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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1900

COUNTY OF LANCASTER

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**AN ORDINANCE**

**TO ADOPT AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TITLED *LANCASTER 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN*; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Be it ordained by the Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina:

**Section 1. Findings and Determinations.**

The Council finds and determines that:

- 1) the General Assembly of South Carolina enacted in 1994 an amendment to the Code of Laws of South Carolina by adding Chapter 29 to Title 6, “South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994” (the Planning Enabling Act), and repealing all previously enacted planning Acts and Codes; and
- 2) the Planning Enabling Act requires that the local planning commission develop and maintain a planning process which will result in the systematic preparation and continued reevaluation and updating of those elements considered critical, necessary, and desirable to guide the development and redevelopment of its area of jurisdiction; and
- 3) the planning process shall include the development of a Comprehensive Plan which shall consist of a population element, an economic element, a natural resource element, a cultural resource element, a community facilities element, a housing element, a land use element, a transportation element, a priority investment element, and, as added in 2023, a resiliency element; and
- 4) the Comprehensive Plan is an expression of the County Council’s policy directives input from more than 2,000 County stakeholders, reflecting prudent and efficient use of public funds, guidelines for future development and redevelopment within the County’s jurisdiction and thoughtful consideration of the physical and fiscal impact on property owners; and
- 5) the Planning Enabling Act requires Lancaster County to review the Comprehensive Plan or elements of the Comprehensive Plan on a five-year schedule and update the entire Comprehensive Plan at least every ten years; and

- 6) as directed by the Lancaster County Council, the Planning Commission and Planning staff have undertaken the process of collecting information and public input for the updating of the *COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2014-2024*; and
- 7) on February 15, 2024, in a session duly assembled and properly advertised, the Lancaster County Planning Commission recommended edits and adoption of the proposed Lancaster 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and
- 8) Lancaster County Council held a public hearing on March 25, 2024 on the proposed Lancaster 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

**Section 2.      Approval of Updated Comprehensive Plan.**

A.      The updated comprehensive plan for Lancaster County, titled *Lancaster 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A and incorporated into this ordinance by reference as if the updated comprehensive plan was set out in this ordinance in its entirety, is adopted and approved. The updated comprehensive plan applies in the unincorporated areas of the county and in those municipalities that have adopted it.

**Section 3.      Severability.**

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

**Section 4.      Conflicting Provisions.**

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained in the Lancaster County Code or other County ordinances, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

**Section 5.      Effective Date.**

This ordinance is effective upon third reading.

SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2024.

**LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Steve Harper, Chair, County Council

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Billy Mosteller, Secretary, County Council

ATTEST:

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Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

First Reading:            March 25, 2024  
Public Hearing:            March 25, 2024  
Second Reading:        April 8, 2024  
Third Reading:            April 22, 2024

Approved as to form:

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Virginia Merck-Dupont, County Attorney

**Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2024-1900**

***Lancaster 2040 Comprehensive Plan***

See attached.

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