

**GREENVILLE COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT PUMPKIN, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE "PROJECT"); AND (2) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, Greenville County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), particularly Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code (the "Negotiated FILOT Act"): (i) to enter into agreements with certain investors to construct, operate, maintain, and improve certain projects through which the economic development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") 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 (ii) to covenant with such investors to accept certain fee in lieu of *ad valorem* tax ("FILOT") payments, including, but not limited to, negotiated FILOT payments made pursuant to the Negotiated FILOT Act, with respect to a project; and

WHEREAS, a company identified for the time being as Project Pumpkin, acting for itself or one or more affiliates or other project sponsors (the "Company") proposes to establish and/or expand certain facilities at one or more locations in the County (the "Project"), and anticipates that, should its plans proceed as expected, it will invest, or cause to be invested, at least \$5,000,000 in the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with such findings and determinations and in order to induce the Company to locate the Project in the County, the Council adopted a Resolution on October 20, 2015 (the "Inducement Resolution"), whereby the County agreed to provide the benefits of a negotiated FILOT with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Company have agreed to the specific terms and conditions of such arrangements as set forth herein, in a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between the County and the Company with respect to the Project (the "Incentive Agreement"), the form of which Incentive Agreement is presented to this meeting, which is to be dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 or such other date as the parties may agree; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Incentive Agreement now before this meeting is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instruments to be executed and delivered by the County for the purposes intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council, as follows:

Section 1. As contemplated by Section 12-44-40(I) of the Negotiated FILOT Act, the findings and determinations set forth in the Inducement Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed. In the event of any disparity or ambiguity between the terms and provisions of the Inducement Resolution and the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the Incentive Agreement, the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the Incentive Agreement shall control. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Incentive Agreement. Additionally, based on information provided to the County by the Company with respect to the Project, the County makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) The Project will constitute a “project” within the meaning of the Negotiated FILOT Act; and

(b) The Project, and the County’s actions herein, will subserve the purposes of the Negotiated FILOT Act; and

(c) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the State and the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

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

(e) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and

(f) The Incentive Agreement will require the Company to make certain reimbursements to the County and otherwise lose the benefits provided for therein if the Company should fail to achieve the investment thresholds set forth in the Incentive Agreement; and

(g) The benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.

Section 2.

(a) The County hereby agrees to enter into the Incentive Agreement, which agreement shall be in the form of a fee agreement, pursuant to the Negotiated FILOT Act, whereby the Company will agree to satisfy, or cause to be satisfied, certain investment requirements with respect to the Project within certain prescribed time periods and the County will agree to accept certain negotiated FILOT payments with respect to the Project (the “Negotiated FILOT”), as set forth in **Section 2(b)** hereof and in accordance with the terms of the Incentive Agreement.

(b)

(i) The Negotiated FILOT shall be determined using: (1) an assessment ratio of 6%, (2) the lowest millage rate or millage rates allowed with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(d)

of the Negotiated FILOT Act, as set forth in greater detail in the Incentive Agreement, which millage rate shall be fixed pursuant to Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(b)(i) of the Negotiated FILOT Act for the full term of the Negotiated FILOT; (3) the fair market value of the Project, as determined in accordance with Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(c) of the Negotiated FILOT Act; and (4) and such other terms and conditions as are, or will be, specified in the Incentive Agreement.

(ii) The Negotiated FILOT shall be calculated as provided in this **Section 2(b)** for all Negotiated FILOT Property placed in service during the Investment Period. For each annual increment of investment in Negotiated FILOT Property, the annual Negotiated FILOT payments shall be payable for a payment period of twenty (20) years. Accordingly, if such Negotiated FILOT Property is placed in service during more than one year, each year's investment during the Investment Period shall be subject to the Negotiated FILOT for a payment period of twenty (20) years.

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

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

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase, or provision 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, ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

[End of Ordinance]

Enacted and approved, in meeting duly assembled, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Taylor, Chairman, County Council of  
Greenville County, South Carolina

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

[SEAL]

Attest:

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

First Reading: October 20, 2015  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015