No. _____

AN ORDINANCE

TO ESTABLISH THE RIVER FALLS FIRE DISTRICT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Findings</u>. Greenville County Council is authorized to establish a system of fire protection in the unincorporated areas of Greenville County ("County") under the Home Rule Act and other applicable state statutes including, but not limited to, Title 4, Chapter 19 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. Under this this authority, County Council created the River Falls Fire District in 1984 by adoption of Ordinance No. 1333, as amended, which formed the boundaries of the District and provided for its governance, duties, and financing of operation. The delivery of first responder and fire protection services in the River Falls Fire District has evolved with time, and County Council finds that it in the best interest of the citizens and the protection of life and property to streamline the structure and operation of the District to enhance the delivery of fire protection services and accomplish the mission of the District.

Section 2. Repeal. Section 4 of Greenville County Ordinance No. 1333 and Section 2 of Ordinance No. 4607 are hereby repealed.

Section 3. <u>Administrative Division</u>. The River Falls Fire District is hereby established as an administrative division of the County.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Severability</u>. Severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa B. Kizer Clerk to Council Joseph M. Kernell County Administrator