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AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE ANN. §4-37-30 ET SEQ. TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT (1%) TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4) YEARS, IF APPROVED BY REFERENDUM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000,000 IF APPROVED BY REFERENDUM, TO DESCRIBE THE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROJECTS AND ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS OF THE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX; TO ORDER A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING THE TAX AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; TO PRESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTIONS; AND PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER THINGS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE AFORESAID QUESTIONS TO THE ELECTORATE.

Adopted By

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017

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WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council (the “*County Governing Body*”) finds the existing transportation infrastructure within the County of Beaufort and the cities and towns situated within the County (the “*municipalities*”) are inadequate to support the current and future transportation-related needs of the County and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the County Governing Body finds that a one percent (1%) Transportation Sales and Use Tax and issue of general obligation bonds, if any, is the most equitable, affordable, efficient and expedient means of providing necessary financing to support, advance, develop and implement the transportation - related projects specified herein (the “*Projects*”); and

WHEREAS, the County Governing Body finds that a one percent (1%) Transportation Sales and Use Tax and the issue of general obligation bonds, if any, will enable the County to undertake, execute and complete, in whole or in part, the transportation-related Projects specified herein having determined that each Project is a necessary and a proper public purpose designated and designed to promote, support and contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the County’s and municipalities’ residents, citizens, visitors and businesses and will promote, develop and enhance economic development within the County and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the County Governing Body, with the concurrence of the municipalities, desires to place on the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot a referendum question, which if approved by a majority of the qualified voters of Beaufort County, will authorize the imposition and levy of a one percent (1%) Transportation Sales and Use Tax for not more than Four (4) years and authorize, upon referendum approval, an issue of not to exceed \$120,000,000 in general obligation bonds all of which will be designated and directed exclusively to paying for, either directly or through payment of debt service on general obligation bonds, the reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the Projects specified herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. Recitals and legislative findings

As an incident to the adoption of this ordinance, the Beaufort County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the "Council") makes the following findings:

Section 1.1. The South Carolina General Assembly enacted Title 4, Chapter 37, Section 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), (hereinafter the "*Transportation Sales and Use Tax*") which empowers the County Governing Body to levy and impose a one percent (1%) sales and use tax by ordinance, subject to referendum, within the county and municipalities for a project or projects, for a specified period of time, to collect a limited amount of money and use the tax revenue to pay directly and, or, pay the debt service on bonds, if any, issued by the county, subject to referendum, to pay the cost of the projects authorized by this ordinance.

Section 1.2. The County Governing Body finds that a *Transportation Sales and Use Tax* imposed solely for the purpose provided herein to pay directly and, or, through payment of debt service upon issue of general obligation bonds, if any, and subject to a referendum, to pay all reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the purchase, acquisition, construction, repair, alteration and improvement of transportation projects as more fully described in Section 2.3 including, without limitation, the costs and expenses of studies, land title and mortgage title policies, architectural, engineering and construction management services, legal, accounting, organizational, marketing or other special services related to the financing of the projects and issuance of bonds, if any, financial or underwriting fees and expenses incurred in connection with issuing bonds, if any, rating agencies' fees, initial trustee and paying agent fees, recording and filing fees, and any and all other necessary and incidental expenses related to execution of the projects set forth in Section 2.3 (the "Projects") all of which serve a necessary and proper public and corporate purpose of the County and its municipalities, enhance the safety, efficiency and aesthetics of the public infrastructure of the County and municipalities thereby promoting the public health, safety and welfare, desirable living conditions and economic development of the County and municipalities and addresses the transportation related infrastructure needs of the County and municipalities now and in the future.

Section 1.3. The South Carolina General Assembly enacted Title 4, Chapter 37, Section 30(A)(3), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, and authorized that in addition, the referendum may contain a question on the authorization of general obligation bonds under the exemption provided in Section 14(6), Article X of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, so that revenues derived from the imposition of the sales and use tax may be pledged to the repayment of bonds. If the referendum on the question relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds is approved, the county may issue bonds in an amount sufficient to fund the expenses of the project or projects.

