

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#### ARTICLE X

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 10.01 Failure to Present Bonds.

Anything in this Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, any money held by the Paying Agent in trust for the payment and discharge of any of the Bonds, or the interest thereon, which remains unclaimed for such period of time, after the date when such Bonds have become due and payable, either at their stated maturity dates or by call for earlier redemption, that the Holder thereof shall no longer be able to enforce the payment thereof, the Paying Agent shall at the written request of the County pay such money to the County as its absolute property and free from trust, and the Paying Agent shall thereupon be released and discharged with respect thereto and the Bondholders shall look only to the County for the payment of such Bonds; provided, however, the Paying Agent shall forward to the County all moneys which remain unclaimed during a period five (5) years from a Bond Payment Date, provided, however, that before being required to make any such payment to the County, the Paying Agent, at the expense of the County, may conduct such investigations as may in the opinion of the Paying Agent be necessary to locate the Holders of those who would take if the Holder shall have died.

#### Section 10.02 Severability of Invalid Provisions.

If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this Ordinance should be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants or agreement or agreements shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

#### Section 10.03 Successors.



#### Section 10.04 Ordinance to Constitute Contract.

In consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall purchase and hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the County and the Holder from time to time of the Bonds, and such provisions are covenants and agreements with such Holders which the County hereby determined to be necessary and desirable for the security and payment thereof. The pledge hereof and the provisions, covenants, and agreements herein set forth to be performed on behalf of the County shall be for the equal benefit, protection, and security of the Holders of any and all of the Bonds, all of which shall be of equal rank without preference, priority or distinction of any Bonds over any other Bonds.

#### Section 10.05 Continuing Disclosure.

(a) In accordance with Act No. 442 of the Acts and Joint Ordinances of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, 1994, the County hereby represents and covenants that it will file with the EMMA System maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board or any successor thereto, a copy of its annual independent audit within thirty (30) days of its receipt and acceptance, and event-specific information within thirty (30) days of an event adversely affecting more than five percent (5%) of the County's revenues or five percent (5%) of its tax base.

(b) Council hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with the requirements of (i) Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. In this regard, the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County a Disclosure Dissemination Agreement in substantially the Form of Exhibit D hereto, with such changes as may be approved by the Chairman, his approval to be evidenced by his execution thereof.

The only remedy for failure by the County to comply with the covenant in this Section 10.05 shall be an action for specific performance of this covenant. The Council specifically reserves the right to amend this covenant to reflect any change in Act 442 without the consent of any Bondholder.

#### Section 10.06 Filing of Copies of Ordinance.

Copies of this Ordinance shall be filed in the offices of the Council, the office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County, South Carolina (as a part of the Transcript of Proceedings) and at the offices of each of the Paying Agent and Registrar.

Section 10.07 Ordinance Effective.

This Ordinance shall be effective after third an	nd final-reading, thereof.
ATTEST:	SIGNED:
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Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to County Council	Roger M. Poston, Chairman
	COUNCIL VOTE: OPPOSED:

ABSENT:

Approved as to Form and Content D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### COUNTY OF FLORENCE

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Florence County Council ("County Council"), the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of an Ordinance adopted by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015. The Ordinance was read at three public meetings of the County Council on three separate days, May 21, 2015, \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015 and \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015. An interval of at least six days occurred between each reading of the Ordinance. At each such meeting, a quorum of the County Council was present and remained present throughout the meeting.

The meetings held on May 21, 2015, \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 and \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 were each a regular meeting of the County Council, for which notice had been previously given pursuant to and in conformity with Chapter 4, Title 30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Freedom of Information Act").

The original of the Ordinance is duly entered in the permanent records of County Council, in my custody as Clerk.

The Ordinance is now of full force and effect, and has not been modified, amended or repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of Florence County, South Carolina, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

(SEAL)

Clerk to Florence County Council, South Carolina

#### <u>EXHIBIT A</u>

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$8,300,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (FLORENCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

Notice is hereby given that by Ordinance effective \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, Florence County Council, the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of not exceeding Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,300,000) General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015C (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be general obligations of Florence County, secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power thereof, payable by way of an ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the Florence County Fire Protection District.

Notice is further given that the provisions of Section 4-9-1220, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, permitting the filing of a petition seeking a referendum to effect the repeal of the foregoing Ordinance will not be applicable, unless as provided by paragraph 8 of Section 11-27-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, notice of intention to seek such a referendum signed by not less than five qualified electors shall be filed with the Clerk of Court for Florence County and with the Clerk to Florence County Council within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

By order of Florence County Council, South Carolina.

7s/ Chairman, Florence County Council, South Carolina

#### (FORM OF BOND)

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FLORENCE COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (FLORENCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT) SERIES 2015C

No. \_\_\_\_\_

\$

**INTEREST RATE** 

ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE , 2015

DOLLARS

<u>CUSIP</u>

Registered Holder:

**Principal Amount:** 

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "County") is justly indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered owner named above, or registered assigns, the principal amount shown above on the maturity date shown above, upon presentation and surrender of this bond at the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in (the "Registrar/Paying Agent"), and to pay interest on \_\_\_\_\_, State of the City of such principal sum from the date hereof at the interest rate per annum shown above until the County's obligation with respect to the payment of such principal sum shall be discharged. Interest on this bond is payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year commencing \_\_\_\_\_\_, until this bond matures, and shall be payable by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name this bond is registered on the registration books of the County maintained by the Registrar/Paying Agent at the close of business on the 15th day next preceding each semiannual interest payment date. The principal and interest on this bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for public and private debts, provided, however, that interest on this fully registered bond shall be paid by check or draft as set forth above.

[This bond is subject to redemption prior to its maturity as follows:]

MATURITY DATE

This bond shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been duly executed by the Registrar/Paying Agent.

This bond is one of a series of bonds (the "Bonds") of like date of original issue, tenor and effect, except as to number, date of maturity, denomination and rate of interest, issued in an original aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, and a Ordinance duly adopted by the Florence County Council on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015 (the "Ordinance"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Ordinance.

The Bonds are being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of Bond certificates to be made except as provided in the Ordinance. One bond certificate with respect to

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each date on which the Bonds are stated to mature, registered in the name of the Securities Depository Nominee, is being issued and required to be deposited with the Securities Depository and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence positions held in the Bonds by the Securities Depository's Participants, beneficial ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any whole multiple thereof being evidenced in the records of such Participants. Transfers of ownership shall be effected on the records of the Securities Depository and its Participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by the Securities Depository and its Participants. The County and the Registrar/Paying Agent will recognize the Securities Depository Nominee, while the registered owner of this bond, as the owner of this bond for all purposes, including payments of principal of interest on this bond, notices and voting. Transfer of principal and interest payments to Participants of the Securities Depository will be the responsibility of the Securities Depository, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by Participants of the Securities Depository will be the responsibility of such Participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. The County will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by the Securities Depository, the Securities Depository Nominee, its Participants or persons acting through such Participants. While the Securities Depository Nominee is the owner of this bond, notwithstanding the provision hereinabove contained, payments of principal of and interest on this bond shall be made in accordance with existing arrangements between the Registrar/Paying Agent or its successors under the Ordinance and the Securities Depository.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the County kept for that purpose at the principal office of the Registrar/Paying Agent by the registered owner hereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar/Paying Agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Thereupon a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate, and maturity shall be issued to the transfere in exchange herefor as provided in the Ordinance. The County and the Registrar/Paying Agent may deem and treat the person in whose name this bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes. The County shall not be obligated to issue, exchange or transfer any Bond during the 15 days next preceding any Bond Payment Date.

For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest, as the same shall become due, the full faith, credit, taxing power and resources of the County are irrevocably pledged.

Under the laws of the State of South Carolina, this bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all state, county, school district, municipal and all other taxes or assessments of the State of South Carolina, except inheritance, estate, transfer taxes or certain franchise taxes.

For every exchange or transfer of the Bonds, the County and the Registrar/Paying Agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law; that the amount of this bond, together with all other general obligation and bonded indebtedness of the County does not exceed the applicable limitation of indebtedness under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a tax, without limit, on all taxable property in the County sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Florence County Council, the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, has caused this Bond to be signed by the manual signature of its Chairman and its corporate seal to be hereunto impressed and attested to by the manual signature of its Clerk to Council.

(SEAL)

FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: Chairman, Florence County Council

Attest:

Clerk to Florence County Council

#### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds of the issue described in the within mentioned Ordinance.

Registrar/Paying Agent Authorized Officer

Date of Authentication: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015
The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations.

TEN COM - as tenants in common	UNIF GIFT MIN AC	CT -
TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties	(Cust)	dian (Minor)
JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common	under Uniform Gifts	to Minors Act(state)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in above list.

