

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LANCASTER

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1336

AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), SERIES 2015B OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION, OF LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,150,000; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTES AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

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

**SECTION 1. Definitions.** Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the terms defined in this Section shall have, for all purposes of this Ordinance, the meanings hereinafter specified, with the definitions equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms and vice versa. The term:

**"Beneficial Owner"** shall mean any purchaser who acquires beneficial ownership interest in an Initial Note held by the Depository. In determining any Beneficial Owner, the County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may rely exclusively upon written representations made and information given to the County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent, as the case may be, by the Depository or its Participants with respect to any 2015B Bonds held by the Depository or its Participants in which a beneficial ownership interest is claimed.

**"Book-Entry Form" or "Book-Entry System"** shall mean with respect to the 2015B Bonds, a form or system, as applicable, under which (a) the ownership of beneficial interests in the 2015B Bonds may be transferred only through a book-entry; and (b) physical 2015B Bonds certificates in fully registered form are registered only in the name of the Depository or its nominees as Holder, with the physical 2015B Bonds certificates "immobilized" in the custody of the Depository. The book-entry maintained by the Depository is the record that identifies the owners of participatory interests in the 2015B Bonds when subject to the Book-Entry System.

**"Books of Registry"** shall mean the registration books maintained by the Registrar in accordance with Section 10 hereof.

**"Code"** shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**"Council"** shall mean the County Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina.

**"County"** shall mean Lancaster County, South Carolina.

**"Depository"** shall mean any securities depository that is a "clearing corporation" with the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, operating and maintaining, with its

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Participants or otherwise, a Book-Entry System to record ownership of beneficial interests in the 2015B Bonds, and to effect transfers of the 2015B Bonds in Book-Entry Form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

"Government Obligations" shall mean (1) cash; (2) United States Treasury Obligations – State and Local Government Series; (3) United States Treasury bills, notes, bonds or zero coupon treasury bonds all as traded on the open market; (4) direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury which have been stripped by the Treasury itself, including CATS, TIGRS and similar securities; (5) obligations of any agencies or instrumentalities which are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America; (6) bonds or debentures issued by any Federal Home Loan Bank or consolidated bonds or debentures issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board; (7) prefunded municipal bonds which are rated in the triple A category by Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's Rating Service; (8) general obligations of the State or any of its political units; or (9) any legally permissible combination of any of the foregoing. Government Obligations must be redeemable only at the option of holder thereof.

"Holders" shall mean the registered owner or owners of any outstanding 2015B Bonds.

"Initial 2015B Bonds" shall mean the 2015B Bonds initially issued in Book-Entry Form as provided in Section 13 hereof.

"Letter of Representations" shall mean the Letter of Representations executed and delivered by the County to the Depository.

"Ordinance" shall mean this Ordinance No. 2015-1336.

"Participant" shall mean any bank, brokerage house or other financial institution for which, from time to time, the Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Depository.

"Paying Agent" shall mean the bank, trust company, depository or transfer agent or the County Treasurer designated as paying agent pursuant to this Ordinance.

"Record Date" shall mean the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) preceding an interest payment date on the 2015B Bonds or in the case of any proposed redemption of 2015B Bonds, such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) prior to the giving of notice of redemption of 2015B Bonds.

"Registrar" shall mean the bank, trust company, depository or transfer agent or the County Treasurer designated as registrar pursuant to this Ordinance.

"S.C. Code" shall mean the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

"State" shall mean the State of South Carolina.

**SECTION 2. Findings and Determinations.** The County Council hereby finds and determines:

(a) Pursuant to Section 4-9-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, and the results of a referendum held in accordance therewith, the Council-Administrator form of government was adopted and the County Council constitutes the governing body of the County.

(b) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the "Constitution"), provides that each county shall have the power to incur bonded indebtedness in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly shall prescribe by general law within the limitations set forth in Section 14 and Section 12 of Article X.

(c) Article X, Section 12 of the Constitution provides that no law shall be enacted permitting the incurring of bonded indebtedness by any county for fire protection service benefiting only a particular geographical section of the county unless a special assessment, tax or service charge in an amount designed to provide debt service on bonded indebtedness incurred for such purpose shall be imposed upon the area or persons receiving the benefit therefrom.