Section 1.4. Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the "Constitution"), provides that Counties of the State shall have the power to incur bonded indebtedness in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may have heretofore or may hereafter prescribe.

Section 1.5. Article X, Section 14, subsection (6) of the Constitution provides that if general obligation debt is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the County voting in a referendum authorized by law, there shall be no conditions or restrictions limiting the incurring of such indebtedness except (i) those restrictions and limitations imposed in the authorization to incur such

indebtedness; (ii) such general obligation debt shall be issued within five years of the date of such referendum; and (iii) general obligation debt may be incurred only for a purpose which is a public purpose and which is a corporate purpose of the County and such debt shall mature within 40 years from the time such indebtedness shall be incurred.

Section 1.6. The provisions of Title 11, Chapter 27, Section 40, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), empower the County Council to order any such referendum as is required by Article X of the Constitution, to prescribe the notice thereof, and to conduct or cause to be conducted such referendum in the manner prescribed by Title 7 Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

Section 1.7. The amount of general obligation bonds required for such purposes exceeds the County's present constitutional debt limitation unless the question of issuing such bonds is submitted to and approved by the qualified electors of the County.

Section 2. Imposition of a One Percent Transportation Sales and Use Tax; Authorization for Bond Issuance, if any; Duration of Tax; Projects and Project Descriptions

Section 2.1. A Transportation Sales and Use Tax, as authorized by Title 4, Chapter 37, Section 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, is hereby imposed within Beaufort County and the municipalities, subject to favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in the General Election held in Beaufort County on November 6, 2018.

A referendum authorizing the imposition of a Transportation Sales and Use Tax is authorized to contain a question to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$120,000,000.00 under the exemption provided in Section 14(6), Article X of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, so that revenues derived from the imposition of the sales and use tax may be pledged to the repayment of the bonds.

Section 2.2. The Transportation Sales and Use Tax authorized by this Ordinance shall be expended for the purposes set forth in Section 1.2 of this Ordinance.

Section 2.3. The transportation-related Projects for which the proceeds of the tax will be used include highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit systems, greenbelts, and other transportation-related projects facilities including, but not limited to, drainage facilities relating to the highways, roads, streets, bridges, and other transportation-related projects; jointly-operated projects, of the type specified in this Section 2.3 of this Ordinance by the County and South Carolina Department of Transportation; and, or, projects specified in this Section 2.3 of this Ordinance operated by the county or jointly-operated projects of the county and other governmental entities.

The Projects and a description of the projects for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used are as follows:

Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Capital Cost
Hilton Head Island - US278 Corridor Traffic Improvements	Repair and/or replace the existing spans of the bridges to Hilton Head Island and other improvements between Moss Creek Drive and Squire Pope Road	\$80,000,000
Lady's Island Corridor Traffic Improvements	Roadway traffic improvements between the Woods Memorial Bridge and the Chowan Creek Bridge as outlined in the Lady's Island Corridor Study dated May 19, 2017	\$30,000,000
Sidewalks and Multi-Use Pathways – Safe Routes to Schools	<p>Installation and repair of sidewalks and multi-use pathways at multiple locations within Beaufort County so as to provide safe walking routes to schools and improved access to residential communities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burnt Church Road, Ulmer Road, and Shad Road 2. Laurel Bay Road Pathway Widening 3. Bluffton Parkway Phase 1 4. Joe Frazier Road 5. Meridian Road 6. Alljoy Road 7. Salem Road, Old Salem Road, and Burton Hill Road 8. Middle Road 9. Stuart Point 10. Broad River Boulevard and Riley Road 11. Broad River Drive 12. Lake Point Drive and Old Miller Road Pathway Connection 13. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive 14. Ribaut Road to Parris Island Gateway 15. Pine Grove Road and Burton Wells Road 16. Spanish Moss Trail Extension 17. Seabrook Road 18. Depot Road 19. Chowan Creek Bluff 20. U.S. 17 Pathway Extension 21. Bruce K. Smalls 22. Paige Point 23. Big Road 24. Big Estate Road 	\$10,000,000
TOTAL:		\$120,000,000

