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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLI	NA)	
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COUNTY OF LAURENS)	

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM, WITHIN LAURENS COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT; TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND DESIGNATE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR WHICH THE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECTS OR FACILITIES FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX. SUBJECT TO FUNDING COST OVERRUNS AS PROVIDED BY LAW; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM AND TO CONCUR IN THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY IN WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX ARE TO BE EXPENDED; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF LAURENS COUNTY, SUBJECT TO SUCH REFERENDUM; TO DEFRAY COSTS OF PROJECTS AND ISSUANCE COSTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX: TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AS APPROVED BY THE REFERENDUM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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

Section 1. Findings. As an incident to the adoption of this Ordinance, the County Council of Laurens County ("Council"), the governing body of Laurens County, South Carolina ("County"), has made the following findings:

(a) Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, codified as §4-10-300 et seq, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended ("Act"), Council may impose a one percent (1%) sales and use tax ("Tax"), subject to a referendum, within the County for specific purposes and for a limited amount of time to collect a limited amount of money.

- (b) Council is authorized pursuant to §4-10-320 of the Act to create a commission for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects within the County and formulating a referendum question to appear on the ballot. Pursuant to Resolution 2019-23C adopted by Council on August 27, 2019, the Laurens County Capital Project Sales Tax Commission ("Commission") was created for the purpose of considering proposals for funding capital projects and the formulation of a referendum question. Members of the Commission were appointed in accordance with the provisions of §4-10-320 of the Act.
- (c) The Commission has considered proposals for funding capital projects within the County and has approved and delivered to Council a referendum question to appear on the ballot ("Ballot") for a referendum to be held in the County on November 3, 2020 ("Referendum"), which Ballot is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A. The Ballot sets forth certain projects and facilities ("Projects") and the estimated costs of the Projects; sets forth the maximum time for which the Tax shall be imposed; and provides that, subject to approval by the Referendum, general obligation bonds of the County ("Bonds") shall be issued to defray the costs of the Projects, all pursuant to §4-10-330(D) of the Act.
- (d) Council finds that the imposition of the Tax will serve a public purpose and provide funding for the design, engineering, construction, and improvement of the Projects, as well as facilitate economic development, promote public health and safety, promote desirable living conditions, and meet present and future needs of the County and its citizens.
- (e) Council has determined to order the holding of the Referendum for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the question of the imposition of the Tax and the issuance of the Bonds.
- <u>Section 2</u>. <u>Adoption of Defined Terms</u>. All terms defined by capitalization in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall have the meanings so provided throughout the remainder of this Ordinance.
- Section 3. Receipt of Referendum Question. The referendum question adopted and forwarded by the Commission has been received and is acknowledged by Council. This referendum question has been included in the Ballot appearing as Exhibit A, attached hereto.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Imposition of Tax; Projects; Priority of Funding.</u>

- 4.1 The Tax, as authorized by the Act, is hereby imposed in the County, subject to a favorable vote of the qualified electors voting in the Referendum.
- 4.2 The Tax, if approved by the Referendum, shall be imposed commencing May 1, 2021 and shall continue for **eight (8) years** from the date of such imposition in accordance with §4-10-340(A) of the Code.
- 4.3 The Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission ("Election Authority") shall certify not later than November 30, 2020, the results of the Referendum to the Council and to the South Carolina Department of Revenue. Council shall, by Resolution, declare the results thereof.

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- 4.4 The maximum principal amount of the Bonds to be issued pursuant to the Referendum shall not exceed \$35,000,000 excluding such premium, if any, named by the purchaser of the Bonds as a portion of the purchase price of the Bonds. The proceeds of the Tax shall be pledged to payment of the Bonds; however, earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds of the Tax, if any, shall not be so pledged and may be applied by the Council in its discretion to defray the costs of Projects or to pay debt service on the Bonds. Earnings derived from the investment of proceeds of the Bonds may be applied by Council in its discretion to defray the costs of Projects or to pay debt service on the Bonds. Application of all such investment earnings shall be subject to the obligation of the County as issuer of the Bonds to rebate certain of such investment earnings to the United States Treasury pursuant to the provisions of §148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations pertaining thereto.
- 4.5 The maximum cost of the Projects to be funded from proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings as described in Section 4.4 herein will not exceed \$35,000,000, except as to the funding of cost overruns, as authorized by §4-10-340(C)(1) of the Code and Section 4.6 herein. The proceeds of the Tax are expected to be used to pay all of the principal and interest coming due on the Bonds. Council recognizes that the exact amount of the proceeds of the Tax necessary to pay all of the principal and interest coming due on the Bonds is subject to fluctuation based on interest rates.
- 4.6 So that the construction of many of the Projects can be commenced as soon as possible and in order to achieve the most economic and efficient use of proceeds of the Tax, the Commission, with the approval of Council, has determined that the Bonds should be issued to defray Project costs. The Projects, except as provided below, shall be funded in the order of priority shown below, it being the intent of Council that as many of the Projects as may be prudent, based upon expected Tax receipts and bond interest rates, should be funded simultaneously with the proceeds of the Bonds. Council may consult bond counsel and financial advisory professionals prior to making such determination.

