



Richland County Council
Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
MINUTES
March 25, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Derrek Pugh, Chair; Tyra K. Little, Paul Livingston, Don Weaver, and Tish Dozier Alleyne.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Jesica Mackey, Councilwoman Allison Terracio, Councilwoman Cheryl English, Council Jason Branham, Anette Kyrlo, Patrick Wright, Ashiya Myers, Angela Weathersby, Lori Thomas, Michelle Onley, Kenny Bowen, Leonardo Brown, Aric Jensen, Jackie Hancock, Jennifer Wladischkin, Kyle Holsclaw, Stacey Hamm, and Michael Byrd

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Derrek Pugh called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **February 25, 2025** – Ms. Alleyne moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Weaver, and Alleyne

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Alleyne moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Little.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Weaver, and Alleyne

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

a. **Administration – East Richland Public Service District 2025 General Obligation Bonds** – The County Administrator, Leonardo Brown, stated, “The East Richland Public Service District is planning to issue not to exceed \$10,000,000 of its general obligation bonds to pay for various improvements to its facilities. As a special purpose district, under state law, the District must request and secure approval from Richland County prior to issuing general obligation bonds. The District has provided the “Bond Situation Sheet,” which provides additional background on the planned bond issue.” The East Richland Public Service District is seeking authorization from Richland County Council to issue general obligation bonds to defray the costs of improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system.

Mr. Brown noted, “There is no fiscal impact to nor obligation of the County. The Commission estimates that the costs of the project and the costs of issuance of the bonds will not exceed \$10,000,000. The District’s bonds do not constitute debt of the County and do not count against the County’s debt limit. The District also indicates that it will restructure the repayment of the bonds so that no millage increase is required.”

If this item is approved, the East Richland Public Service District requests that Council give first reading to the authorizing ordinance on April 15, 2025, second reading on May 6, 2025, and public hearing/third reading on June 3, 2025.

Mr. Weaver stated he supports the issuance of the general obligation bonds. He noted that this affects his district; they have kept the rates down for the public and have been fiscally prudent.

Mr. Branham inquired about how they are repaying the debt.

Mr. Gary Pope, Pope Flynn, who serves as East Richland Public Service District's bond counsel, replied the district currently has two series of outstanding general obligation bonds that will be rolling off. As those bonds roll off, this can be layered on so it does not impact tax rates.

Mr. Livingston asked what the maturity of the bond would be.

Mr. Pope responded that is to be determined.

Mr. Livingston moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to authorize the East Richland Public Service District to issue general obligation bonds to defray the costs of improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Weaver, and Alleyne

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

- a. I move to direct the County Administrator to research and present options for Richland County to enact a Hate Crimes Ordinance [LITTLE and TERRACIO – February 4, 2025] – Mr. Brown stated draft information was provided to the committee. Committee members are encouraged to provide feedback before this item comes back to the committee.

Ms. Little indicated that the Sheriff and the Solicitor are in favor of the ordinance.

Ms. Alleyne inquired who decides which educational programs receive funding and what criteria are utilized to make the determination.

Mr. Brown expressed that the educational program would be similar to the programs where drivers can attend a driving class to restore points to their license.

Dr. John Thompson, Assistant County Administrator, pointed out it will depend on the violation. Identifying the various training programs will be part of the path forward.

Ms. Mackey inquired if any of the municipalities in Richland County have hate crime ordinances.

Dr. Thompson replied the City of Columbia and the Town of Arcadia Lakes have hate crime ordinances. The County's draft ordinance is on par with their ordinances.

County Attorney Patrick Wright acknowledged that the ordinance will need to be tweaked before its adoption. He suggested that a more appropriate term is "hate intimidation" instead of "hate crime."

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Alleyne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver.

In Favor: Pugh, Little, Livingston, Weaver, and Alleyne

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 PM.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION**

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Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Ashiya Myers	Title:	Assistant to the County Administrator	
Department:	Administration	Division:		
Date Prepared:	March 11, 2025	Meeting Date:	March 25, 2025	
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email		Date:	March 12, 2025
Budget Review	Maddison Wilkerson via email		Date:	March 12, 2025
Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email		Date:	March 12, 2025
Approved for consideration:		County Administrator		Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM
Meeting/Committee	Administration & Finance			
Subject	2025 East Richland Public Service District General Obligation Bond			

RECOMMENDED/REQUESTED ACTION:

The East Richland Public Service District seeks authorization from Richland County Council to issue general obligation bonds to defray the costs of improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system.