Section 2.4. The anticipated tax year will end Four (4) years from the date of imposition, to wit: 2022; provided, however, the tax terminates on the earlier of the final day of the maximum time specified for the imposition, or the end of the calendar month during which the Department of Revenue determines that the tax has raised revenues sufficient to provide the greater of either the cost of the projects as approved in the referendum or the cost to amortize all debts related to the approved projects.

Section 2.5. Amounts collected in excess of the required proceeds first must be applied, if necessary, to complete each project for which the tax was imposed. Any additional revenue collected above the specified amount must be applied to the reduction of debt principal of the County on transportation infrastructure debts only.

Section 2.6. The tax levied pursuant to this section must be administered and collected by the Department of Revenue in the same manner that other sales and use taxes are collected. The department may prescribe the amounts which may be added to the sales price because of the tax.

Section 2.7. The tax authorized by this Ordinance is in addition to all other local sales and use taxes and applies to the gross proceeds of sales in the applicable jurisdiction which are subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 36 of Title 12 and the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 of Title 12. The gross proceeds of the sale of items subject to a maximum tax in Chapter 36 of Title 12 are exempt from the tax imposed by this section. The gross proceeds of the sale of food lawfully purchased with United States Department of Agriculture food stamps are exempt from the tax imposed by this section. The tax imposed by this section also applies to tangible personal property subject to the use tax in Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12.

Section 2.8. Taxpayers required to remit taxes pursuant to Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12 must identify the county in which the tangible personal property purchased at retail is stored, used, or consumed in this State.

Section 2.9. Utilities are required to report sales in the county in which consumption of the tangible personal property occurs.

Section 2.10. A taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by Section 12-36-920, who owns or manages rental units in more than one county shall report separately in his sales tax return the total gross proceeds from business done in each county.

Section 2.11. The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property delivered after the imposition date of the tax levied pursuant to this section in a county, either pursuant to the terms of a construction contract executed before the imposition date, or a written bid submitted before the imposition date, culminating in a construction contract entered into before or after the imposition date, are exempt from the special local sales and use tax provided in this section if a verified copy of the contract is filed with the Department of Revenue within six months after the imposition of the special local sales and use tax.

Section 2.12. Notwithstanding the imposition date of the special local sales and use tax authorized pursuant to this section, with respect to services that are billed regularly on a monthly basis, the special local sales and use tax is imposed beginning on the first day of the billing period beginning on or after the imposition date.

The revenues of the tax collected in each county pursuant to this section must be remitted to the State Treasurer and credited to a fund separate and distinct from the general fund of the State. After deducting the amount of refunds made and costs to the Department of Revenue of administering the tax, not to

exceed one percent of the revenues, the State Treasurer shall distribute the revenues and all interest earned on the revenues while on deposit with him quarterly to the county in which the tax is imposed, and these revenues and interest earnings must be used only for the purpose stated in the imposition ordinance. The State Treasurer may correct misallocations by adjusting later distributions, but these adjustments must be made in the same fiscal year as the misallocations. However, allocations made as a result of city or county code errors must be corrected prospectively.

Section 2.13. The Department of Revenue shall furnish data to the State Treasurer and to the counties receiving revenues for the purpose of calculating distributions and estimating revenues. The information which must be supplied to counties upon request includes, but is not limited to, gross receipts, net taxable sales, and tax liability by taxpayers. Information about a specific taxpayer is considered confidential and is governed by the provisions of Section 12-54- 240. A person violating this section is subject to the penalties provided in Section 12-54-240.