#### (FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

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#### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE \$8,300,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (FLORENCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), SERIES 2015C

SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received by the Florence County Council, until 11:00 a.m. (local time) on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, at which time said proposals will be publicly opened in the Administrator's Office of Florence County, South Carolina, 180 N. Irby Street, Florence, South Carolina, for the purchase of \$8,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Florence County Fire Protection District), Series 2015C (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued as fully registered Bonds in the denominations of \$5,000 or any whole multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount maturing in any year. The Bonds will mature in the years and amounts as follows:



The Bonds will be dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and will bear interest from the date thereof, on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days each, payable on each April 1 and October 1, beginning on April 1, 2016, until they respectively mature. Both principal and interest will be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. The Paying Agent and Registrar for the Bonds shall be a financial institution maintaining corporate trust offices as agreed to by the initial purchaser of the Bonds and the County, or, in the event of a failure to agree, as named by the County.

Bank Qualification: The County has <u>not</u> designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

#### Redemption Provisions: [insert redemption provisions, if any]

Bid Requirements: A bid for less than all the Bonds or a bid at a price less than par will not be considered. Bidders shall specify the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, to be expressed in multiples of 1/20<sup>th</sup> or 1/8<sup>th</sup> of 1% with no greater difference than 2% between the highest and lowest rates of interest named by a bidder, (and with no rate named less than a rate named for a Bond of an earlier maturity.) Bidders are not limited as to the number of rates of interest named, but the rate of

interest on each separate maturity must be the same single rate for the Bonds of that maturity from their date to such maturity date. Any premium offered, which must not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, must be paid in cash as a part of the purchase price for the Bonds. In addition to the bid price, the successful bidder must pay accrued interest from the date of the Bonds to the date of full payment of the purchase price.

Award of Bonds: The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest (true/net) interest cost ((T/N)IC) to the County calculated based on the dated/delivery date of the Bonds without regard to accrued interest. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid. Bids will be accepted or rejected no later then 3:00 p.m., South Carolina time, on the date of the sale.

Adjustment of Par Amount of Bonds: The aggregate principal amount and the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds are subject to adjustment, both before and after the receipt and opening of sealed bids for their purchase; provided that in no event shall the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_. Changes to be made prior to the sale will be published on Munifacts not later than 9:30 a.m. EST on the date of sale.

If, after final computation of the proposals, the County determines in its sole discretion that the funds necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Bonds are being issued are either more or less than the proceeds of the sale of the amount of the Bonds as shown in this Notice of Sale, it reserves the right either to decrease or increase the principal amount of the Bonds of any maturity (all calculations to be rounded to the nearest \$5,000), provided that any such decrease or increase shall not exceed 10% of the principal amounts shown above. Such adjustment(s), if any, shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the Bonds. In order to calculate the yield on the Bonds for federal tax law purposes and as a condition precedent to the award of the Bonds, bidders must disclose to the County in connection with their respective bids the price (or yield to maturity) at which each maturity of the Bonds will be reoffered to the public.

In the event of any adjustment of the maturity schedule for the Bonds as described herein, no rebidding or recalculation of the proposals submitted will be required or permitted. The total purchase price of the Bonds will be increased or decreased in the direct proportion that the adjustment bears to the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds specified herein; and the Bonds of each maturity, as adjusted, will bear interest at the same rate and must have the same reoffering yield as are specified by the successful bidder for the Bonds of that maturity. Nevertheless, the award of the Bonds will be made to the bidder whose proposal produces the lowest true interest cost solely on the basis of the Bonds offered, without taking into account any adjustment in the amount of the Bonds pursuant to this paragraph.

*Bid Submission:* Proposals for the Bonds should be marked "Proposal for \$8,300,000 General Obligation Bonds of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), Series 2015C" and should be directed to the undersigned at the address in the first paragraph hereof.

If a bidder for the Bonds desires to have the Bonds insured, the bidder shall specify in its bid whether bond insurance will be purchased and the premium of such bond insurance must be paid at or prior to closing by the successful bidder.

Proposals may be delivered by hand, by mail, by facsimile transmission or by electronic bidding system, but no proposal shall be considered which is not actually received by the County at the place, date and time appointed and the County shall not be responsible for any delay, failure, misdirection or error in the means of transmission selected by any bidder. No agent or employee of the County will undertake to receive proposals by means of oral communication.

Electronic bids must be submitted to the Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("PARITY"). No other form of bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Such bids are to be publicly opened and read at such time and place on said day. For the purposes of both the written sealed bid process and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted.

If any provisions of this Official Notice of Sale conflict with information provided by *PARITY* as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Official Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about *PARITY* may be obtained from *PARITY*, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018, telephone (212) 843-5021.

Written bids must be submitted on the Official Bid Form included with the Preliminary Official Statement or on a reasonable facsimile thereof. Electronic bids must be submitted to *PARITY*. Both written bids and electronic bids must be unconditional and received by the County and/or *PARITY*, respectively, before the time stated above. Each bid must be accompanied by a Good Faith Deposit or Financial Surety Bond (see below). The County is not liable for any costs incurred in the preparation, delivery, acceptance or rejection of any bid, including, without limitation, the providing of a bid security deposit.

*Purpose:* The Bonds are issued for the purposes of refunding certain outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the County, defraying the costs of certain capital improvements, and of paying costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Security: The Bonds shall constitute binding general obligations of the County, and the full faith, credit, taxing power, and resources of the County are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the Bonds. There shall be levied and collected annually in the same manner as county taxes are levied and collected, a tax, without limit, on all taxable property in Florence County Fire Protection District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

Official Statement: The Preliminary Official Statement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, has been deemed final by the County for purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") but is subject to revision, amendment and completion in a final Official Statement as provided in the Rule.

The Preliminary Official Statement is available at \_\_\_\_\_\_. The County will furnish the successful bidder with a sufficient number of copies of the final Official Statement in order to allow the bidder to comply with the Rule, without charge, within seven working days of the acceptance of a bid for the Bonds.

*Continuing Disclosure:* In order to assist bidders in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12, the County will undertake, pursuant to the bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and a Disclosure Dissemination Agreement, to annually file a report containing its audited financial statements and certain financial information and operating data, and, in addition, to provide notice of certain material events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the final Official Statement.

Legal Opinion: The County shall furnish upon delivery of the Bonds the final approving opinion of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., Bond Counsel, Florence, South Carolina, which opinion shall be attached to each Bond, together with the usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the Bonds.

*Certificate as to Issue Price:* The successful bidder for the Bonds must provide a certificate to Florence County not later than two business days following the sale date, and confirmed by a certificate delivered at closing, stating the initial reoffering price of the Bonds to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) and the price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds were sold to the public, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel.

*Delivery:* The Bonds will be delivered within 30 days of the date of sale, through the facilities of DTC at the expense of the County, or at such other place as may be agreed upon with the purchasers at the expense of the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price then due (including the amount of accrued interest) must be paid in Federal funds or other immediately available funds. The cost of preparing the Bonds will be borne by the County.

CUSIP Numbers: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its proposal. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the County; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

Persons seeking information should communicate with Kevin V. Yokim, County Finance Director, Florence County, 180 N. Irby Street, MSC-H, Florence, South Carolina 29501, telephone (843) 665-3013; Walter Goldsmith, Financial Advisor, First Tryon Advisors, 1355 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 400, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204, telephone (704) 926-2453; or Benjamin T. Zeigler, Bond Counsel, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., 135 S. Dargan Street, Florence, South Carolina 29506, telephone (843) 673-5304.

This Notice is given to evidence the County's intent to receive bids for and award the Bonds on the date stated above. Such sale may be postponed upon no less than twelve hours prior to the time bids are to be received through Thomson Municipal News, Bloomberg, or other electronic information service. If canceled, the sale may be thereafter rescheduled within 60 days of the date of the publication of this Official Notice of Sale, and notice of such rescheduled date of sale will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the time for receipt of bids through Thomson Municipal News, Bloomberg, or other electronic information service.

Chairman, Florence County Council, South Carolina

#### DISCLOSURE DISSEMINATION AGENT AGREEMENT

This Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement (the "Disclosure Agreement"), dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, is executed and delivered by Florence County, South Carolina (the "Issuer") and Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C., as exclusive Disclosure Dissemination Agent (the "Disclosure Dissemination Agent" or "DAC") for the benefit of the Holders (hereinafter defined) of the Bonds (hereinafter defined) and in order to provide certain continuing disclosure with respect to the Bonds in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Rule").

The services provided under this Disclosure Agreement solely relate to the execution of instructions received from the Issuer through use of the DAC system and do not constitute "advice" within the meaning of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act"). DAC will not provide any advice or recommendation to the Issuer or anyone on the Issuer's behalf regarding the "issuance of municipal securities" or any "municipal financial product" as defined in the Act and nothing in this Disclosure Agreement shall be interpreted to the contrary.

SECTION 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Disclosure Agreement shall have the meaning assigned in the Rule or, to the extent not in conflict with the Rule, in the Official Statement (hereinafter defined). The capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Filing Date" means the date, set in Sections 2(a) and 2(f), by which the Annual Report is to be filed with the MSRB.

"Annual Financial Information" means annual financial information as such term is used in paragraph (b)(5)(i) of the Rule and specified in Section 3(a) of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Annual Report" means an Annual Report described in and consistent with Section 3 of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Audited Financial Statements" means the financial statements (if any) of the Issuer for the prior fiscal year, certified by an independent auditor as prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or otherwise, as such term is used in paragraph (b)(5)(i) of the Rule and specified in Section 3(b) of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Bonds" means the bonds as listed on the attached Exhibit A, with the 9-digit CUSIP numbers relating thereto.