Request for Council Reconsideration: ☒ Yes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If not, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

There is no fiscal impact to nor obligation of the County. The Commission estimates that the costs of the project and the costs of issuance of the Bonds will not exceed \$10,000,000. The District's bonds do not constitute debt of the County and do not count against the County's debt limit. The District also indicates that it will structure the repayment of the bonds so that no millage increase is required.

Applicable fund, cost center, and spend category: Not applicable

OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING FEEDBACK:

Not applicable.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

There are no legal concerns regarding this matter.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

South Carolina Code of Laws

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

The East Richland Public Service District is planning to issue not to exceed \$10,000,000 of its general obligation bonds to pay for various improvements to its facilities. As a special purpose district, under state law, the District must request and secure approval from Richland County prior to issuing general obligation bonds. The District has provided the attached "Bond Situation Sheet," which provides additional background on the planned bond issue.

ASSOCIATED STRATEGIC GOAL, OBJECTIVE, AND INITIATIVE:

Goal: Foster Good Governance

Objective: Collaborate with other governments

Goal: Plan for Growth

Objective: Create excellent facilities

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bond Situation Sheet
2. An Ordinance Authorizing the East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina To Issue Not Exceeding \$10,000,000 Of General Obligation Bonds; And Providing for Other Matters Related Thereto
3. A Resolution Ordering A Public Hearing to Be Held on The Issuance of Not Exceeding \$10,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of General Obligation Bonds of The East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina; Providing for The Publication of The Notice of Such Public Hearing; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.
4. A Resolution Approving the Incurring of General Obligation Debt in An Amount Not Exceeding \$10,000,000; Declaring the Intent of The East Richland County Public Service District Commission to Reimburse the East Richland County Public Service District with The Proceeds of Such Obligations; And Authorizing A Petition to The County Council of Richland County Pursuant to Section 6-11-830 Of the Code of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended

BOND SITUATION SHEET

Issuer:	East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (the “District”)
Amount of Bonds:	Not exceeding \$10,000,000
Type of Bonds:	General Obligation (GO)
Purpose:	The District is seeking authorization from Richland County Council, as the governing body of Richland County, South Carolina (“County Council”) to issue general obligation bonds in order to defray the costs of (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District’s sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system (collectively, to the extent financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the “Project”). The Commission estimates that the costs of the Project, together with the costs of issuance of the Bonds, will not exceed \$10,000,000.
Restrictions on Proceeds:	All bond proceeds are restricted to the purposes described above as set forth the proposed authorizing ordinance.
Impact on Millage:	No millage is expected in connection with the bonds. The District anticipates structuring new debt service taking into account existing debt service, which, after taking into account the amortization of existing obligations, will not result in a millage increase.
Procedural Posture:	Upon receipt of the petition from the District, the South Carolina Code requests County Council to hold a public hearing on the question of the issuance of the bonds. Following the hearing, the District requests that County Council enact an ordinance finding whether and to what extent the bonds should be issued and authorizing the governing body of the District to issue the bonds.

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF COUNTY COUNCIL

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing a public hearing and notice thereof;

2. Hold a public hearing on the proposed bonds; and
3. Enact an ordinance authorizing the District to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Adopt a resolution on April 15, 2025, authorizing a public hearing on June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Give first reading to the authorizing ordinance on April 15, 2025, second reading on May 6, 2025, and public hearing/third reading on June 3, 2025.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE

June 3, 2025

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE I – FINDINGS

Section 1.01 Findings of Fact.

The County Council of Richland County (the “**County Council**”), the governing body of Richland County, South Carolina (the “**County**”), hereby finds and determines:

(a) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the “**Constitution**”), provides that special purpose districts may incur general obligation bonded indebtedness upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe by general law, subject to the following limitations: (i) such debt must be incurred only for a purpose which is a public purpose and a corporate purpose, and (ii) unless excepted therefrom, such debt may be issued in an amount not exceeding 8% of the assessed value of all taxable property of such special purpose district (the “**Bonded Debt Limit**”).

(b) Pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “**Enabling Act**”), the governing body of any county in the State of South Carolina (the “**State**”) may authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds by special purpose districts located within its bounds to defray the cost of any authorized purpose and for any amount not exceeding such special purpose district’s applicable Bonded Debt Limit..

(c) East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (the “**District**”) was created and established as a special purpose district, a body politic and corporate, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1114 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1960, as amended. The District is located wholly within the County and is authorized, *inter alia*, (i) to provide and perform sewage collection, disposal and treatment, (ii) to acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, mortgage, sell, transfer and dispose of any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any interest therein, and (iii) to do all other acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out any function or power committed or granted to the District.