<u>Priority</u> <u>Project Description</u> <u>Cost</u>

1. Laurens County Parks and Recreation Projects

Renovate and update recreational parks throughout the county to include new playground equipment, splash pads, picnic tables and shelters \$1,727,500

2. Clinton Regional Library

Construct a 12,000 square foot up-to-date library facility offering books, computer access, designated children's area, community gathering space, tutoring rooms and ample parking \$4,300,000

3. Historic Courthouse

Restoration, repair and renovation of the roofing, exterior foundation, moisture control of the facility as well as an interior ADA compliant elevator \$3,550,766

4. Agriculture and Business Center

Construct a multipurpose facility for public events (equestrian, livestock, flower shows, gardening events) and to house the Clemson Extension Offices \$7,983,008

5. Fountain Inn Infrastructure Project

Upgrades to improve Exit 22 on Interstate 385 to enhance traffic flow and minimize congestion \$912,000

6. E-911 Radio Upgrades

Purchase and upgrade all first responder radios to the Palmetto 800 standard to enable all responders to effectively communicate and coordinate responses \$2,481,496

7. Laurens County Airport

Rebuild an efficient airport terminal so as to provide better services for the public and industry that will meet competitive standards in other regional airports \$ 500,000

8. Veterans Monuments and Memorial Park

Establish a memorial park at the Laurens County Library with monuments dedicated to the branches of the military \$414,200

9. Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission Water Tower

Replace the water tower in Hickory Tavern to increase capacity for more efficient operations of infrastructure and for future development \$1,994,755

10. Martha Dendy Community Center

Improve and expand the capabilities for adult education, tutoring and community enrichment at the former Martha Dendy School \$ 756,000

11. Laurens County EMS-Medic 1 Renovations

Renovate the current Medic 1 Center on Exchange Drive to improve services and response times

12. Laurens County Animal Shelter

Renovations of the animal shelter to include an HVAC system to allow safer handling of the animals \$280,000

13. Laurens County Trails Association

Construct a walking/biking/hiking trail in and around the Laurens County Hospital to become a part of the Swamp Rabbit Trail \$ 300,000

14. Town of Gray Court Park

Construct the first phase of a park complex for ball fields and recreation

\$ 891,220

15. City of Clinton Infrastructure

Repair of certain streets, relocations of utility boxes and repair certain aging water and sewer lines \$6,528,443

16. Laurens County Sheriff's Evidence Storage Facility

Construct a facility with climate control features for storing evidence, multi-year records and mandatory court evidence \$1,964,250

Projects not funded with proceeds of the Bonds shall be funded sequentially in the priority listed above as funds become available therefor, such funds including earnings on investment of Bond proceeds, earnings on investment of Tax proceeds, and any Tax proceeds which remain available after sufficient funds for the payment of all then remaining principal of and interest on the Bonds has been collected and set aside for such purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, however, Council expressly reserves the right by Ordinance supplemental hereto to reorder the priority of Projects to lower the priority of any Project the construction of which has not commenced by the second anniversary of the issuance of the Bonds.

4.7 As provided in §4-10-340(C)(1) of the Code, Tax proceeds collected in excess of those amounts necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds and defray the cost of Projects at the amounts shown on the Ballot must be first applied, if necessary, to complete a Project for which the Tax was imposed, that is, to pay cost overruns on Projects. Tax proceeds available to pay

cost overruns shall be distributed in the order of priority shown above in Section 4.6, except as such priority is adjusted by Council pursuant to Section 4.6, to complete Projects. Likewise, investment earnings collected in excess of those amounts necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds and defray the cost of Projects at the amounts shown on the Ballot will be distributed in the order of Priority shown above in Section 4.6 to complete Projects, subject to adjustment by Council.

- 4.8 It is anticipated that additional funding may be required for certain of the Projects. The sources of that additional funding were set forth in presentations made to the Commission and include the following:
 - (a) Laurens County Airport Commission will contribute approximately \$300,000 from available funds of the FAA and \$500,000 from South Carolina Aeronautics Commission and other available funds of the Commission to defray a portion of the cost of its Airport Terminal Project.

Section 5. Bonds.

5.1 Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, and the referendum, if approved, the County is authorized to issue not exceeding \$35,000,000 in general obligation bonds of the County for the purposes set forth in this Ordinance. The County shall issue only so much bonds, or notes in anticipation of such bonds, as the County reasonably believes can be repaid solely from the Sales Tax revenue. The Bonds also may be issued in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, from time to time as may be determined in the manner provided below with such further designation of each series to identify the year in which such bonds are issued.

The Bonds may be issued as fully-registered bonds; dated the date of their delivery or such other date as may be selected by the County Administrator; may be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year; shall be numbered from R-1 upward; shall bear interest, if any, from their date as may be accepted by the County Administrator; and shall mature as determined by the County Administrator.

- 5.2 The Council expressly delegates to the County Administrator determinations regarding the Bonds as are necessary or appropriate, including the form of the Bonds (or BANs) and whether to issue bonds as provided by any state or federal economic recovery or "stimulus" laws. The County Administrator is further directed to consult with bond counsel in making any such decisions.
- 5.3 Both the principal installments of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for public and private debts. The County Treasurer's Office or a qualified financial institution shall serve as the Registrar/Paying Agent for the Bonds ("Registrar/Paying Agent") and shall fulfill all functions of the Registrar/Paying Agent enumerated herein.
- 5.4 The County shall cause books ("registry books") to be kept at the offices of the Registrar/Paying Agent, for the registration and transfer of the Bonds. Upon presentation at its office for such purpose, the Registrar/Paying Agent shall register or transfer, or cause to be

registered or transferred, on such registry books, the Bonds under such reasonable regulations as the Registrar/Paying Agent may prescribe.