"Certification" means a written certification of compliance signed by the Disclosure Representative stating that the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, Notice Event notice, Failure to File Event notice, Voluntary Event Disclosure or Voluntary Financial Disclosure delivered to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent is the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, Notice Event notice, Failure to File Event notice, Voluntary Event Disclosure or Voluntary Financial Disclosure required to be submitted to the MSRB under this Disclosure Agreement. A Certification shall accompany each such document submitted to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent by the Issuer and include the full name of the Bonds and the 9-digit CUSIP numbers for all Bonds to which the document applies. "Disclosure Dissemination Agent" means Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C, acting in its capacity as Disclosure Dissemination Agent hereunder, or any successor Disclosure Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer pursuant to Section 9 hereof.

"Disclosure Representative" means the Florence County Administrator or his or her designee, or such other person as the Issuer shall designate in writing to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent from time to time as the person responsible for providing Information to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent.

"Failure to File Event" means the Issuer's failure to file an Annual Report on or before the Annual Filing Date.

"Force Majeure Event" means: (i) acts of God, war, or terrorist action; (ii) failure or shut-down of the Electronic Municipal Market Access system maintained by the MSRB; or (iii) to the extent beyond the Disclosure Dissemination Agent's reasonable control, interruptions in telecommunications or utilities services, failure, malfunction or error of any telecommunications, computer or other electrical, mechanical or technological application, service or system, computer virus, interruptions in Internet service or telephone service (including due to a virus, electrical delivery problem or similar occurrence) that affect Internet users generally, or in the local area in which the Disclosure Dissemination Agent or the MSRB is located, or acts of any government, regulatory or any other competent authority the effect of which is to prohibit the Disclosure Dissemination Agent from performance of its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement.

"Holder" means any person (a) having the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries) or (b) treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

"Information" means, collectively, the Annual Reports, the Audited Financial Statements (if any), the Notice Event notices, the Failure to File Event notices, the Voluntary Event Disclosures and the Voluntary Financial Disclosures.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Notice Event" means any of the events enumerated in paragraph (b)(5)(i)(C) of the Rule and listed in Section 4(a) of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Obligated Person" means any person, including the Issuer, who is either generally or through an enterprise, fund, or account of such person committed by contract or other arrangement to support payment of all, or part of the obligations on the Bonds (other than providers of municipal bond insurance, letters of credit, or other liquidity facilities), as shown on Exhibit A.

"Official Statement" means that Official Statement prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Bonds, as listed on Appendix A.

"Trustee" means the institution, if any, identified as such in the document under which the Bonds were issued.

"Voluntary Event Disclosure" means information of the category specified in any of subsections (e)(vi)(1) through (e)(vi)(11) of Section 2 of this Disclosure Agreement that is accompanied by a

Certification of the Disclosure Representative containing the information prescribed by Section 7(a) of this Disclosure Agreement.

"Voluntary Financial Disclosure" means information of the category specified in any of subsections (e)(vii)(1) through (e)(vii)(9) of Section 2 of this Disclosure Agreement that is accompanied by a Certification of the Disclosure Representative containing the information prescribed by Section 7(b) of this Disclosure Agreement.

#### SECTION 2. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Issuer shall provide, annually, an electronic copy of the Annual Report and Certification to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent, together with a copy for the Trustee, not later than the Annual Filing Date. Promptly upon receipt of an electronic copy of the Annual Report and the Certification, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall provide an Annual Report to the MSRB not later than 210 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Such date and each anniversary thereof is the Annual Filing Date. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 3 of this Disclosure Agreement.

(b) If on the fifteenth (15th) day prior to the Annual Filing Date, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent has not received a copy of the Annual Report and Certification, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall contact the Disclosure Representative by telephone and in writing (which may be by e-mail) to remind the Issuer of its undertaking to provide the Annual Report pursuant to Section 2(a). Upon such reminder, the Disclosure Representative shall either (i) provide the Disclosure Dissemination Agent with an electronic copy of the Annual Report and the Certification no later than two (2) business days prior to the Annual Filing Date, or (ii) instruct the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in writing that the Issuer will not be able to file the Annual Report within the time required under this Disclosure Agreement, state the date by which the Annual Report for such year will be provided and instruct the Disclosure Dissemination Agent that a Failure to File Event has occurred and to immediately send a notice to the MSRB in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B, accompanied by a cover sheet completed by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in the form set forth in Exhibit C-1.

(c) If the Disclosure Dissemination Agent has not received an Annual Report and Certification by 6:00 p.m. Eastern time on Annual Filing Date (or, if such Annual Filing Date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the first business day thereafter) for the Annual Report, a Failure to File Event shall have occurred and the Issuer irrevocably directs the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to immediately send a notice to the MSRB in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B without reference to the anticipated filing date for the Annual Report, accompanied by a cover sheet completed by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in the form set forth in Exhibit C-1.

(d) If Audited Financial Statements of the Issuer are prepared but not available prior to the Annual Filing Date, the Issuer shall, when the Audited Financial Statements are available, provide in a timely manner an electronic copy to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent, accompanied by a Certification, together with a copy for the Trustee, for filing with the MSRB.

- (e) The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall:
  - (i) verify the filing specifications of the MSRB each year prior to the Annual Filing Date;

- (ii) upon receipt, promptly file each Annual Report received under Sections 2(a) and 2(b) with the MSRB;
- (iii) upon receipt, promptly file each Audited Financial Statement received under Section 2(d) with the MSRB;
- (iv) upon receipt, promptly file the text of each Notice Event received under Sections 4(a) and 4(b)(ii) with the MSRB, identifying the Notice Event as instructed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 4(a) or 4(b)(ii) (being any of the categories set forth below) when filing pursuant to Section 4(c) of this Disclosure Agreement:

"Principal and interest payment delinquencies;"

"Non-Payment related defaults, if material;"

"Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;"

"Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;"

"Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;"

"Adverse tax opinions, IRS notices or events affecting the tax status of the security;"

"Modifications to rights of securities holders, if material;"

"Bond calls, if material;"

"Defeasances;"

"Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;"

"Rating changes;"

"Tender offers;"

"Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;"

"Merger, consolidation, or acquisition of the obligated person, if material;" and

"Appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change of name of a trustee, if material;"

- (v) upon receipt (or irrevocable direction pursuant to Section 2(c) of this Disclosure Agreement, as applicable), promptly file a completed copy of Exhibit B to this Disclosure Agreement with the MSRB, identifying the filing as "Failure to provide annual financial information as required" when filing pursuant to Section 2(b)(ii) or Section 2(c) of this Disclosure Agreement;
- (vi) upon receipt, promptly file the text of each Voluntary Event Disclosure received under Section 7(a) with the MSRB, identifying the Voluntary Event Disclosure

as instructed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 7(a) (being any of the categories set forth below) when filing pursuant to Section 7(a) of this Disclosure Agreement:

- 1. "amendment to continuing disclosure undertaking;"
- 2. "change in obligated person;"
- 3. "notice to investors pursuant to bond documents;"
- 4. "certain communications from the Internal Revenue Service;"
- 5. "secondary market purchases;"
- 6. "bid for auction rate or other securities;"
- 7. "capital or other financing plan;"
- 8. "litigation/enforcement action;"
- 9. "change of tender agent, remarketing agent, or other on-going party;"
- 10. "derivative or other similar transaction;" and
- 11. "other event-based disclosures;"
- (vii) upon receipt, promptly file the text of each Voluntary Financial Disclosure received under Section 7(b) with the MSRB, identifying the Voluntary Financial Disclosure as instructed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 7(b) (being any of the categories set forth below) when filing pursuant to Section 7(b) of this Disclosure Agreement:
  - 1. "quarterly/monthly financial information;"
  - 2. "change in fiscal year/timing of annual disclosure;"
  - 3. "change in accounting standard;"
  - 4. "interim/additional financial information/operating data;"
  - 5. "budget;"
  - 6. "investment/debt/financial policy;"
  - 7. "information provided to rating agency, credit/liquidity provider or other third party;"
  - 8. "consultant reports;" and
  - 9. "other financial/operating data."

(viii) provide the Issuer evidence of the filings of each of the above when made, which shall be by means of the DAC system, for so long as DAC is the Disclosure Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Agreement.

(f) The Issuer may adjust the Annual Filing Date upon change of its fiscal year by providing written notice of such change and the new Annual Filing Date to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent, Trustee (if any) and the MSRB, provided that the period between the existing Annual Filing Date and new Annual Filing Date shall not exceed one year.

(g) Any Information received by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent before 6:00 p.m. Eastern time on any business day that it is required to file with the MSRB pursuant to the terms of this Disclosure Agreement and that is accompanied by a Certification and all other information required by the terms of this Disclosure Agreement will be filed by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent with the MSRB no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the same business day; provided, however, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have no liability for any delay in filing with the MSRB if such delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event provided that the Disclosure Dissemination Agent uses reasonable efforts to make any such filing as soon as possible.

SECTION 3. Content of Annual Reports.

(a) Each Annual Report shall contain Annual Financial Information with respect to the Issuer, including the information provided in the Official Statement under the headings: "THE COUNTY-Five Year Summary of General Fund Operations"; "THE BONDS-Additional Security for the Bonds"; "CERTAIN FISCAL MATTERS -Market Value/Assessment Summary of the County"; "CERTAIN FISCAL MATTERS-Exempt Manufacturing Property"; "CERTAIN FISCAL MATTERS-Tax Collections in the County"; "CERTAIN FISCAL MATTERS-Tax In FISCAL MATTERS-Millage History"; "THE COUNTY-Summary of General Fund Budget"; and "FINANCIAL AND TAX INFORMATION – Prior Sales Tax Collections".

Audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") as described in the Official Statement will be included in the Annual Report. If audited financial statements are not available, then, unaudited financial statements, prepared in accordance with GAAP as described in the Official Statement will be included in the Annual Report. Audited Financial Statements (if any) will be provided pursuant to Section 2(d).

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Issuer is an "obligated person" (as defined by the Rule), which have been previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or available on the MSRB Internet Website. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Issuer will clearly identify each such document so incorporated by reference.

Any Annual Financial Information containing modified operating data or financial information is required to explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the modification and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

SECTION 4. <u>Reporting of Notice Events</u>.

(a) The occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds constitutes a Notice Event:

Principal and interest payment delinquencies;

Non-payment related defaults, if material;

Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;

Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

Modifications to rights of Bond holders, if material;

Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

Defeasances;

Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;

Rating changes;

Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Obligated Person;

Note to subsection (a)(12) of this Section 4: For the purposes of the event described in subsection (a)(12) of this Section 4, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an Obligated Person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Obligated Person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Obligated Person.

The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an Obligated Person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Obligated Person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and

Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

The Issuer shall, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after its occurrence, notify the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in writing of the occurrence of a Notice Event. Such notice shall instruct the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to report the occurrence pursuant to subsection (c) and shall be accompanied by a Certification. Such notice or Certification shall identify the Notice Event that has occurred (which shall be any of the categories set forth in Section 2(e)(iv) of this Disclosure Agreement), include the text of the disclosure that the Issuer desires to make, contain the written authorization of the Issuer for the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate such information, and identify the date the Issuer desires for the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate the information (provided that such date is not later than the tenth business day after the occurrence of the Notice Event).

(b) The Disclosure Dissemination Agent is under no obligation to notify the Issuer or the Disclosure Representative of an event that may constitute a Notice Event. In the event the Disclosure Dissemination Agent so notifies the Disclosure Representative, the Disclosure Representative will within two business days of receipt of such notice (but in any event not later than the tenth business day after the occurrence of the Notice Event, if the Issuer determines that a Notice Event has occurred), instruct the Disclosure Dissemination Agent that (i) a Notice Event has not occurred and no filing is to be made or (ii) a Notice Event has occurred and the Disclosure Dissemination Agent is to report the occurrence pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 4, together with a Certification. Such Certification shall identify the Notice Event that has occurred (which shall be any of the categories set forth in Section 2(e)(iv) of this Disclosure Agreement), include the text of the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate such information, and identify the date the Issuer desires for the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate the information (provided that such date is not later than the tenth business day after the occurrence of the Notice Event).

(c) If the Disclosure Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Issuer as prescribed in subsection (a) or (b)(ii) of this Section 4 to report the occurrence of a Notice Event, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall promptly file a notice of such occurrence with MSRB in accordance with Section 2 (e)(iv) hereof. This notice will be filed with a cover sheet completed by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in the form set forth in Exhibit C-1.

SECTION 5. <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>. Whenever providing information to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent, including but not limited to Annual Reports, documents incorporated by reference to the Annual Reports, Audited Financial Statements, Notice Event notices, Failure to File Event notices, Voluntary Event Disclosures and Voluntary Financial Disclosures, the Issuer shall indicate the full name of the Bonds and the 9-digit CUSIP numbers for the Bonds as to which the provided information relates.

SECTION 6. <u>Additional Disclosure Obligations</u>. The Issuer acknowledges and understands that other state and federal laws, including but not limited to the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, may apply to the Issuer, and that the duties and responsibilities of the Disclosure Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Agreement do not extend to providing legal advice regarding such laws. The Issuer acknowledges and understands that the duties of the Disclosure Dissemination Agent relate exclusively to execution of the mechanical tasks of disseminating information as described in this Disclosure Agreement.

#### SECTION 7. Voluntary Filing.

(a) The Issuer may instruct the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to file a Voluntary Event Disclosure with the MSRB from time to time pursuant to a Certification of the Disclosure Representative. Such Certification shall identify the Voluntary Event Disclosure (which shall be any of the categories set forth in Section 2(e)(vi) of this Disclosure Agreement), include the text of the disclosure that the Issuer desires to make, contain the written authorization of the Issuer for the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate such information, and identify the date the Issuer desires for the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate the information. If the Disclosure Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the

Issuer as prescribed in this Section 7(a) to file a Voluntary Event Disclosure, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall promptly file such Voluntary Event Disclosure with the MSRB in accordance with Section 2(e)(vi) hereof. This notice will be filed with a cover sheet completed by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in the form set forth in Exhibit C-2.

(b) The Issuer may instruct the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to file a Voluntary Financial Disclosure with the MSRB from time to time pursuant to a Certification of the Disclosure Representative. Such Certification shall identify the Voluntary Financial Disclosure (which shall be any of the categories set forth in Section 2(e)(vii) of this Disclosure Agreement), include the text of the disclosure that the Issuer desires to make, contain the written authorization of the Issuer for the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to disseminate the information. If the Disclosure Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Issuer as prescribed in this Section 7(b) to file a Voluntary Financial Disclosure, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall promptly file such Voluntary Financial Disclosure with the MSRB in accordance with Section 2(e)(vii) hereof. This notice will be filed with a cover sheet completed by the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in the form set forth in Exhibit C-3.

The parties hereto acknowledge that the Issuer is not obligated pursuant to the terms of this Disclosure Agreement to file any Voluntary Event Disclosure pursuant to Section 7(a) hereof or any Voluntary Financial Disclosure pursuant to Section 7(b) hereof.

Nothing in this Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information through the Disclosure Dissemination Agent using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Agreement or including any other information in any Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, Notice Event notice, Failure to File Event notice, Voluntary Event Disclosure or Voluntary Financial Disclosure, in addition to that required by this Disclosure Agreement. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, Notice Event notice, Failure to File Event notice, Voluntary Event Disclosure or Voluntary Financial Disclosure in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Agreement, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, Notice Event Disclosure or Voluntary Event Disclosure.

SECTION 8. <u>Termination of Reporting Obligation</u>. The obligations of the Issuer and the Disclosure Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Agreement shall terminate with respect to the Bonds upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds, when the Issuer is no longer an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or upon delivery by the Disclosure Representative to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent of an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws to the effect that continuing disclosure is no longer required.

SECTION 9. <u>Disclosure Dissemination Agent</u>. The Issuer has appointed Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C. as exclusive Disclosure Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Agreement. The Issuer may, upon thirty days written notice to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent and the Trustee, replace or appoint a successor Disclosure Dissemination Agent. Upon termination of DAC's services as Disclosure Dissemination Agent, whether by notice of the Issuer or DAC, the Issuer agrees to appoint a successor Disclosure Dissemination Agent or, alternately, agrees to assume all responsibilities of Disclosure Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Agreement for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds. Notwithstanding any replacement or appointment of a successor, the Issuer shall remain liable until payment in full for any and all sums owed and payable to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent may resign at any time by providing thirty days' prior written notice to the Issuer. SECTION 10. <u>Remedies in Event of Default</u>. In the event of a failure of the Issuer or the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Holders' rights to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall be limited solely to a right, by action in mandamus or for specific performance, to compel performance of the parties' obligation under this Disclosure Agreement. Any failure by a party to perform in accordance with this Disclosure Agreement shall not constitute a default on the Bonds or under any other document relating to the Bonds, and all rights and remedies shall be limited to those expressly stated herein.

#### SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Disclosure Dissemination Agent.

(a) The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Agreement. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent's obligation to deliver the information at the times and with the contents described herein shall be limited to the extent the Issuer has provided such information to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent as required by this Disclosure Agreement. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have no duty with respect to the content of any disclosures or notice made pursuant to the terms hereof. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have no duty or obligation to review or verify any Information or any other information, disclosures or notices provided to it by the Issuer and shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the Issuer, the Holders of the Bonds or any other party. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have no responsibility for the Issuer's failure to report to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent a Notice Event or a duty to determine the materiality thereof. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have no duty to determine, or liability for failing to determine, whether the Issuer has complied with this Disclosure Agreement. The Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have no field to the Issuer at all times.

The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Disclosure Dissemination Agent and defeasance, redemption or payment of the Bonds.

(b) The Disclosure Dissemination Agent may, from time to time, consult with legal counsel (either in-house or external) of its own choosing in the event of any disagreement or controversy, or question or doubt as to the construction of any of the provisions hereof or its respective duties hereunder, and shall not incur any liability and shall be fully protected in acting in good faith upon the advice of such legal counsel. The reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel shall be payable by the Issuer.