(d) Pursuant to Section 6-11-830 of the Enabling Act, the County Council, upon petition of the governing body of any special purpose district, may determine that it is in the interest of such special purpose district to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power or function of the special purpose district and order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District.

(e) The County is in receipt of a petition from the East Richland County Public Service District Commission (the “**Commission**”), the governing body of District, requesting authorization to issue not exceeding \$10,000,000 of general obligation bonds (the “**Bonds**”) in order to (1) defray the costs of (1) defray the costs (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along

Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District's sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system (collectively, to the extent financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the "**Project**"), and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

(f) By action previously taken, the County Council ordered that a public hearing (the "**Public Hearing**") on the question of the issuance of the Bonds be held on June 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and the notice of the Public Hearing was duly published once a week for three successive weeks in *The State*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

(g) The Public Hearing has been duly held at the time and date and in the manner set forth above and was conducted publicly. Both proponents and opponents of the proposed action were given full opportunity to be heard and it is now in order for the County Council to proceed, after due deliberation, in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act to make a finding as to whether or not the Bonds should be issued.

(h) The County Council finds that it is in the interest of the District to authorize and provide for the issuance and sale of the Bonds of the District pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State for the purposes of providing funds for the Project and providing for the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

ARTICLE II – AUTHORIZATIONS

Section 2.01 Authorizations.

(a) It is found and determined that each statement of fact set forth in the preamble of this ordinance (this "**Ordinance**") is in all respects true and correct.

(b) On the basis of the facts adduced at the Public Hearing, it is found and determined that the Commission is authorized to issue the Bonds.

(c) The County Council finds that the Commission should issue the Bonds in the amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000 as a single issue or from time to time as several separate issues, as the Commission, in its sole discretion, shall determine. The issuance of the Bonds is not conditioned upon the holding of a special election and no further action or authorization of the County shall be required as a condition for the issuance of the Bonds.

(d) Notice of the enactment of this Ordinance, as required by Section 6-11-870 of the Enabling Act and in substantially similar form to that attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall be published in *The State* for three successive weeks. Such notice, upon the first publication thereof, shall also constitute proper notice of action as authorized by Section 11-27-40(8) of the Code of Law of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

Section 2.02 Ordinance to be Provided to District.

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall forthwith be transmitted to the Commission to advise it of the action taken by the County Council, whereby the Commission has been authorized to issue, pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act, the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000.

Section 2.03 Further Action.

The Chairman and other County officers are herewith authorized and empowered to take such further action as may be necessary to fully implement the action contemplated by this Ordinance.

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DONE AND ENACTED, this 3rd day of June 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY

(SEAL)

Jesica Mackey, Chair

Attest:

Anette Kirylo, Clerk
County Council of Richland County

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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First Reading:	April 15, 2025
Second Reading:	May 6, 2025
Public Hearing:	June 3, 2025
Third Reading:	June 3, 2025

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6-11-870 and 11-27-40(8) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (together, the “Authorizing Acts”), as follows:

Following a public hearing held June 3, 2025, the County Council of Richland County (the “County Council”), the governing body of Richland County, South Carolina, enacted that certain ordinance, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” on June 3, 2025 (the “Ordinance”).

East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (the “District”), a special purpose district established in Richland County, as a body politic and corporate pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1114 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1960, as amended, has been authorized by the provisions of the Ordinance to issue not exceeding \$10,00,000 in aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District (the “Bonds”) as a single issue or from time to time as several separate issues, in order to (1) defray the costs of (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District’s sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system, and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature, and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the District will be irrevocably pledged, and there will be levied annually a tax without limit on all taxable property within the area of the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature, and to create such sinking fund therefor.

No election has been ordered in the District upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds.

Any persons affected by the action aforesaid of the County Council may object to the Ordinance and challenge the action of the County Council by following the procedures provided in the Authorizing Acts.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY

A RESOLUTION

ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Richland County (the “*County Council*”), which is the governing body of Richland County, South Carolina (the “*County*”), in meeting duly assembled:

Section 1 Findings of Fact.

Incident to the adoption of this resolution (this “*Resolution*”), the County Council has made the following findings of fact:

(a) The County Council is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “*Enabling Act*”), to authorize the governing body of any special purpose district created prior to March 7, 1973, and located in whole or in part within the County to issue general obligation bonds of such special purpose district in order to provide funds to be used in the furtherance of any power or function committed to such special purpose district and in effect on March 7, 1973;

(b) The East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (hereinafter called the “*District*”), is a special purpose district located within the County and created prior to March 7, 1973, having been created by Act No. 1114 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1960, as amended, and is authorized, *inter alia*, to acquire and operate such facilities, equipment, and apparatus as shall be required for the provision of sewage disposal facilities within the District and to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out such authority;

(c) The East Richland County Public Service District Commission (the “*Commission*”), the governing body of the District, has petitioned the County Council to hold a public hearing and thereafter authorize the issuance of not exceeding \$10,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District (the “*Bonds*”) in order to (1) defray the costs of (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District’s sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system (collectively, to the extent financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the “*Project*”), and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

(d) The County Council is now minded to proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act to call for and establish a date for a public hearing to be held on the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 2 Ordering of Public Hearing.