Section 3. Order to Hold Referendum and Duties of Election Commission

Section 3.1. Upon receipt of this Ordinance, the county election commission shall conduct a referendum on the question of imposing the optional special sales and use tax in Beaufort County. A referendum for this purpose must be held at the time of the general election conducted on November 6, 2018. The election commission shall publish the date and purpose of the referendum once a week for four consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction. A public hearing must be conducted at least fourteen days before the referendum after publication of a notice setting forth the date, time, and location of the public hearing. The notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the public hearing.

Section 3.2. Pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 13, Section 355, the Referendum question shall be submitted to the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration to be placed on the ballot no later than 12:00 noon on August fifteenth or, if August fifteenth falls on Saturday or Sunday, not later than 12:00 noon on the following business day.

Section 3.3. All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for a particular purpose shall vote "yes" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax for a particular purpose shall vote "no". If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax for the Projects, then the tax is imposed as provided herein; otherwise, the tax is not imposed. The election commission shall conduct the referendum pursuant to the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis, and shall certify the result, no later than November thirtieth after the date of the referendum to the Beaufort County Council and to the Department of Revenue. Included in the certification must be the maximum cost of the projects to be funded in whole or in part from the proceeds of the tax, the maximum time specified for the imposition of the tax, and the principal amount of bonds, if any, to be supported by the tax receiving a favorable vote. Expenses of the referendum must be paid by the jurisdiction conducting the referendum.

Section 3.4. If the tax is approved in the referendum, the tax is imposed effective the first day of May following the date of the referendum. If the certification is not made timely to the Department of Revenue, the imposition is postponed for twelve months.

\Section 4. Implementation of Project Plan

Section 4.1. The Project Plan and Description as set forth in Section 2, having been approved by the Beaufort County Council, shall be implemented by the Beaufort County Administrator. The Beaufort County Administrator shall develop a comprehensive schedule to implement the Project Plan. The Administrator shall submit to the County Council, prior to implementing the Project Plan, a schedule and the County Council must approve the schedule prior to its implementation. At a minimum, the schedule must identify and list the projects as identified in Section 2.3, with an estimated start and completion date and the total amount of funds needed to complete the project.

Section 4.2. If the Referendum on the question relating to the imposition and levy of a one percent (1%) Sales and Use Tax is approved and if the referendum on the question relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds is approved, the County Administrator and his or her designees are authorized to implement the execution of the Projects subject to a comprehensive schedule to execute the Projects. Before implementing a Project Plan, the Administrator will submit the schedule to the Beaufort County Council for review and approval.

The Beaufort County Council recognizes that the order of Project implementation may vary due to unforeseen circumstances; acts of God including environmental conditions, weather and unforeseen and unanticipated conditions necessitating a change to the order of Project implementation and completion. Accordingly, the Beaufort County Council retains the right and privilege to alter, adjust, schedule and reschedule the order in which any particular Project will be undertaken and executed without the necessity of amending or repealing all of the Projects provided in this Ordinance at Section 2.3.

Section 5. Voting, Polling Places and Hours of Election

Section 5.1. The voting precincts in the County for the Referendum shall be those designated pursuant to Section 7-7-110 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The polling places for each of such precincts shall be designated by the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration (the "Elections Board").

The polls shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the Referendum and shall be held open during said hours without intermission or adjournment.

Section 5.2. The Referendum shall be conducted using either voting machines or paper ballots as provided by State law. Upon approval by the Elections Board, the form of ballots to be used in the Referendum and the instructions to voters appearing thereon shall be in substantially the form set forth in Appendix A and B with such other changes as may be deemed necessary by the appropriate state and local officials upon concurrence of the Chairman of the County Council.

Section 5.3. Every person offering to vote must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Referendum, must reside in the County and must be duly registered on the books of registration for Beaufort 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 present his or her registration certificate or valid South Carolina driver's license or other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, if not licensed to drive. Any registered elector who meets the requirements set forth in the preceding sentence and 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.