(c) All documents, reports, notices, statements, information and other materials provided to the MSRB under this Agreement shall be provided in an electronic format and accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

SECTION 12. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Issuer and the Disclosure Dissemination Agent may amend this Disclosure Agreement and any provision of this Disclosure Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws acceptable to both the Issuer and the Disclosure Dissemination Agent to the effect that such amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of Holders of the Bonds and would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule; provided neither the Issuer or the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall be obligated to agree to any amendment modifying their respective duties or obligations without their consent thereto.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent shall have the right to adopt amendments to this Disclosure Agreement necessary to comply with modifications to and

interpretations of the provisions of the Rule as announced by the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time by giving not less than 20 days written notice of the intent to do so together with a copy of the proposed amendment to the Issuer. No such amendment shall become effective if the Issuer shall, within 10 days following the giving of such notice, send a notice to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent in writing that it objects to such amendment.

SECTION 13. <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Trustee of the Bonds, the Disclosure Dissemination Agent, the underwriter, and the Holders from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 14. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida (other than with respect to conflicts of laws).

SECTION 15. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Disclosure Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

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The Disclosure Dissemination Agent and the Issuer have caused this Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed, on the date first written above, by their respective officers duly authorized.

DIGITAL ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION, L.L.C., as Disclosure Dissemination Agent

By:		 
Name:		 
Title:		 

FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA as Issuer

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: Roger M. Poston Title: Chairman, Florence County Council

#### EXHIBIT A

# NAME AND CUSIP NUMBERS OF BONDS

Name of Issuer Name of Bond Issue:	Florence County, South Carolina \$8,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Florence County Fire Protection District) Series 2015C
Date of Issuance: Date of Official Statement:	District), Series 2015C , 2015 , 2015

CUSIP Number:	
CUSIP Number:	

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#### EXHIBIT B

#### NOTICE TO MSRB OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer	Florence County, South Carolina
Name of Bond Issue:	\$8,300 000 General Obligation Bonds (Florence County Fire Protection District), Series 2015C
Date of Issuance:	, 2015
Dates of Disclosure Agreement:	, 2015
CUSIP Number:	340117

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by the Disclosure Agreement between the Issuer and Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C., as Disclosure Dissemination Agent. The Issuer has notified the Disclosure Dissemination Agent that it anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by

• Dated: Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C., as Disclosure Dissemination Agent, on behalf of the Issuer

cc: Issuer

#### EXHIBIT C-1 EVENT NOTICE COVER SHEET

This cover sheet and accompanying "event notice" will be sent to the MSRB, pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C) and (D).

Issuer's and/or Other Obligated Person's Name:

Issuer's Six-Digit CUSIP Number:

or Nine-Digit CUSIP Number(s) of the bonds to which this event notice relates:

Number of pages attached:

\_\_\_ Description of Notice Events (Check One):

- 1.\_\_\_\_\_ "Principal and interest payment delinquencies;"
- 2. "Non-Payment related defaults, if material;"
- 3.\_\_\_\_\_"Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;"
- 4. "Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;"
- 5. "Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;"
- 6. "Adverse tax opinions, IRS notices or events affecting the tax status of the security;"
- 7. "Modifications to rights of securities holders, if material;"
- 8. "Bond calls, if material;"
- 9. "Defeasances;"
- 10.\_\_\_\_ "Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;"
- 11. "Rating changes;"
- 12.\_\_\_\_"Tender offers;"
- 13.\_\_\_\_ "Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;"
- 14. "Merger, consolidation, or acquisition of the obligated person, if material;" and
- 15.\_\_\_\_\_"Appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change of name of a trustee, if material."

Failure to provide annual financial information as required.

I hereby represent that I am authorized by the issuer or its agent to distribute this information publicly:

Signature:

Name:	Title:	
	Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C.	
	390 N. Orange Avenue	
	Suite 1750	
	Orlando, FL 32801	
	407-515-1100	
Date:		
	D-C-1	
DM: 4080482 v.3		

#### **EXHIBIT C-2** VOLUNTARY EVENT DISCLOSURE COVER SHEET

This cover sheet and accompanying "voluntary event disclosure" will be sent to the MSRB, pursuant to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ between the Issuer and DAC.

Issuer's and/or Other Obligated Person's Name:

Issuer's Six-Digit CUSIP Number:

or Nine-Digit CUSIP Number(s) of the bonds to which this notice relates:

Number of pages attached:

Description of Voluntary Event Disclosure (Check One):

- "amendment to continuing disclosure undertaking;" 1.\_\_\_\_
- "change in obligated person;"
- 2.\_\_\_\_\_"change in obligated person;"
  3.\_\_\_\_\_"notice to investors pursuant to bond documents;"
- "certain communications from the Internal Revenue Service;" 4.
- 5. "secondary market purchases;"
- 6.\_\_\_\_ "bid for auction rate or other securities;"
- "capital or other financing plan;" 7.
- 8.\_\_\_\_\_ "litigation/enforcement action;"
  9.\_\_\_\_\_ "change of tender agent, remarketing agent, or other on-going party;"
- 10. "derivative or other similar transaction;" and
- 11.\_\_\_\_\_"other event-based disclosures."

I hereby represent that I am authorized by the issuer or its agent to distribute this information publicly: Signature:

Name: Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C.

#### 390 N. Orange Avenue Suite 1750 Orlando, FL 32801 407-515-1100

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBIT C-3** VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE COVER SHEET

This cover sheet and accompanying "voluntary financial disclosure" will be sent to the MSRB, pursuant to the Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_ between the Issuer and DAC.

Issuer's and/or Other Obligated Person's Name:

Issuer's Six-Digit CUSIP Number:

or Nine-Digit CUSIP Number(s) of the bonds to which this notice relates:

Number of pages attached:

Description of Voluntary Financial Disclosure (Check One):

- "quarterly/monthly financial information;" 1.
- 2. "change in fiscal year/timing of annual/disclosure;"
- "change in accounting standard;" 3.
- "change in accounting standard, "interim/additional financial information/operating data;" 4.
- "budget;" 5.
- "investment/debt/financial policy;" 6.
- 7.\_\_\_\_\_ "information provided to rating agency, credit/liquidity provider or other third party;"
- 8.\_\_\_\_"consultant reports;" and
- 9.\_\_\_\_\_"other financial/operating data."

I hereby represent that I am authorized by the issuer or its agent to distribute this information publicly:

Signature:

Name:

Title:

Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C. 390 N. Orange Avenue Suite 1750 Orlando, FL 32801 407-515-1100

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuer cc:

# FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 25, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Third Reading of Ordinance No. 37-2014/15

#### DEPARTMENT: Administration Finance

## **ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

(An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$575,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.)

#### **POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- 1. Since Council desires to begin levying millage for the new courthouse in FY2015/16 rather than waiting the three years proposed in the original model, this bond needs to be issued to make the first annual payment.
- The installment purchase revenue bond is technically debt of the Florence County Public Facilities Corporation. Florence County will have to issue a one-year general obligation bond every year during the life of the installment purchase revenue bond in order to make the base rent payments to the Corporation.

#### **FUNDING FACTORS:**

1. This general obligation bond will require a 1.1 mill increase in the Debt Service Fund millage rate for FY2015/16 and an additional 3.1 mill increase in FY2016/17.

#### **OPTIONS:**

- 1. (Recommended) Approve Third Reading of Ordinance No. 37-2014/15.
- 2. Provide An Alternate Directive.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Copy of Ordinance No. 37-2014/15

Sponsor(s)	: Finance
First Reading	: June 4, 2015
Committee Referral	: N/A
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A
Committee Recommendation	: N/A
Public Hearing	: June 18, 2015
Second Reading	: June 18, 2015
Third Reading	: June 25, 2015
Effective Date	: Immediately

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Council Clerk, certify that this Ordinance was advertised for Public Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 37-2014/15**

## COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

#### AN ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$575,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND SHALL BE, EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, AS FOLLOWS:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

#### Section 1.01 Findings.

As an incident to the adoption of this Ordinance, the Florence County Council (the "Council"), the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina (the "County"), finds that the facts set forth in this Article exist and the statements made with respect thereto are in all respects true and correct:

As of June 1, 2015, the County entered into a Base Lease Agreement (the "Base Lease") and a Public Facilities Purchase and Occupancy Agreement (the "Facilities Purchase Agreement") with Florence County Public Facilities Corporation, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"). Pursuant to the Base Lease, the County leased certain real property to the Corporation. In consideration therefor, the County was paid upon the execution thereof the sum of \$3,106,831.90 as rent.

Pursuant to the Facilities Purchase Agreement, the facilities subject to the Base Lease are being developed, financed, acquired, designed, equipped and constructed and made available for use by the County for a new County Judicial Center (the "Judicial Facilities"). The Facilities Purchase Agreement further provides for the payment by the County on a semi-annual basis of a portion of the purchase price of the Judicial Facilities ("Base Payments"). By the making of Base Payments to the Corporation, the County acquires an undivided interest in the Judicial Facilities. Upon the making of the final scheduled Base Payment under the Facilities Purchase Agreement, the County will have purchased all interest of the Corporation in the Judicial Facilities and will own the same outright.

