

ORDINANCE NO. 2012__

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND IONIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES

WHEREAS, Greenville County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Act"), to acquire, construct, or cause to be acquired or constructed by lease or otherwise, properties (which such properties constitute "projects" as defined in the Act) and to enter into agreements with any industry or business providing for the construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of such projects; to enter into or allow financing agreements with respect to such projects; to provide for payment of a fee in lieu of taxes pursuant to the Act; and, to accept any grants for such projects through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") and will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate and remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, agricultural products and natural resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the Act to execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement, as defined in the Act, with respect to any such project; and

WHEREAS, Ionic Technologies, Inc., a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the "Company"), has requested the County to participate in executing an inducement agreement and millage rate agreement and a fee in lieu of tax agreement pursuant to the Act for the purpose of authorizing and of acquiring and expanding, by construction and purchase, certain land, a building or buildings, and machinery, apparatus, and equipment, for the purpose of the expansion of its manufacturing and heat treating facility in the County in which the minimum level of taxable (non-exempt) investment will be not less than \$10,000,000; such qualifying investment to occur by the end of the fifth (5th) year following the year of execution of the fee in lieu of tax agreement, all as more fully set forth in the fee in lieu of tax agreement attached hereto (the "Fee Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, based on information supplied by the Company, the County has determined that the Project would benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing service, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and, that the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either; and, that the purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs, and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes; and, that the inducement of the location or expansion of the

Project within the County and State is of paramount importance; and, that the benefits of the Project will be greater than the costs; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the Company that the Project would be a "project" as that term is defined in the Act and that the Project would subserve the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, by its Resolution adopted on February 21, 2012, the County Council has previously authorized the execution of an Inducement Agreement and Millage Rate Agreement and determined to deliver the Fee Agreement and, will by this County Council Ordinance, authorize the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Inducement Agreement attached hereto in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk of the County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same; and the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator are hereby further authorized and directed to deliver said executed Inducement Agreement to the Company; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Greenville County, South Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. In order to promote industry, develop trade and utilize and employ the manpower, agricultural products and natural resources of the State by assisting the Company to expand its facilities in the State, and acquire by acquisition or construction a building or buildings and various machinery, apparatus, and equipment, all as a part of the Project to be utilized for the purpose of its manufacturing and heat treating facility, the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement with the Company for the Project is hereby authorized, ratified and approved.

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council, as follows:

(a) Based solely upon representations of the Company, the Project will constitute a "project" as said term is referred to and defined in the Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the Act;

(b) The Project and the payments in lieu of taxes set forth herein are beneficial to the County;

(c) The terms and provisions of the restated Inducement Agreement and Millage Rate Agreement are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof;

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

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

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

(g) The inducement of the location or expansion of the Project within the County and State is of paramount importance; and

(h) The benefits of the Project will be greater than the costs.

Section 3. The form, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk of the County Council be and they are hereby approved and all of the terms, provisions and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council, the County Administrator and the Clerk of the County Council be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall not be materially adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, upon the advice of counsel to the County, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

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

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

Section 6. All orders, resolutions, ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Section 7. The County hereby agrees to waive, to the full extent allowed by law, the requirements of Section 12-44-55 with regard to the Fee Agreement for the Project, to the extent and so long as the Company makes and continues to make all filings with the County required by the Act.

Passed and approved this 20th day of March, 2012

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

By: _____
Herman G. Kirven Jr., Chairman of County Council
Greenville County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

By: _____
Theresa B. Kizer, Clerk to County Council
Greenville County, South Carolina

First Reading: February 21, 2012
Second Reading: March 6, 2012
Public Hearing: March 20, 2012
Third Reading: March 20, 2012