The Bonds shall be transferable only upon the registry books of the County, which shall be kept for such purpose at the principal office of the Registrar/Paying Agent, by the registered owner thereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar/Paying Agent, duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of the Bonds, the Registrar/Paying Agent on behalf of the County shall issue in the name of the transferee new fully registered Bonds, of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate and maturity as the surrendered Bonds. Any Bond surrendered in exchange for a new registered Bond pursuant to this section shall be canceled by the Registrar/Paying Agent.

The County and the Registrar/Paying Agent may deem or treat the person in whose name the fully-registered Bonds shall be registered upon the registry books as the absolute owner of such Bonds, whether such Bonds shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and for all other purposes, and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon his order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the County nor the Registrar/Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring the Bonds is exercised, the County shall execute and the Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Neither the County nor the Registrar/Paying Agent shall be obliged to make any such transfer of the Bonds during the period beginning on the Record Date (as defined in this Ordinance) and ending on an interest payment date.

- 5.5 The County establishes a record date ("Record Date") for the payment of interest or for the giving of notice of any proposed redemption of the Bonds, and such Record Date shall be the 15th day of the calendar month next preceding an interest payment date on the Bonds or, in the case of any proposed redemption of the Bonds, such Record Date shall not be more than 15 days prior to the mailing of notice of redemption of the Bonds.
- In case the Bonds shall at any time become mutilated, in whole or in part, or be lost, stolen or destroyed, or be so defaced as to impair the value thereof to the owner, the County shall execute and the Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver at the principal office of the Registrar/Paying Agent, or send by registered mail to the owner thereof at his request, risk and expense, a new Bond of the same interest rate and maturity and of like tenor and effect in exchange or substitution for and upon the surrender for cancellation of such defaced, mutilated or partly destroyed Bond, or in lieu of or in substitution for such lost, stolen or destroyed Bond. In any such event the applicant for the issuance of a substitute Bond shall furnish the County and the Registrar/Paying Agent evidence or proof satisfactory to the County and the Registrar/Paying Agent of the loss, destruction, mutilation, defacement or theft of the original Bond, and of the ownership thereof, and also such security and indemnity in such amount as may be required by the laws of the State of South Carolina or such greater amount as may be required by the County and the Registrar/Paying Agent. Any duplicate Bond issued under the provisions of this section in exchange and substitution for any defaced, mutilated or partly destroyed Bond or in substitution for any allegedly lost, stolen or wholly destroyed Bond shall be entitled to the identical benefits under this Ordinance as was the original Bond in lieu of which such duplicate

Bond is issued. All expenses necessary for the providing of any duplicate Bond shall be borne by the applicant therefor.

- 5.7 (a) 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 affected pursuant to rules and procedures established by such securities depository. The initial securities depository for the Bonds will be The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC and any successor securities depositories are hereinafter referred to as the "Securities Depository." The Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the initial securities depository nominee for the Bonds. Cede & Co. and successor securities depository nominees are hereinafter referred to as the "Securities Depository Nominee."
- (b) 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 premium, if any, on such Bonds, (ii) if the 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 the Bonds, and (v) requesting any consent or other action to be taken by the holder 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 the 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 the Bonds.
- (d) The County shall pay all principal, interest and premium, if any, on the 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, premium, if any, and interest on such Bonds.
- (e) In the event that the Council determines it is in the County's best interest to discontinue the book-entry system of transfer for the Bonds, or that the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds may be adversely affected if the book-entry system is continued, then the County shall notify the Securities Depository of such determination. In such event, the County shall appoint a Registrar/Paying Agent which shall authenticate, register and deliver physical certificates for the Bonds in exchange for the Bonds registered in the name of the Securities Depository Nominee.
- (f) 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 arrange with the Registrar/Paying Agent for the delivery of physical certificates in the manner described in (e) above.
- (g) In connection with any notice or other communication to be provided to the holder of the Bonds by the County or by the Registrar/Paying Agent with respect to any consent or other action to be taken by the holder of the Bonds, the County or the Registrar/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.

- 5.8 The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County with the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman of the Council and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk to Council under a manual or facsimile of the seal of the County which shall be impressed, imprinted or reproduced thereon. The Bonds shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose unless there shall have been endorsed thereon a certificate of authentication. The Bonds shall bear a certificate of authentication manually executed by the Registrar/Paying Agent. The Bonds shall be in the form as determined by the County Administrator.
- 5.9 The full faith, credit and taxing power of the County are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal and interest of the Bonds as they mature and to create a sinking fund to aid in the retirement and payment thereof. The County Auditor and the County Treasurer shall be notified as to the delivery of and payment for the Bonds and are hereby directed to levy and collect, respectively, 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, provided, this tax would be levied if, and only if, the Sales Tax revenue is anticipated to be insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature. No bonds or notes can be issued hereunder unless the Sales Tax revenue is projected to be sufficient to repay such bonds or notes.
- 5.10 Both the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be exempt, in accordance with the provisions of section 12-2-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, from all State, county, municipal, school district and all other taxes or assessments, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, except inheritance, estate and transfer taxes, but the interest thereon may be includable in certain franchise fees or taxes.
- 5.11 The Bonds may be sold at a public or private sale, as authorized by section 11-27-40(4) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, as the County Administrator may determine, using a Notice of Sale or other similar Notice, as the County Administrator may determine.
- 5.12 It is expected that proceeds of the Bonds will be fully drawn at Closing. The proceeds of the Bonds or of BANs (authorized under this Ordinance), when drawn, will be deposited in a bond account fund for the County and shall be expended and made use of as follows:
- (a) any accrued interest shall be applied to the payment of the first installment of interest to become due on the Bonds or BANs; and
- (b) the remaining proceeds shall be expended and made use of to defray the cost of issuing the Bonds or BANs and to defray the costs of the Projects. Pending the use of such proceeds, the same shall be invested and reinvested in such investments as are permitted under South Carolina law. Earnings on such investments shall be applied either to defray project costs or, if not so required, to pay principal on the Bonds.