The Corporation has, pursuant to the terms of a Trust Agreement between it and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (the "Trustee") of the Corporation's \$42,000,000 Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (Judicial Center Project), Series 2015 (the "Revenue Bond"), assigned its right to receive Base Payments, as defined in the Facilities Purchase Agreement, to the Trustee. The Base Payments have been calculated to yield the exact amount due by way of principal and interest on the Revenue Bond.

The first of the County's installments of Base Payments falling due in Calendar Year 2015, which payment falls due on October 1, 2015, amounts to a total of approximately \$525,000. The County has determined to adopt this ordinance to authorize the issuance of a general obligation bond of the County to provide funds with which to pay the net Base Payment due under the Facilities Purchase Agreement in Calendar Year 2015 and costs of issuance of such bond.

#### Section 1.02 Recital of Applicable Constitutional Provisions.

The Council is advised that the assessed value of all taxable property in the County for the year 2014, excluding property subject to a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem property taxes, will amount to \$446,736,262. Accordingly, the eight percent general obligation debt limit of the County as established by Section 14 of Article X of the South Carolina Constitution amounts to not less than the sum of \$35,738,900. As of the date of issuance of the bond authorized hereby, the County will have outstanding and chargeable against the debt limit general obligation bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$10,245,000. The County is therefore permitted under Section 14 of Article X of the South Carolina Constitution to issue the proposed general obligation bonds in order to raise the required sum, not to

exceed \$575,000, and under the provisions of said Section 14 of Article X of the South Carolina Constitution and of Act No. 113 of the 1999 Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina (now codified as Sections 11-27-10 through 11-27-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976) may do so without the necessity of holding an election.

#### Section 1.03 Holding of Public Hearing.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-9-130 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, a public hearing, after giving reasonable notice, is required to be conducted prior to the third and final reading of this Ordinance by Council. Such public hearing has been duly held by Council prior to third reading of this Ordinance.

#### Section 1.04 Notice Pursuant to Section 11-27-40.

The Council is mindful of the fact that Section 4-9-1220 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "S.C. Code"), applies to the provisions of this Ordinance. In the event that the Chairman determines in his sole discretion that it is necessary to proceed as soon as possible to issue and deliver the bond authorized hereby, the County may avail itself of the provisions of Paragraph 8 of Section 11-27-40 of the S.C. Code. In such case, notice shall be published in substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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#### ARTICLE II

#### **DEFINITIONS AND AUTHORITY**

#### Section 2.01 Definitions.

(1) As used in this Ordinance, unless the context shall otherwise require, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

"Judicial Facilities" shall have the meaning given thereto in Section 1.01 of this Ordinance.

"Authorized Investments" means any securities which are authorized legal investments for political subdivisions pursuant to the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as now and as may be hereafter amended.

"Authorized Officer" means the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Council and any other officer or employee of the Council designated from time to time as an Authorized Officer by resolution of the Council, and when used with reference to any act or document also means any other person authorized by resolution of the Council to perform such act or sign such document.

"Base Payments" shall have the meaning given thereto in Section 1.01 of this Ordinance.

"Bond" means the Bond or Bonds issued in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

"Bondholder" or "Holder" or "Owner" or similar term means, when used with respect to the Bond any person who shall be registered as the owner of the Bond outstanding.

"Bond Payment" means the payments of principal of and interest on the Bond.

"Bond Payment Date" means March 1, 2016.

"Clerk to Council" means the Clerk to the County Council of the County.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Council" means the Florence County Council, South Carolina, the governing body of said County or any successor governing body of said County.

"County" means Florence County, South Carolina.

"County Administrator" means the County Administrator of Florence County.

"County Auditor" means the County Auditor of Florence County.

"County Treasurer" means the County Treasurer of Florence County.

"Enabling Act" means Chapter 15, Title 4, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended and supplemented by Act No. 113 of the 1999 Acts of the South Carolina General Assembly.

"Facilities" means the facilities financed with the proceeds of the Revenue Bond.

"Government Obligations" means and includes direct general obligations of the United States of America or agencies thereof or obligations, the payment of principal or interest on which is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America.

"Ordinance" shall mean this ordinance of the County Council authorizing the issuance of the Bond.

"Outstanding", when used in this Ordinance with respect to the Bond, means as of any date, the Bond thereto fore delivered pursuant to this Ordinance except:

(a) any Bond cancelled or delivered to the Registrar for cancellation on or before such

date;

(b) any Bond deemed to have been paid in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.01 hereof; and

(c) any Bond in lieu of or in exchange for which another Bond shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to Section 3.11 of this Ordinance.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a trust, a trustee, an unincorporated organization, or a government or an agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Record Date" means the February 15, 2016.

"Registrar" means the County, acting through the Clerk to Council.

"Revenue Bond" means the \$42,000,000 Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bond, Series 2015, dated yune 30, 2015.

Section 2.02 Construction.

In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Articles and Sections referred to by number shall mean the corresponding Articles and Sections of this Ordinance.

(2) The terms "hereby", "hereof", "hereto", "herein", "hereunder" and any similar terms refer to this Ordinance, and the term "hereafter" shall mean after, and the term "heretofore" shall mean before, the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

(3) Words of the masculine gender shall mean and include correlative words of the female and neuter genders, and words importing the singular number shall mean and include the plural number and vice versa.

(4) Any fiduciary shall be deemed to hold an Authorized Investment in which money is invested pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, even though such Authorized Investment is evidenced only by a book entry or similar record of investment.

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#### ARTICLE III

#### **ISSUANCE OF BOND**

#### Section 3.01 Ordering the Issuance of the Bond.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act, and for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to make Base Payments and pay other costs identified in Section 1.01 of this Ordinance, there shall be issued a not exceeding Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$575,000) general obligation bond of the County, to be styled "General Obligation Bond, Series 2015D." The County Administrator shall determine the actual amount of the Bond, not to exceed \$575,000, in his sole discretion in order to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance.

#### Section 3.02 Maturity Schedule of Bond.

The Bond shall be dated as of the date of its delivery and shall bear interest from its dated date to the Bond Payment Date. The Bond shall mature as to principal and interest, without privilege of early redemption, on the Bond Payment Date.

#### Section 3.03 Medium of Payment; Form and Denomination of Bond; Place of Payment of Principal.

(a) The Bond shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

(b) The Bond shall be issued in the form of one (1) fully registered bond.

(c) The Bond Payment shall be payable to the Person appearing on the Record Date on the registration books of the County, which books shall be held by the County as Registrar as provided in Section 3.06 hereof, as the registered Owner thereof. The Bond Payment shall be made on or after the Bond Payment Date upon the presentation and surrender for cancellation of the Bond at the office of the County Treasurer, provided, however, that the County Administrator may, upon advice of bond counsel, elect to waive presentation and surrender if requested by the purchaser of the Bond, in which case the Bond Payment shall be paid by check, draft or wire transfer as determined by the County Treasurer.

#### Section 3.04 Execution and Authentication.

(a) The Bond shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the County by the manual signature of an Authorized Officer or Officers, with its corporate seal impressed, imprinted or otherwise reproduced thereon, and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk to Council or other Authorized Officer (other than the officer or officers executing the Bond). The Bond may bear the manual signature of any person who shall have been such an Authorized Officer authorized to sign the Bond at the time such Bond was so executed, and shall bind the County notwithstanding the fact that his or her authorization may have ceased prior to the authentication and delivery of the Bond.

(b) The Bond shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose nor shall it be entitled to any right or benefit hereunder unless there shall be endorsed on the Bond a certificate of authentication in the form set forth in this Ordinance, duly executed by the manual signature of the Registrar, and such certificate of authentication upon any Bond executed on behalf of the County shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued hereunder and that the Holder thereof is entitled to the benefit of the terms and provisions of the Ordinance.

#### Section 3.05 Exchange of the Bond.

The Bond, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Registrar with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered Holder or his duly authorized attorney, may, at the option of the registered Holder thereof, be exchanged for a new Bond of the same interest rate and maturity. So long as the Bond remains Outstanding, the County shall make all necessary provisions to permit the exchange of the Bond. Such new Bond shall reflect the principal amount thereof as then yet unpaid.

#### Section 3.06 Transferability and Registry.

The Bond shall at all times, when the same is Outstanding, be payable to a Person, and shall be transferable only in accordance with the provisions for registration and transfer contained in this Ordinance and in the Bond. So long as the Bond remains Outstanding, the County (acting through the Clerk to Council), as Registrar, shall maintain and keep, at its administrative office, books for the registration and transfer of the Bond, and, upon presentation thereof for such purpose at such office, the County shall register or cause to be registered therein, and permit to be transferred thereon, under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, such Bond. So long as the Bond remains Outstanding, the County shall make all necessary provisions to permit the transfer of such Bond at its administrative office.