The County Council finds that it may be in the interest of the District to raise moneys for the purpose of providing for the Project, and in that connection hereby orders a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds (the “*Public Hearing*”).

Section 3 Time and Place of Hearing.

(a) The Public Hearing shall be held on the question of the issuance of the Bonds in the Richland County Council Chambers located at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204, on June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits), and the notice of the Public Hearing in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be published once a week for three successive weeks in The State, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The first such publication shall not be less than 16 days prior to the hearing date.

(b) The Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized to approve changes to the notice of the Public Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A to conform the same to reflect changes in County Council practices or its meeting schedule.

Section 4 Hearing Shall be Public.

The Public Hearing shall be conducted publicly at the time and place above stated and both proponents and opponents of the proposed issuance of the Bonds shall be given a full opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

Section 5 Subsequent Finding and Determination.

Following the Public Hearing, the County Council shall determine whether and to what extent the Bonds should be issued.

Section 6 Further Action.

The Chairman of the County Council and the proper County officials are hereby authorized and empowered to take all necessary action to provide for the holding of the Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act.

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DONE AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of April 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY

(SEAL)

Jesica Mackey, Chair

Attest:

Anette Kirylo, Clerk
County Council of Richland County

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County Council of Richland County (the “County Council”), which is the governing body of Richland County, South Carolina (the “County”), is considering whether the East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue not exceeding \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District in one or more series (the “Bonds”). On April 15, 2025, the County Council adopted a resolution authorizing the holding of a public hearing on such matter. As required by Section 6-11-840 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, you are advised of the following:

1. A public hearing will be held in the Richland County Council Chambers located at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204, on June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., on the question of the issuance of the Bonds.

2. The District has informed the County of its desire to issue the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 in order to (1) defray the costs (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District’s sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system (collectively, to the extent financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the “Project”), and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

3. The District estimates that the costs of the Project will not exceed \$10,000,000.

4. For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit and taxing power of the District shall be irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied annually on all taxable property in the District ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds as the same fall due.

5. The aforesaid hearing shall be conducted publicly and both proponents and opponents of the proposed action shall be given full opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel. Following the hearing, the County Council shall, by ordinance, make a finding as to whether and to what extent the Bonds should be issued and may thereupon authorize the governing body of the District to issue the Bonds to the extent it shall be found necessary.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE INCURRING OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000; DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS; AND AUTHORIZING A PETITION TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-11-830 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED

BE IT RESOLVED by the East Richland County Public Service District Commission (the "**Commission**"), the governing body of the East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (the "**District**"), in meeting duly assembled:

ARTICLE I

FINDINGS OF FACT

Section 1.1 Findings. Incident to the adoption of this resolution (this "**Resolution**"), the Commission has made the following findings of fact:

- (a) The District was created as a special purpose district established in Richland County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), as a body politic and corporate pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1114 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1960, as amended. The District is located wholly within the County.
- (b) In carrying out its functions and duties, the Commission has determined that a need exists at the present time to issue general obligation bonds of the District in one or more series (the "**Bonds**") in order to defray the costs of (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District's sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system (collectively, to the extent financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the "**Project**"). The Commission estimates that the costs of the Project, together with the costs of issuance of the Bonds, will not exceed \$10,000,000.
- (c) The County Council of Richland County, South Carolina (the "**County Council**"), as the governing body of the County, is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "**Enabling Act**"), to authorize the

governing body of any special purpose district to issue general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which shall be used in furtherance of any power or function committed to such special purpose district and in effect on March 7, 1973.

(d) Pursuant to Section 6-11-830 of the Enabling Act, the County Council, upon petition of the Commission, may determine that it is in the interest of the District to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power or function of the District and order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds.

(e) In order to finance the costs of the Project, the Commission has determined that it is necessary to issue the Bonds, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, and in such amount and at such times as may be determined at the time of issuance thereof by the Commission, not to exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000. The Commission adopts this Resolution to evidence the Commission's approval of the issuance of the Bonds to defray the costs of the Project and to authorize a petition to the County Council with regard to the issuance of the Bonds. The maximum principal amount of Bonds requested hereby and to be outstanding at any one time shall be issued within the debt limit of the District, as permitted in Article X, Section 14(7) of the South Carolina Constitution.

ARTICLE II

REIMBURSEMENT DECLARATION

Section 2.1 Reimbursement Declaration. The Commission hereby declares the intention of the District to reimburse itself for a portion of the original expenditures associated with the Project with the proceeds of the Bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount reasonably expected not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Section 2.2 Reimbursement Findings. To that end, the Commission determines and declares as follows:

(a) No funds from any sources other than the Bonds may be, are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the District pursuant to the budget or financial policies of the District, for the financing of the portion of the costs of acquisition, construction, and equipping of the Project to be funded with the Bonds.

(b) The District reasonably expects that all or a portion of the original expenditures incurred for the Project and the issuance of the Bonds will be paid prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

(c) The District intends and reasonably expects to reimburse itself for all or a portion of such expenditures paid by it with respect to a Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds, from the proceeds of the Bonds, and such intention is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the District.

(d) The District intends and reasonably expects to reimburse itself for all such expenditures that are reimbursed from Bond proceeds no later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the original expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the applicable Project is placed in

service or abandoned for federal income tax purposes, but in no event more than three years after the original expenditure is paid.

(e) All of the costs to be paid or reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds will be for costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or will, at the time of payment thereof, be properly chargeable to the capital account of a Project (or would be so chargeable with a proper election) under general federal income tax principles.

(f) This Resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent under United States Department of the Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

ARTICLE III


SUBMISSION OF PETITION

Section 3.1 Petition. The petition attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall be presented to County Council in accordance with and for the purposes set forth in Section 6-11-830 of the Enabling Act. The Chairman (or in his absence the Vice Chairman) of and Secretary to the Commission are hereby authorized and directed to cause said petition to be delivered to County Council.

DONE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this 28th day of February 2025.

EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE
DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

By: 
Chairman, East Richland County Public
Service District Commission

Attest:


Secretary, East Richland County Public Service
District Commission

PETITION OF THE EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 5 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED.

1. East Richland County Public Service District, South Carolina (the "**District**"), was created as a special purpose district established in Richland County, South Carolina (the "**County**"), as a body politic and corporate pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1114 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1960, as amended. The District is located entirely within the County.

2. In carrying out its functions and duties, the East Richland County Public Service District Commission (the "**Commission**"), as the governing body of the District, has determined that a need exists at the present time to issue general obligation bonds (the "**Bonds**") in order to defray the costs of (i) improvements and/or repairs to its wastewater system, including (A) Basin 16 rehabilitation of sewer lines, including 22 sub-basins therein; (B) Basin 16 pump station and force main; (C) I-20 and I-277 sewer line extensions; (D) replacements of pumps at Quail Lane and Decker Boulevard pump stations; (E) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Jackson Creek and 8-Mile Branch; (F) rehabilitation of 18-inch sewer lines along Forest Lake and Rockford Lake; (G) Whitehouse Road improvements; (H) improvements to the Fort Jackson pump station; and (ii) other general improvements, repairs and expansions to the District's sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system (collectively, to the extent financed with proceeds of the Bonds, the "**Project**"). The Commission estimates that the costs of the Project, together with the costs of issuance of the Bonds, will not exceed \$10,000,000.

3. In order to defray the costs of the Project, the District proposes to issue the Bonds in a principal amount not exceeding \$10,000,000, which Bonds may be issued as a single issue or from time to time as several separate issues, as the Commission may determine.

4. The County Council of Richland County, South Carolina (the "**County Council**"), the governing body of the County, is empowered by Sections 6-11-810 through 6-11-1050, inclusive, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "**Enabling Act**"), to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds by the District pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act. Inasmuch as the principal amount of the bonds to be issued by the District at any one time and in one or more series does not exceed the general obligation bond debt limit of the District, as established pursuant to Article X, Section 14(7) of the South Carolina Constitution, it is requested that such bonds may be issued without approval by referendum.

5. Pursuant to Section 6-11-830 of the Enabling Act, if County Council, upon petition of the Commission, determines that it may be in the best interest of the District to raise moneys for the furtherance of any power or function of the District, County Council may order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds of the District.

WHEREFORE, the Commission prays that County Council will (i) order a public hearing to be held on the question of authorizing the issuance of an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the District, (ii) approve such issuance by ordinance without the requirement for an approval referendum; and (iii) authorize the general obligation bonds to be issued as a single issue or from time to time as several separate issues as the Commission, in its

discretion and within the constraints of Article X, Section 14(7) of the South Carolina Constitution, may determine.

EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION

