STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1758

AN ORDINANCE

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO ELEMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADOPTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE SMALL AREA PLAN

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, and a land use element, a transportation element, a priority investment element, and a resiliency element; and

4) Upon recommendation of the Lancaster County Planning Department the Lancaster County Planning Commission has undertaken the continued reevaluation and updating of said Comprehensive Plan; and

5) After Completion of the Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan and adoption of same by Amendment of Elements of the Comprehensive Plan by County Council (Ordinance 2021-1704), County staff began to consider further study of the land to the north of the original study area. The geographic area bears many similarities to the original study area; and

6) The area north of the Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan should be included in the plan as an extension of the Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan; and

7) The inclusion of the area north of the original study area and designating future land uses of property within the expanded study area will facilitate better planned future growth, identify general location of collector roads and frontage roads to alleviate traffic of US Highway 521, and is intended to encourage larger, master planned development projects; and

8) On July 20, 2021, the Lancaster County Planning Commission held a public hearing and by a unanimous vote recommended approval and adoption by the Lancaster County Council of the geographic extension of the Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Lancaster County 2014-2024; and

Section 2. Amendment of Ordinance 2014-1318

Ordinance 2014-1318 (Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan 2014-2024) is amended by the addition and inclusion of the extension of the Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan "Exhibit 1" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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 elsewhere 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.

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AND IT IS SO ORDAINED

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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:	August 9, 2021
Public Hearing:	August 9, 2021
Second Reading:	August 23, 2021
Third Reading:	September 13, 2021

Approved as to form:

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John DuBose, County Attorney