Section 6. Notice of Referendum

Section 6.1. A Notice of Referendum shall be published in compliance with the provisions of Sections 7-13-35 and 4-15-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, not less than 60 days prior to the Referendum, not later than two weeks after such first notice is published, and once not less than 15 days prior to the occasion set for the holding of the Referendum.

The Elections Board is authorized to change any of the locations of polling places for the Referendum as deemed necessary or advisable. Appropriate changes are to be made to the Notice of Referendum.

Section 7. Voter Registration and Elections Board

Section 7.1. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Elections Board, accompanied by written notice from the Chairman of the County Council establishing the date for the Referendum as November 7, 2006. The Elections Board is hereby requested as follows:

- (a) To join in the action of the County in providing for the Notice of Referendum in substantially the form contained herein;
- (b) To prescribe the form of a ballot to be used in the Referendum;
- (c) To arrange for polling places for each precinct, or any part of a precinct within the County;
- (d) To appoint Managers of Election;
- (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 County 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.

Section 8. Applicability and Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon third and final reading by the County.

Section 9. Severability

If any part of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid for any reason, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent of the County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina, to pass this Ordinance without such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed and held to be constitutional, lawful and valid as if such portion had not been included. If this Ordinance or any provision thereof is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances.

APPENDIX A

FORM OF BALLOT
OFFICIAL BALLOT -- REFERENDUM
LOCAL QUESTION NUMBER 2A
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT (1%)
TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX
TO FINANCE THE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROJECTS DESCRIBED IN THE
QUESTION 2A

Precinct _____

No. _____

Initials of Issuing Officer

Local Question 2A

I approve a special transportation sales and use tax in the amount of one percent (1%) to be imposed in Beaufort County for not more than Four (4) years, or until a total of \$120,000,000 in resulting revenue has been collected, whichever comes first. The sales tax proceeds will be used for the following projects as described and for which an estimated capital cost is stated.

Hilton Head Island – US 278 Corridor Traffic Improvements: Repair and/or replace the existing spans of the bridges to Hilton Head Island and other improvements between Moss Creek Drive and Squire Pope Road\$80,000,000

Lady’s Island Corridor Traffic Improvements: Roadway traffic improvements between the Woods Memorial Bridge and the Chowan Creek Bridge as outlined in the Lady’s Island Corridor Study dated May 19, 2017.....\$30,000,000

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Total:\$120,000,000

Yes, in favor of the question []

No, opposed to the question []

If you are in favor of the question, place a check or cross-mark in the square after the words “Yes, in favor of the question”; if you are opposed to the question, place a check or cross-mark in the square after the words “No, opposed to the question.”

**APPENDIX B
FORM OF BALLOT
OFFICIAL BALLOT -- REFERENDUM
LOCAL QUESTION NUMBER 2B
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT (1%)
TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX
TO FINANCE THE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROJECTS DESCRIBED IN THE
QUESTION 2A**

Precinct _____
No. _____

Initials of Issuing Officer

Local Question 2B

I approve the issuance of not exceeding \$120,000,000 of general obligation bonds of Beaufort County, maturing over a period not to exceed Four (4) years to fund the Transportation - Related projects identified in Beaufort County Local Referendum Question 2A.

Yes, in favor of the question []

No, opposed to the question []

If you are in favor of the question, place a check or cross-mark in the square after the words "Yes, in favor of the question"; if you are opposed to the question, place a check or cross-mark in the square after the words "No, opposed to the question."

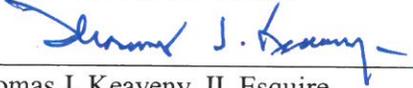
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA ON THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.**

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

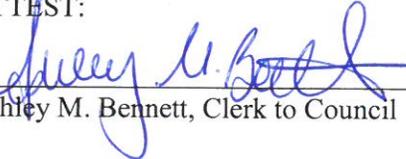
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Thomas J. Keaveny, II, Esquire
Beaufort County Attorney

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ATTEST:



Ashley M. Bennett, Clerk to Council

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