#### Section 3.07 Transfer of the Bond.

The Bond shall be transferable only upon the books of the Registrar, upon presentation and surrender thereof by the Holder of the Bond in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered Holder or his duly authorized attorney. Upon surrender for transfer of the Bond, the County shall execute, authenticate and deliver, in the name of the Person who is the transferee, a new Bond of the same principal amount and maturity and rate of interest as the surrendered Bond. Such new Bond shall reflect the principal amount thereof as then yet unpaid.

## Section 3.08 Regulations with Respect to Exchanges and Transfers.

The Bond surrendered in any exchange or transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Registrar. For each such exchange or transfer of the Bond, the Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the Holder requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer. The County shall not be obligated to issue, exchange or transfer the Bond during the 15 days next preceding any (a) Bond Payment Date, or (b) date upon which the Bond will be redeemed.

#### Section 3.09 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Bond.

(a) If the Holder surrenders a mutilated Bond to the Registrar or the Registrar receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of the Bond, and there is delivered to the Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by it to save it harmless, then, in the absence of notice that the Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the County shall execute and deliver, in exchange for the mutilated Bond or in lieu of any such destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of like tenor, maturity, and interest rate bearing a number unlike that of such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, and shall thereupon cancel any such mutilated Bond so surrendered. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond has become or is to become due for final payment within one year, the County in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay the Bond. (b) Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section 3.09, the County may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax, fee, or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses, including counsel fees or other fees, of the County or the Registrar connected therewith.

(c) Each new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the County, whether or not the destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall at any time be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits hereof equally and proportionately with the Bond duly issued pursuant to the Ordinance.

(d) The Bond shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights or remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond or securities.

#### Section 3.10 Holder As Owner of Bond.

In its capacity as Registrar, the County may treat the Holder of the Bond as the absolute owner thereof, whether the Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the Bond Payment on the Bond and for all other purposes, and payment of the Bond Payment shall be made only to, or upon the order of, such Holder. All payments to such Holder shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and the County shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

#### Section 3.11 Cancellation of the Bond.

The Registrar shall destroy the Bond when the same shall be surrendered to it for cancellation. In such event, the Bond shall no longer be deemed Outstanding under this Ordinance and no Bond shall be issued in lieu thereof.

## Section 3.12 Payments Due Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

In any case where the Bond Payment Date shall be Saturday or Sunday or shall be, at the place designated for payment, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, then payment of the Bond Payment need not be made on such date but may be made on the next succeeding business day not a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday or a day upon which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, with the same force and effect as if made on the Bond Payment Date and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.

#### Section 3.13 Tax Exemption in South Carolina.

The Bond Payments 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, transfer or certain franchise taxes.

#### Section 3.14 Order to Levy Ad Valorem Taxes to Pay Principal and Interest of Bond.

For the payment of principal of and interest on the Bond as the same become due and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property

located within the County sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bond as the same become due and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

#### Section 3.15 Notice to Auditor and Treasurer.

The County Auditor and the County Treasurer shall be notified of the adoption of this Ordinance and directed to levy and collect annually upon all taxable property within the County ad valorem property taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bond as the same become due and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

#### Section 3.16 Form of Bond.

The form of the Bond, and registration provisions to be endorsed thereon, shall be substantially as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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## ARTICLE IV

## **REDEMPTION OF BOND**

## Section 4.01 Redemption of Bond.

The Bond shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

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#### ARTICLE V

#### SALE OF BOND

#### Section 5.01 Sale of Bond.

The County Administrator is authorized to negotiate terms for the sale of the Bond, consistent with this Ordinance, with one or more financial institutions of his choosing, and to award the Bond to such financial institution offering, in his sole discretion, the most favorable terms to the County. The Bond shall bear such fixed interest rate as shall be agreed to by the County Administrator, upon advice of bond counsel, and the purchaser thereof, provided that the interest rate shall not exceed 7.00% without prior approval by resolution of the Council. In accordance with §11-27-40(4), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Notice of the private sale of the Bond, in form substantially similar to that appearing as <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation of the County not less than seven (7) days before the issuance of the Bond.

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# ARTICLE VI

### DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF BOND

# Section 6.01 Disposition of Bond Proceeds Including Temporary Investments.

The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bond shall be expended and made use of by the County as follows:

(a) the amounts determined by the County Administrator, upon advice of the bond counsel, to be sufficient, including investment earnings thereon, to allow the County to pay the Base Payment on October 1, 2015, taking into account all other amounts credited against payments of Base Payments, shall be paid to and held by the County Treasurer of Florence County and applied to payment of the Base Payment when due;

(b) the remaining proceeds shall be expended and made use of by the County to defray the costs of issuing the Bond. Pending the use of Bond proceeds, the same shall be invested and reinvested by the County Treasurer, in Authorized Investments. All earnings from such investments, if not required for payment of issuance costs, shall be applied to pay the interest due on the Bond on March 1, 2016.

(c) If any balance remains, it shall be held by the County Treasurer, in a special fund and used to effect the retirement of the Bond authorized by this Ordinance, or, if so provided by supplemental ordinance of the Council, expended for some other purpose tawful under the Enabling Act.

Provided, that neither the purchaser nor any Holder of the Bond shall be liable for the proper application of the proceeds thereof.

### ARTICLE VII

#### **DEFEASANCE OF BOND**

# Section 7.01 Discharge of Ordinance - Where and How the Bond is Deemed to Have Been Paid and Defeased.

If the Bond and the interest thereon shall have been paid and discharged, then the obligations of the County under this Ordinance and all other rights granted hereby shall cease and determine. The Bond shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of this Article under each of the following circumstances, viz.:

(1) A third party fiduciary, which shall be any bank, trust company, or national banking association which is authorized to provide corporate trust services (the "Fiduciary"), shall hold, in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, sufficient moneys for the payment of all Bond Payments due thereunder; or

(2) If default in the payment of the Bond Payment due shall have occurred on any Bond Payment Date, and thereafter tender of such payment shall have been made, and at such time the Fiduciary shall hold in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, sufficient moneys for the payment thereof to the date of the tender of such payment; or

(3) If the County shall elect to provide for the payment of the Bond prior to the Bond Payment Date and shall have deposited with the Fiduciary, in an irrevocable trust, moneys which shall be sufficient, or Government Obligations, the principal of and interest on which when due will provide moneys, which together with moneys, if any, deposited with the Fiduciary at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay when due the Bond Payment.

Neither the Government Obligations nor moneys deposited with the Fiduciary pursuant to this Section nor the interest, if any, thereon shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the Bond Payment; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on Government Obligations deposited with the Fiduciary, if not then needed for such purpose, shall to the extent practicable be invested and reinvested in Government Obligations maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the Bond Payment on the Bond Payment Date, and interest earned from such reinvestments not required for the payment of the Bond Payment, may be paid over to the County, free and clear of any trust, lien or pledge.

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### ARTICLE VIII

### MISCELLANEOUS

### Section 8.01 Tax Covenants.

Council hereby covenants and agrees that the County will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, compliance with which is required in order that interest on the Bond be and remain excludable from the gross income of the Holders for Federal income tax purposes. Council further covenants to file Internal Revenue Service form 8038-G at the time and in the place required therefor under the Code.

### Section 8.02 Ability to Meet Arbitrage Requirement; Private Activity Limitations.

Careful consideration has been given to the time in which the expenditure of the proceeds of the Bond will be made, and it has been ascertained that all Bond proceeds will be expended within the limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code"); accordingly the Council will be able to certify upon reasonable grounds that the Bond herein provided for is not an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code.

The Council hereby covenants to comply with all of the restrictions and requirements of the Code as its provisions are applicable to the Bond authorized herein in order that such bond shall be and remain exempt from federal income taxation. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Council specifically covenants that:

(a) All property provided by the net proceeds of the Bond will be owned by the County in accordance with the rules governing the ownership of property for federal income tax purposes.

(b) The County shall not permit the proceeds of the Bond or any facility financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bond to be used in any manner that would result in (i) ten percent (10%) or more of such proceeds being considered as having been used directly or indirectly in any trade or business carried on by any natural person or in any activity carried on by a person other than a natural person other than a governmental unit as provided in Section 141(b) of the Code, or (ii) five percent (5%) or more of such proceeds being considered as having been used directly or indirectly to make or finance loans to any person other than a governmental unit as provided in Section 141(c) of the Code.

(c) The County is not a party to nor will any of them enter into any contracts with any person for the use or management of any facility financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bond that do not conform to the guidelines set forth in Revenue Procedure 97-13, as modified by the Code or subsequent pronouncements by the Internal Revenue Service, or the County obtains the opinion of Bond Counsel that such arrangement will not adversely affect the tax exemption of the Bond.

(d) The County will not sell or lease the Improvements or any property financed or refinanced by the Bond to any person unless the County obtains the opinion of Bond Counsel that such lease or sale will not affect the tax exemption of the Bond.

(e) The Bond will not be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code. The County is not a party to any leases or sales or service contracts with any federal government agency with respect to the Improvements and shall not enter into any such leases or contracts unless the County obtains the opinion of Bond Counsel that such action will not affect the tax exemption of the Bond.

# Section 8.03 Severability of Invalid Provisions.

If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this Ordinance should be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants or agreement or agreements shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

# Section 8.04 Ordinance to Constitute Contract.

In consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Bond by those who shall purchase and hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the County and the Holders from time to time of the Bond, and such provisions are covenants and agreements with such Holders which the County hereby determined to be necessary and desirable for the security and payment thereof. The pledge hereof and the provisions, covenants, and agreements herein set forth to be performed on behalf of the County shall be for the benefit, protection, and security of the Holders of the Bond.

# Section 8.05 Continuing Disclosure.

Pursuant to Section 11-1-85 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the County covenants to file with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market when requested:

(a) An annual independent audit, within thirty days of the County's receipt of the audit; and

(b) Event specific information within thirty days of an event adversely affecting more than five percent of revenue or the County's tax base.

The only remedy for failure by the County to comply with the covenant in this Section 8.05 shall be an action for specific performance of this covenant. The County specifically reserves the right to amend this covenant to reflect any change in Section 11-1-85, without the consent of any Bondholder.

# Section 8.06 Filing of Copies of Ordinance.

Copies of this Ordinance shall be filed in the offices of the Council and in the office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County (as a part of the Transcript of Proceedings).

# Section 8.07 Further Action by Officers of County.

The proper officers of the County are fully authorized and empowered to take the actions required to implement the provisions of this Ordinance and to furnish such certificates and other proofs as may be required of them, which includes but is not limited to providing the notice and conducting the public hearing described in Section 1.03 hereof. In the absence of any officer of the Council herein authorized to take any act or make any decision, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to take any such act or make any such decision.

# Section 8.08 Effective Date of Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and no further authorization is required to execute and deliver all documents and certificates required to effect the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds. This Ordinance shall be construed liberally to effect the intent of Council. ATTEST:

Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to County Council

Roger M. Poston, Chairman

Approved as to Form and Content D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney COUNCIL VOTE: OPPOSED: ABSENT:

Alger Ex NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$575,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

Notice is hereby given that by Ordinance effective \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, Florence County Council, the governing body of Florence County, South Carolina, adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of a not exceeding Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$575,000) General Obligation Bond, Series 2015D (the "Bond"). The Bond will be a general obligation of Florence County, secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power thereof, payable by way of an ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the County.

Notice is further given that the provisions of Section 4-9-1220, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, permitting the filing of a petition seeking a referendum to effect the repeal of the foregoing Ordinance will not be applicable, unless as provided by paragraph 8 of Section 11-27-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, notice of intention to seek such a referendum signed by not less than five qualified electors shall be filed with the Clerk of Court for Florence County and with the Clerk to Florence County Council within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

By order of Florence County Council, South Carolina.

Chairman, Florence County Council, South Carolina

### EXHIBIT B

# (FORM OF BOND)

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FLORENCE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2015D

No. 1

**Registered Holder:** 

Principal Amount: DOLLARS (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "County"), a public body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), created and existing by virtue of the laws of the State, acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay, solely as hereinafter provided, to the Registered Holder named above or registered assigns, the Principal Amount stated above.

This Bond is issued in the principal amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_\_) for purposes authorized by and pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, including particularly the provisions of Sections 4-15-10 through 4-15-180, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and an Ordinance duly adopted by the County Council of the County (the "Ordinance"). This Bond shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The principal and interest on this Bond shall be due and payable on March 1, 2016 (the "Bond Payment Date") and shall be payable (upon presentation of this Bond at the office of the County Treasurer of the County) (by check, draft of wire transfer as directed by the Holder hereof). This Bond shall bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_\_ per centum (\_\_\_%) per annum calculated on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months, from \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015. The Bond Payment is payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

Certain capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Ordinance. Certified copies of the Ordinance are on file in the office of the Clerk of Court of Florence County and in the office of the Florence County Council.

This Bond is payable from a tax levied on all taxable property within the County. For the prompt payment of the Bond Payments as the same shall become due, the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County are irrevocably pledged.

This Bond and the interest hereon are 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, transfer, or certain franchise taxes.

The Bond is issued in the form of one (1) fully registered Bond and is transferable, as provided in the Ordinance, only upon the registration books of the County kept for that purpose at the offices of the County by the registered Holder in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon, (i) surrender of this Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered holder or his duly authorized attorney, and (ii) payment of the charges, if any, prescribed in the Ordinance. Thereupon a new fully registered Bond of interest rate and like principal amount shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance. The County may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of the Bond Payment due hereon and for all other purposes.

For every exchange or transfer of the Bond, the County may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee, or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions, and things required to exist, happen, and to be performed precedent to and in the adoption of the Ordinance and in the issuance of the Bond in order to make the legal, valid, and binding general obligation of the County in accordance with its terms, do exist, have been done, have happened and have been performed in regular and due form as required by law; and that the issuance of the Bond does not exceed or violate any constitutional, statutory, or other limitation upon the amount of indebtedness prescribed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this bond to be signed by the manual signature of the Chairman of the Florence County Council, attested by the manual signature of the Clerk to the Florence County Council, and the seal of the County impressed hereon.

COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA Chairman, Florence County Council, South Carolina

ATTEST:

(Seal)

Clerk to Florence County Council, South Carolina

# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is the Bond of the issue described in the within mentioned Ordinance.

Clerk to Council, as Registrar

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Authentication: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations.

TEN COM - as tenants in common	UNIF GIFT MIN ACT -
TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties	Custodian (Cust) (Minor)
JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common	under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act(state)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in above list.

# (FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

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# EXHIBIT C

# FORM OF NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE

> Chairman, Florence County Council, South Carolina

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# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# COUNTY OF FLORENCE

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Florence County Council, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of an Ordinance which was given three readings on three separate days, with an interval of not less than seven days between the second and third readings. The original of this Ordinance is duly entered in the permanent records of minutes of meetings of the County Council, in my custody as such Clerk.

That each of said meetings was duly called, and all members of the County Council were notified of the same; that all/a majority of the membership were notified of each meeting and remained throughout the proceedings incident to the adoption of this Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of the County, this \_\_\_\_ day of , 2015.

(Seal)

First reading: June 4, 2015 Second reading: Third reading: Public Hearing:

June 18, 2015 June 25, 2015 June 18, 2015



# FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 25, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Third Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2015/16

# DEPARTMENT: Administration Finance

# **ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

(An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2015/16 In Order To Increase The Debt Service Millage For Florence County For The FY2015/16 Budget And Other Matters Related Thereto.)

# **POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- 1. County Council has approved Ordinance No. 33-2014/15 to issue installment purchase revenue bonds for a new judicial center for Florence County.
- 2. County Council desires to shorten the life of these installment purchase revenue bonds from twenty five (25) years to twenty (20) years, thereby savings the taxpayers of Florence County in excess of \$12,000,000 in comparison to the original financing model.

# **FUNDING FACTORS:**

1. Changing the financing model in order to shorten the life of the installment purchase revenue bonds requires that the FY2015/16 budget ordinance be amended to increase debt service millage by 1.1 mills from 8.5 mills to 9.6 mills.

# **OPTIONS:**

- 1. (Recommended) Approve Third Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2015/16.
- 2. Provide An Alternate Directive.

# **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Copy of Ordinance No. 02-2015/16

Sponsor(s)	: County Council
Introduction	: June 4, 2015
Committee Referral	: N/A
Committee Consideration Date	: N/A
Committee Recommendation	: N/A
Public Hearing	: June 18, 2015
Second Reading	: June 18, 2015
Third Reading	: June 25, 2015
Effective Date	: July 1, 2015

I.

Council Clerk, certify that the ad for a Public Hearing on this Ordinance ran on:

# **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2015/16**

# COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

[An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2015/16 In Order To Increase The Debt Service Millage For Florence County For The FY2015/16 Budget And Other Matters Related Thereto.]

# WHEREAS:

- 1. County Council has approved Ordinance No. 33-2014/15 to issue installment purchase revenue bonds for a new judicial center for Florence County; and
- 2. County Council desires to shorten the life of these installment purchase revenue bonds from twenty five (25) years to twenty (20) years, thereby saving the taxpayers of Florence County in excess of \$12,000,000 in comparison to the original financing model.

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. The Florence County Council hereby amends Ordinance No. 01-2015/16 to delete the following language:

# **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS**

**d.** Mill Levy: The following mills are levied to provide the property tax revenues to fund a portion of the appropriated expenditures noted directly below in Section e., which shall be reflected on tax bills:

Y16
74.6 8.5
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# e. Funds:

45 Debt Service Fund \* \$4,134,122

and insert the following language in its place:

**d. Mill Levy**: The following mills are levied to provide the property tax revenues to fund a portion of the appropriated expenditures noted directly below in Section e., which shall be reflected on tax bills:

		<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
Florence County		73.0	74.6
Debt Service		8.5	9.6
e. Funds	3:		
45	Debt Service Fund *		\$4,574,122

- 2. All provisions in other County Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Connie Y. Haselden Clerk to Council Roger M. Poston, Chairman Florence County Council

COUNCIL VOTE: OPPOSED: ABSENT:

Approved as to Form & Content D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney