

sinking fund to aid in the retirement and payment thereof. There shall be levied and collected annually upon all taxable property in the County an ad valorem tax, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient for such purposes.

SECTION 12. *Exemption from Taxation.* 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.

SECTION 13. *Sale of Bond, Form of Notice of Sale.* The County Administrator has determined and the County Council has ratified the decision to sell the Bonds at a private sale as authorized by Section 11-27-40(4) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. A Notice of Private Sale, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, expressing the County's intention to sell the Bonds at a private sale shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Fairfield County, at least once not less than 7 days prior to the date set for delivery of the Bonds.

SECTION 14. *Deposit and Application of Proceeds.* It is expected that proceeds of the Bonds will be drawn only upon the request of the County. The proceeds of the Bonds or of BANs (authorized under Section 16 of 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, if any, shall be applied to the payment of the first installment of interest to become due on the Bonds or BANs;

(b) any premium shall be applied to the payment of the first installment of principal of the Bonds or BANs; and

(c) 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 Project. Pending the use of such proceeds, the same shall be invested and reinvested in such investments as are permitted under State law. Earnings on such investments shall be applied either to defray Project costs or, if not so required, to pay principal on the Bonds.

SECTION 15. *Defeasance.*

(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 hereby 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 hereby 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 Section 15(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 15 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, and 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.

SECTION 16. *Authority to Issue Bond Anticipation Notes.* If the County Administrator should determine that issuance of BANs pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 11 of the Code ("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 hereby 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 Bond is issued.

SECTION 17. *Details of Bond Anticipation Notes.* 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 fix the rate of interest to be borne thereby.

(d) The BANs shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

(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 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 such 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.

(j) The County Administrator shall determine whether the BANs shall be subject to prepayment prior to their maturity and whether the BANs shall be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC").

SECTION 18. Security for Bond Anticipation Notes. For the payment of the principal of and interest on the BANs as the same shall fall due, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County shall be pledged. In addition thereto, so much of the principal proceeds of the Bond when issued shall and is hereby 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.

SECTION 19. *Tax and Securities Laws Covenants.*

(a) The County covenants that no use of the proceeds of the sale of the Bond or BANs authorized hereunder shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of such Bond or BANs would have caused the Bond or BANs to be "arbitrage bonds," as defined in the IRC, 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 IRC so long as the Bond 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 IRC and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) The County covenants to file IRS form 8038, if the IRC so requires, at the time and in the place required therefore under the IRC.

(d) The County reasonably anticipates that it and all entities subordinate to it will not issue more than \$10,000,000 of obligations, the interest on which is excludable from the gross income of the holders thereof under the IRC (excluding private activity bonds (within the meaning of Section 141(a) of the IRC) other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds (within the meaning of Section 145 of the IRC)) during calendar year 2003. The County hereby accordingly designates the Bond as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the IRC.

SECTION 20. *Authorization for County Officials to Execute Documents.* The Council hereby authorizes the Chairman, County Administrator, Clerk to County Council and other County Officials to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to effect the issuance of the Bond.

SECTION 21. *No Official Statement; No Continuing Disclosure.* The County is exempt from the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 15c2-12(a) of such Rule and, therefore, is not required to prepare an Official Statement or provide continuing disclosure in connection with the Bond.

SECTION 22. *Publication of Notice of Adoption of Ordinance pursuant to Section 11-27-40, paragraph 8, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.* Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-27-40 of the Code, the County Administrator, at his option, is hereby authorized to arrange to publish a notice of adoption of this Ordinance in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

SECTION 23. *Retention of Bond Counsel and Other Suppliers.* The Council hereby authorizes the County Administrator to retain the law firm of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP as its bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bond.

The Council hereby further authorizes the County Administrator to enter into such contractual arrangements with printers and the suppliers of other goods and services necessary to the sale, execution and delivery of the Bond 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 Bond or (iii) the County has had previous experience with a supplier who has performed reliably and satisfactorily.

SECTION 24. General Repealer. All rules, regulations, resolutions and parts thereof, procedural or otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bond are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption.


Adopted this 14th day of May, 2007.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA


Chairman


(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Clerk of County Council

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