- 5.13 (a) If a series of bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall have been paid and discharged, then the obligations of the Ordinance hereunder, and all other rights granted thereby shall cease and determine with respect to such series of bonds. A series of bonds shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of this section under any of the following circumstances:
- (i) If the Registrar/Paying Agent (or, if the County is the Registrar/Paying Agent, a bank or other institution serving in a fiduciary capacity) ("Escrow Agent") shall hold, at the stated maturities of the bonds, in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, moneys for the full payment thereof; or
- (ii) If default in the payment of the principal of such series of bonds or the interest thereon shall have occurred, and thereafter tender of payment shall have been made, and the Escrow Agent shall hold, in trust and irrevocably appropriated thereto, sufficient moneys for the payment thereof to the date of the tender of payment; or
- (iii) If the County shall have deposited with the Escrow Agent, in an irrevocable trust, either moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or direct general obligations of the United States of America, which are not subject to redemption by the issuer prior to the date of maturity thereof, as the case may be, the principal of and interest on which, when due, and without reinvestment thereof, will provide moneys, which, together with the moneys, if any, deposited with the Escrow Agent at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal, interest, and redemption premium or premiums, if any, due and to become due on such series of bonds and prior to the maturity date or dates of such series of bonds, or, if the County shall elect to redeem such series of bonds prior to their stated maturities, and shall have irrevocably bound and obligated itself to give notice of redemption thereof in the manner provided in the form of the bonds, on and prior to the redemption date or dates of such series of bonds, as the case may be; or
- (iv) If there shall have been deposited with the Escrow Agent either moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or direct general obligations of the United States of America the principal of and interest on which, when due, will provide moneys which, together with the moneys, if any, deposited with the Escrow Agent at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal and interest due and to become due on such series of bonds on the maturity thereof.
- (b) In addition to the above requirements of paragraphs (a) (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), in order for this Ordinance to be discharged with respect to a series of bonds, all other fees, expenses and charges of the Escrow Agent have been paid in full at that time.
- (c) Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Ordinance with respect to a series of bonds, the Escrow Agent shall continue to be obligated to hold in trust any moneys or investments then held by the Escrow Agent for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, such series of bonds, to pay to the owners of such series of bonds the funds so held by the Escrow Agent as and when payment becomes due.
- (d) Any release under this section shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Escrow Agent to be paid reasonable compensation for all services rendered under this Ordinance and all reasonable expenses, charges, and other disbursements and those of their respective attorneys,

agents, and employees, incurred on and about the performance of the powers and duties under this Ordinance.

- (e) Any moneys which at any time shall be deposited with the Escrow Agent by or on behalf of the County for the purpose of paying and discharging any bonds shall be and are assigned, transferred, and set over to the Escrow Agent in trust for the respective holders of such bonds, and the moneys shall be and are irrevocably appropriated to the payment and discharge thereof. If, through lapse of time or otherwise, the holders of such bonds shall no longer be entitled to enforce payment of their obligations, then, in that event, it shall be the duty of the Escrow Agent to transfer the funds to the County.
- (f) In the event any bonds are not to be redeemed within the 60 days next succeeding the date the deposit required by subitem (a)(iii) or (iv) is made, the County shall give the Escrow Agent irrevocable instructions to mail, as soon as practicable by registered or certified mail, a notice to the owners of the bonds at the addresses shown on the registry books that (i) the deposit required by subparagraph (a)(iii) or (a)(iv) of this section has been made with the Escrow Agent, (ii) the bonds are deemed to have been paid in accordance with this section and stating the maturity or redemption dates upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the bonds, and (iii) stating whether the County has irrevocably waived any rights to redeem the bonds, or any of them, prior to the maturity or redemption dates set forth in the preceding clause (ii).
- (g) The County covenants and agrees that any moneys which it shall deposit with the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be deposited in accordance with, and subject to, the applicable provisions of this section, and whenever it shall have elected to redeem bonds, it will irrevocably bind and obligate itself to give notice of redemption thereof, and will further authorize and empower the Escrow Agent to cause notice of redemption to be given in its name and on its behalf.
- 5.14 If the County Administrator should determine that issuance of BANs pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 11 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended ("BAN Act"), rather than the Bonds would result in a substantial savings in interest under prevailing market conditions or for other reasons would be in the best interest of the County, the County Administrator is further requested and authorized to effect the issuance of one or more series of BANs pursuant to the BAN Act. If BANs are issued and if, upon the maturity thereof, the County Administrator should determine that further issuance of BANs rather than the Bonds would result in a substantial savings in interest under then prevailing market conditions or for other reasons would be in the best interest of the County, the County Administrator is requested to continue the issuance of BANs until the County Administrator determines to issue the Bonds on the basis as aforesaid, and the Bonds are issued.
- 5.15 Subject to changes in terms required for any particular issue of BANs, the BANs shall be subject to the following particulars:
- (a) The BANs shall be dated and bear interest from the date of delivery thereof or, if the BAN is issued on a draw-down basis, from the date of each such advance, payable upon the stated maturity thereof, at the rate negotiated by the County Administrator and shall mature on such date, not to exceed one year from the issue date thereof, as shall be determined by the County Administrator.

(b) The BANs shall be numbered from one upwards for each issue and shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof requested by the purchaser thereof. The BANs shall be payable, both as to principal and interest, in legal tender upon maturity, at the principal office of a bank designated by the County or, at the option of the County, by the purchaser thereof.

The BANs also may be issued as one or more fully-registered "draw-down" style instruments in an aggregate face amount not exceeding the maximum amount permitted hereunder, to a lending institution under terms which permit the balance due under such note or notes to vary according to the actual cash needs of the County, as shall be determined by the County Administrator. In such event, the County may draw upon such note or notes as it needs funds so long as the maximum outstanding balance due under such note or notes does not exceed the aggregate face amount thereof.

- (c) The County Administrator is authorized to negotiate or to arrange for a sale of the BANs and to determine the rate of interest to be borne thereby.
- (d) The BANs shall be in the form as determined by the County Administrator under this Ordinance.
- (e) The BANs shall be issued in fully-registered or bearer-certificated form or a book-entry-only form as specified by the County, or at the option of the County, by the purchaser thereof; provided that once issued, the BANs of any particular issue shall not be reissued in any other form and no exchange shall be made from one form to the other.
- (f) In the event any BAN is mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the County may execute a new BAN of like date and denomination as that mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed; provided that, in the case of any mutilated BAN, such mutilated BAN shall first be surrendered to the County, and in the case of any lost, stolen or destroyed BAN, there shall be first furnished to the County evidence of such loss, theft or destruction satisfactory to the County, together with indemnity satisfactory to it; provided that, in the case of a holder which is a bank or insurance company, the agreement of such bank or insurance company to indemnify shall be sufficient. In the event any such BAN shall have matured, instead of issuing a duplicate BAN, the County may pay the same without surrender thereof. The County may charge the holder of such BAN with its reasonable fees and expenses in this connection.
- (g) Any BAN issued in fully-registered form shall be transferable only upon the books of registry of the County, which shall be kept for that purpose at the office of the County as note registrar (or its duly authorized designee), by the registered owner thereof or by his attorney, duly authorized in writing, upon surrender thereof, together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the County as note registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of any BAN, the County shall issue, subject to the provisions of paragraph (h) below, in the name of the transferee, a new BAN or BANs of the same aggregate principal amount as the unpaid principal amount of the surrendered BAN. Any holder of a BAN in fully-registered form requesting any transfer shall pay any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect thereto. As to any BAN in fully-registered form, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal and interest of any BAN in fully-registered form shall be made only to or upon the order of the

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registered holder thereof, or his duly authorized attorney, and the County shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary, but such registration may be changed as herein provided. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such BAN to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

- (h) BANs issued in fully-registered form, upon surrender thereof at the office of the County (or at such office as may be designated by its designee) as note registrar, with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the County, duly executed by the holder of the BAN or his duly authorized attorney, may, at the option of the holder of the BAN, and upon payment by such holder of any charges which the County may make as provided in paragraph (i), be exchanged for a principal amount of BANs in fully-registered form of any other authorized denomination equal to the unpaid principal amount of surrendered BANs.
- (i) In all cases in which the privilege of exchanging or transferring BANs in fully-registered form is exercised, the County shall execute and deliver BANs in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. All BANs in fully-registered form surrendered in any such exchanges or transfers shall forthwith be canceled by the County. There shall be no charge to the holder of such BAN for such exchange or transfer of BANs in fully-registered form except that the County may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.
- 5.16 For the payment of the principal of and interest on the BANs as the same shall fall due, so much of the principal proceeds of the Bonds when issued shall and is directed to be applied, to the extent necessary, to the payment of the BANs; and, further, the County covenants and agrees to effect the issuance of sufficient BANs or Bonds in order that the proceeds thereof will be sufficient to provide for the retirement of any BANs issued pursuant hereto.
- 5.17 (a) The County covenants that no use of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds or BANs authorized hereunder shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of such Bonds or BANs would have caused the Bonds or BANs to be "arbitrage bonds," as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and to that end the County shall comply with all applicable regulations of the Treasury Department previously promulgated under section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under the Code so long as the Bonds or BANs are outstanding.
- (b) The County further covenants to take all action necessary, including the payment of any rebate amount, to comply with section 148(f) of the Code and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (c) The County covenants to file IRS form 8038, if the Code so requires, at the time and in the place required therefore under the Code.
- (d) If issued as tax-exempt bonds, the County Administrator may determine whether to designate the Bonds as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of section 265(b)(3) of the Code.
- 5.18 The Council authorizes the Chairman, County Administrator, Clerk to Council and other County Officials to negotiate in good faith to purchase, sell and develop the real property and the personal property related to the Projects, to appropriate funds from a capital

projects, or other similar, fund for the purchase, sale and development of the Projects; take all steps reasonably necessary and proper to purchase, sell and develop the Projects.

- 5.19 To effect this Ordinance's intents, the Council authorizes the Chairman, County Administrator, Clerk to Council and other County Officials to: (a) execute and consent to any documents and instruments, including, e.g., intergovernmental agreements, financing agreements, purchase-sale agreements, option contracts, and other agreements, and (b) take any further actions, including issuing the Bonds, arranging for any financing method available under South Carolina law, pledging revenues, including, for example, use of the Sales Tax proceeds as a repayment source for any financing, and entering any documents related to the Projects transfer to, or acquisition from (or both), the Entity or other parties, and the issuance of bonds by the Entity.
- 5.20 The Council authorizes the creation of the Entity and the undertakings by the Entity regarding the Projects and the issuance by the Entity of bonds, including the form of those bonds. The Council consents to and approves the issuance, sale, execution and delivery of bonds, by the Entity, in one or more series of taxable or tax-exempt obligations, in an amount or amounts to be set pursuant to a resolution to be adopted by the board of directors of the Entity to provide for the payment of the costs of the Projects and the costs of issuance and all expenses in connection therewith. The Council also agrees to accept the Projects at such time as the bonds issued by the Entity are retired.
- 5.21 Pursuant to the provisions of section 11-27-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the County Administrator, at his option, is authorized to arrange to publish a notice of adoption of this Ordinance.
- 5.22 To affect the intent of this Ordinance, the Council authorizes the County Administrator to retain the law firm of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, as bond counsel, and the financial advisory firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.

The Council further authorizes the County Administrator to enter into such contractual arrangements with printers and the suppliers of other goods and services necessary for the sale, execution and delivery of the Bonds as is necessary and desirable. To the extent feasible, such arrangements shall be made with persons of sound reputation after obtaining two or more bids for such services; however, the County Administrator is authorized to make such arrangements without obtaining bids or quotes where (i) the services to be provided are unique or (ii) it is impractical to obtain bids in order to comply with any time requirements with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds or (iii) the County has had previous experience with a supplier who has performed reliably and satisfactorily.

- 5.23 All rules, regulations, resolutions and parts thereof, procedural or otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption.
- 5.24 The imposition of the Sales Tax in the County and the issuance of the Bonds or BANs, is subject in all respects to the favorable vote of a majority of qualified electors casting

votes in a referendum on the question of imposing the Sales Tax in the County in a referendum to be conducted by the Election Authority on November 3, 2020.

Section 6. Referendum.

- 6.1 The Ballot to be submitted to the electors of the County in the Referendum shall be as provided in Exhibit A, attached hereto.
- 6.2 The Election Authority shall conduct the Referendum and publish notice of the Referendum in accordance with the Act. The form of the Notice of the Referendum shall be substantially in the form as attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit B, together with such changes as may be approved by the Election Authority to comply with the law of the State. The Election Authority is authorized to change any of the locations of precincts or polling places for the Referendum in accordance with the law of the State as deemed necessary or advisable. Appropriate changes are to be made to the Notice of the Referendum.
- Section 7. Ordinance Forwarded to Election Authority. An executed copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Election Authority. The Election Authority is hereby requested:
 - (a) To join in the action of the County in providing for the Notice of the Referendum in substantially the form contained herein;
 - (b) To acknowledge and adopt the form of the Ballot;
 - (c) To arrange for polling places for each precinct within the County;
 - (d) To appoint Managers of Elections;
 - (e) To provide a sufficient number of ballots or voting machines, as the case may be, for the Referendum;
 - (f) To conduct the Referendum, receive the returns thereof, canvass such returns, declare the results thereof, and certify such results to the Council; and
 - (g) To take other steps and prepare such other means as shall be necessary or required by law in order to properly conduct the Referendum.
- <u>Section 8</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading hereof.

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT, REFERENDUM
ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX AND
\$35,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
November 3, 2020

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Question

Priority

Must a special one percent (1%) sales and use tax be imposed in Laurens County for not more than **eight (8) years** to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes:

Cost

Project Description

1. **Laurens County Parks and Recreation Projects** Renovate and update recreational parks throughout the county to include new playground equipment, splash pads, picnic tables and shelters \$1,727,500 2. **Clinton Regional Library** Construct a 12,000 square foot up-to-date library facility offering books, computer access, designated children's area, community gathering space, tutoring rooms and ample parking \$4,300,000 3. **Historic Courthouse** Restoration, repair and renovation of the roofing, exterior foundation, moisture control of the facility as well as an interior ADA compliant elevator \$ 3,550,766 **Agriculture and Business Center** 4. Construct a multipurpose facility for public events (equestrian, livestock, flower shows, gardening events) and to house the Clemson Extension Offices \$ 7,983,008 Fountain Inn Infrastructure Project 5. Upgrades to improve Exit 22 on Interstate 385 to enhance traffic flow and minimize congestion \$ 912,000 6. E-911 Radio Upgrades

Purchase and upgrade all first responder radios to the Palmetto 800 standard to enable all responders to effectively communicate and coordinate responses \$ 2,481,496

7. Laurens County Airport

Rebuild an efficient airport terminal so as to provide better services for the public and industry that will meet competitive standards in other regional airports \$500,000

8. Veterans Monuments and Memorial Park

Establish a memorial park at the Laurens County Library with monuments dedicated to the branches of the military \$\,414.200\$

9. Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission Water Tower

Replace the water tower in Hickory Tavern to increase capacity for more efficient operations of infrastructure and for future development \$1,994,755

10. Martha Dendy Community Center

Improve and expand the capabilities for adult education, tutoring and community enrichment at the former Martha Dendy School \$ 756,000

11. Laurens County EMS-Medic 1 Renovations

Renovate the current Medic 1 Center on Exchange Drive to improve services and response times \$ 314,500

12. Laurens County Animal Shelter

Renovations of the animal shelter to include an HVAC system to allow safer handling of the animals \$ 280,000

13. Laurens County Trails Association

Construct a walking/biking/hiking trail in and around the Laurens County Hospital to become a part of the Swamp Rabbit Trail \$\$300,000\$

14. Town of Gray Court Park

Construct the first phase of a park complex for ball fields and recreation

\$ 891,220

15. City of Clinton Infrastructure

Repair of certain streets, relocations of utility boxes and repair certain aging water and sewer lines

\$ 6,528,443

16. Laurens County Sheriff's Evidence Storage Facility

Construct a facility with climate control features for storing evidence, multi-year records and mandatory court evidence

\$ 1,964,250

and must the County Council of Laurens County be authorized to issue not exceeding \$35,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of Laurens County, provided that the proceeds of such bonds shall be applied to defray the costs of the foregoing purposes, plus issuance costs, and provided further that in the event the sales and use tax to be imposed as stated herein is inadequate for the payment of such bonds, such bonds shall be payable from an ad valorem tax imposed on all taxable property in Lauren County?

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE COLLECTED UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT:

The capital projects sales and use tax shall be used and expended for procurement, design, engineering, construction or improvement or similar type uses of the projects listed above. Net proceeds of the sales and use tax must be expended for the purposes stated, with some of the projects listed above expected to be funded simultaneously. The completion of the above projects funded by the sales and use tax is subject to acquisition of property and right-of-way, design and engineering considerations. Funding of projects from other sources, bids in excess of project estimates, qualifications of bidders, cost overruns, financing costs, exhaustion of net sales and use tax revenues prior to the completion of the projects stated above and other unforeseen circumstances and conditions, which, if any of these circumstances are encountered, the County Council reserves the right to make adjustments to the priority of the projects as originally submitted by the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission.

Yes

No 🗆

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the question, touch the screen next to the word "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, touch the screen next to the word "No".

EXHIBIT B

STAT	E OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,	
COUN	NTY OF LAURENS)	NOVEMBER 3, 2020	
to vot	na ("County"), on November	3, 2020	a Referendum will be held in Laurens Co, for the purpose of submitting to all persution and laws of the State of South Co	ons qualified
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	Construct a 12,000 square foot up-to-community gathering space, tutoring to		ry facility offering books, computer access, designated ample parking	d children's area, \$4,300,000
3.	Historic Courthouse Restoration, repair and renovation of interior ADA compliant elevator	f the roofi	ing, exterior foundation, moisture control of the facilit	ity as well as an \$ 3,550,766
4.	Agriculture and Business Center	public eve	nts (equestrian, livestock, flower shows, gardening eve	
5.	Fountain Inn Infrastructure Projec			\$ 7,983,008
6.	Upgrades to improve Exit 22 on Inters E-911 Radio Upgrades	state 385 to	o enhance traffic flow and minimize congestion	\$ 912,000
	Purchase and upgrade all first respondent communicate and coordinate response		s to the Palmetto 800 standard to enable all responde	ers to effectively \$ 2,481,496
7.	Laurens County Airport Rebuild an efficient airport termina competitive standards in other regiona		provide better services for the public and industry	
8.	Veterans Monuments and Memoria	l Park		
0			nty Library with monuments dedicated to the branche	s of the military \$ 414,200
9.	Replace the water tower in Hickory T future development		n Water Tower increase capacity for more efficient operations of infra	structure and for \$ 1,994,755
10.	Martha Dendy Community Center Improve and expand the capabilities Dendy School	for adult	education, tutoring and community enrichment at the	e former Martha \$ 756,000
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The question is being submitted pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and an Ordinance of the County Council of Laurens County enacted on July 28, 2020. The referendum question includes both the imposition of a sales and use tax and the issuance of general obligation bonds. If a majority of the qualified electors of the County voting in the Referendum vote in favor of the question, a one percent (1%) sales and use tax will be imposed in Laurens County for not more than **eight (8) years**, and the County Council of Laurens County will be authorized to issue not exceeding \$35,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of Laurens County to defray the costs of the Projects listed above and issuance costs. The principal receipts from the sales and use tax will be first applied to pay the debt service on such bonds, with any remaining amount available, along with investment earnings, to defray the costs of those purposes set forth in the ballot question.

Every person offering to vote in this Referendum must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, must reside in Laurens County, and must be duly registered on the books of registration for Laurens County as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, and must produce, upon presenting himself or herself to vote, a valid and current: (1) South Carolina driver's license, (2) other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, (3) passport, (4) military identification containing a photograph issued by the federal government, or (5) South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter. Persons who do not or cannot present valid and current

identification as provided herein may cast a provisional ballot in accordance with §7-13-710, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

Any persons wishing to register to vote in the Referendum, if registering by mail, must have such registration postmarked no later than October 5, 2020, to the Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission, P O Box 769, Laurens SC 29360-0769, telephone (864) 984-4431, or if registering to vote in person, must do so by no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2020.

Any such registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within the County after the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, but before the date of the Referendum, shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous precinct of residence in the Referendum; provided, however, in case any registered elector shall have moved from one precinct in the County to another precinct in the County within thirty (30) days prior to November 3, 2020, and shall have surrendered his registration certificate and has received a new certificate, such elector may vote in the precinct provided for by such new certificate. Persons who become of age during the 30-day period preceding the Referendum shall be entitled to register before the closing of the books if otherwise qualified.

Any person eligible to register to vote in the Referendum who has been discharged or separated from his or her service in the Armed Forces of the United Sates prior to November 3, 2020, and has returned home too late to register at the time when registration is required, is entitled to register for the purpose of voting in the Referendum after discharge or separation from service up to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Referendum. This application for registration must be made at the office of the Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission, and if qualified, the person must be issued a registration notification stating the precinct in which he or she is entitled to vote and a certification to the Managers of the precinct that he or she is entitled to vote and should be placed on the registration rolls of the precinct.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated below and shall be open during these hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate vote recorders will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission. The Managers of Election shall see that each person offering to vote takes the oath that he or she is qualified to vote at this election according to the Constitution of this State, and that he or she has not voted before in this election. The precincts within the County and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

<u>Precinct Name</u> <u>Polling Place</u> <u>Address</u>

Laurens 1	Springfield Baptist Church	500 Jersey St	Laurens	sc	29360
Laurens 2	CPW Training Center	215 Church St	Laurens	SC	29360
Laurens 3	The Ridge at Laurens	301 Exchange Dr	Laurens	SC	29360
Laurens 4	Evening Light Church of God	308 S Harper St Ext	Laurens	SC	29360
Laurens 5	Laurens County Library	1017 W Main St	Laurens	SC	29360
Laurens 6	Laurens Elementary School	301 Henry St	Laurens	SC	29360
Bailey	Holly Grove Baptist Church	92 Holly Grove Church Rd	Laurens	SC	29360
Trinity Ridge	Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church	499 Chestnut Ridge Rd	Laurens	SC	29360
Wattsville	Ford Elementary School	601 Lucas Ave	Laurens	SC	29360
Barksdale-Narnie	Welcome Baptist Church Fellowship Hall	1825 Hwy 14	Laurens	SC	29360
Maddens	New Prospect Baptist Church	4996 Hwy 221 S	Laurens	SC	29360
Clinton 1	Clinton Community Center	109 E Ferguson	Clinton	SC	29325
Clinton 2	Clinton YMCA	100 YMCA Dr	Clinton	SC	29325
Joanna	Joanna-Woodson Elementary School	510 S Ellis St	Joanna	SC	29351
Lydia Mill	Bell Street School	600 Peachtree St	Clinton	SC	29325
Mountville	Mountville Fire Dept	424 Mart Teague Rd	Mountville	SC	29370
Clinton 3	Westminster Presbyterian Church	1387 Highway 56 S	Clinton	SC	29325
Jones	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	1279 S Frontage Rd	Fountain Inn	SC	29644
Owings	Owings Community Center	4719 N Old Laurens Rd	Gray Court	SC	29645
Gray Court	Gray Court Town Hall	329 W Main St	Gray Court	SC	29645
Greenpond	Greenpond Volunteer Fire Department	87 Winding Hollow Rd	Fountain Inn	SC	29644
Cooks	Bethany Baptist Church	134 Bethany Cir	Fountain Inn	SC	29644
Youngs	Bramlett United Methodist Church	2043 Bramlett Church Rd	Gray Court	SC	29645
Ora-Lanford	Ora ARP Church	23420 Hwy 221 N	Gray Court	SC	29645
Long-Branch	Leesville Southern Methodist Church	2252 Leesville Church Rd	Laurens	SC	29360
Cross Hill	First Baptist Church of Cross Hill	761 N Main St	Cross Hill	SC	29332
Waterloo	Laurel Hill Baptist Church	101 Riverfork Rd	Waterloo	SC	29384
Martins-Poplar Springs	Western Laurens Fire Dept	15406 Indian Mound Rd	Ware Shoals	SC	29692
Ekom	Union Baptist Church	536 Old Quaker Church Rd	Laurens	SC	29360
Mt Olive	Reedy Grove Church	6608 Riverfork Rd.	Waterloo	SC	29384
Hickory Tavern	Hickory Tavern School	163 Neely Ferry Rd	Gray Court	SC	29645
Clinton Mill	First Pentecostal Holiness Church	403 Academy St	Clinton	SC	29325
Brewerton - Princeton	Princeton Baptist Church	18832 Highway 76 W	Honea Path	SC	29654

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses, except his employer, an agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove or were driven to the polls. When notified, the Managers will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission at (864) 984-4431. The process of examining the return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots will begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2020.

The Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission shall hold a hearing on ballots challenged in the election on Friday, November 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Board of Voter Registration and Elections office, 200, Courthouse, Public Square, Laurens SC 29360.

David A. Pitts

Chairman, Laurens County Council

Chair, Laurens County Registration and Elections Commission