(d) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution further provides that general obligation debt may be incurred only for a purpose which is a public purpose and which is a corporate purpose of the County. The power to incur general obligation debt shall include general obligation debt incurred by the County within the limitations prescribed by Article X, Section 12 of the Constitution.

(e) In determining the debt limitations imposed by the provisions of Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, bonded indebtedness incurred pursuant to Article X, Section 12 shall not be considered.

(f) Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 19 of the Code (the "Act"), the County Council is vested with the power to establish, operate, and maintain a system of fire protection including the power to designate areas of the county where fire protection service may be furnished and to fund the services through the imposition of a schedule of rates and charges or the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes or both.

(g) County Council approved on October 3, 2005, Resolution No. 504 providing for, among other things, a public hearing to be held on November 7, 2005, on the question of the establishment of the proposed fire protection district and submitting to the voters in the proposed district a non-binding advisory referendum to be held on January 17, 2006.

(h) A majority of the votes cast in the non-binding advisory referendum held on January 17, 2006, were in favor of the establishment of the Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District.

(i) The powers conferred upon County Council by the Act include the power to issue general obligation bonds of the county, payable from a charge or an ad valorem tax levied within the district for the purpose of providing fire protection service in it.

(j) In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-19-20 of the Code, and pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 724 enacted on February 27, 2006 (the "Fire Protection Ordinance"), the County established a special taxing district for the purpose of providing rural fire protection in the County, the area of which is more fully described in the Fire Protection Ordinance. Such special taxing district being hereinafter referred to as the "Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District" or the "Fire District."

(k) Pursuant to the Fire Protection Ordinance, Council is empowered to issue general obligation bonds of the County for the purpose of funding permanent improvements and capital expenditures, including buildings, equipment and infrastructure, as needed for fire protection in the Fire District. The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County is irrevocably pledged to the repayment of the general obligation bonds. The general obligation bonds are payable from an ad valorem tax levied annually by the County Auditor and collected by the County Treasurer. It is County Council's intent that the annual ad valorem tax to be levied for the payment of the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds shall be reduced in each year by the amount of the revenue collected from the imposition of rates and charges in the Fire District

so that the levy of an ad valorem tax is necessary only when the revenue from the rates and charges is insufficient to pay principal and interest on the general obligation bonds.

(l) Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, State constitutional and statutory authorizations, and Ordinance No. 989 duly enacted by the County Council on July 6, 2009, the County issued its original principal amount \$1,905,000 General Obligation Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Taxable Series 2010B (Build America Bonds – Direct Payment to Issuer) dated March 25, 2010 (the “2010 Bonds”).

(m) Sections 11-21-10 to 11-21-80 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, empower any “public agency” to utilize the provisions of Article 5, Chapter 15, Title 11 (the “Refunding Act”) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to effect the refunding of any outstanding general obligation bonds.

(n) The Series 2010 Bonds are currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$1,905,000 (the “Bonds to be Refunded”), and are subject to extraordinary redemption as follows: “The 2010 Bonds are subject to redemption by the County, at its option, prior to maturity at any time or times at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date if and to the extent the federal government should not make the subsidy payment equal to 35% of the amount of interest paid on such taxable Bonds pursuant to the ARRA.”

(o) On March 1, 2013, the Federal Government imposed sequestration which included a reduction of 8.7% in the interest rate subsidy for build America bonds.

(p) Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-1335 enacted simultaneously herewith, County Council adopted Written Procedures related to Tax-Exempt Debt.

(q) It is now in the best interest of the County for County Council to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,150,000 principal amount general obligation refunding bonds of the County to provide funds for (i) refunding the Bonds to be Refunded; (ii) costs of issuance of the 2015B Bonds (hereinafter defined); and (iii) such other lawful purposes as the County Council shall determine.

**SECTION 2. Authorization and Details of 2015B Bonds.** Pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State, there is hereby authorized to be issued not exceeding \$2,150,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds of the County to be designated “\$2,150,000 (or such lesser amount issued) General Obligation Refunding Bonds, (appropriate series designation), of Lancaster County, South Carolina” (the “2015B Bonds”), for the purpose set forth in Section 1(q) and other costs incidental thereto, including without limiting the generality of such other costs, engineering, financial and legal fees.

The refunding of the Bonds to be Refunded shall be effected with a portion of the proceeds of the 2015B Bonds which proceeds shall be used for the payment of the principal of such Bonds to be Refunded are called for redemption in accordance with the provisions of the 2010 Ordinance and interest on such Bonds to be Refunded as and when the same becomes due. If necessary, notice of the aforesaid refunding for which a portion of the proceeds of the 2015B Bonds will be used shall be given in a financial paper published in the City of New York, State of New York.

Upon the delivery of the 2015B Bonds, the principal proceeds thereof, less issuance expenses, shall be deposited with the Paying Agent for the 2010 Bonds and used to redeem the Bonds to be Refunded.

The 2015B Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds registrable as to principal and interest; shall be dated their date of delivery to the initial purchaser(s) thereof; shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of 2015B Bonds maturing each year; shall be subject to redemption if such provision is in the best interest of the County; shall be numbered from R-1 upward; shall bear interest from their date payable at such times as hereinafter designated by the County Administrator and/or his lawfully-authorized designee at such rate or rates as may be determined at the time of the sale thereof; and shall mature serially in successive annual installments as determined by the County Administrator and/or his lawfully-authorized designee.

Regions Bank, Columbia, South Carolina, will serve as Registrar/Paying Agent for the 2015B Bonds.

**SECTION 3. Delegation of Authority to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the 2015B Bonds.** The County Council hereby delegates to the County Administrator or his lawfully-authorized designee the authority to: (a) determine the par amount of the 2015B Bonds; (b) determine the maturity dates of the 2015B Bonds and the respective principal amounts maturing on such dates; (c) determine the interest payment dates of the 2015B Bonds; (d) determine the redemption provisions, if any, for the 2015B Bonds; (e) determine the date and time of sale of the 2015B Bonds; (f) receive bids on behalf of the County Council; (g) determine the date of redemption for the Bonds to be Refunded, (h) award the sale of the 2015B Bonds to the lowest bidder therefor in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale for the 2015B Bonds; and (i) whether the 2015B Bonds should be sold together with general obligation bonds and general obligation refunding bonds to be issued by the County pursuant to separate ordinances.

After the sale of the 2015B Bonds, the County Administrator and/or his lawfully-authorized designee shall submit a written report to County Council setting forth the details of the 2015B Bonds as set forth in this paragraph.

**SECTION 4. Registration, Transfer and Exchange of 2015B Bonds.** The County shall cause books (herein referred to as the "registry books") to be kept at the offices of the Registrar/Paying Agent, for the registration and transfer of the 2015B Bonds. Upon presentation at its office for such purpose the Registrar/Paying Agent shall register or transfer, or cause to be registered or transferred, on such registry books, the 2015B Bonds under such reasonable regulations as the Registrar/Paying Agent may prescribe.

Each 2015B Bond shall be transferable only upon the registry books of the County, which shall be kept for such purpose at the principal office of the Registrar/Paying Agent, by the registered owner thereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar/Paying Agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of any such 2015B Bond the Registrar/Paying Agent on behalf of the County shall issue in the name of the transferee a new fully registered 2015B Bond or 2015B Bonds, of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate, and maturity as the surrendered Bond. Any 2015B Bond surrendered in exchange for a new registered 2015B Bond pursuant to this Section shall be canceled by the Registrar/Paying Agent.

The County and the Registrar/Paying Agent may deem or treat the person in whose name any fully registered 2015B Bond shall be registered upon the registry books as the absolute owner of such Series Bond, whether such 2015B Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such 2015B Bond and for all other purposes and all such payments so



made to any such registered owner or upon his order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such 2015B Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the County nor the Registrar/Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring 2015B Bonds is exercised, the County shall execute and the Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver 2015B Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Neither the County nor the Registrar/Paying Agent shall be obliged to make any such transfer of 2015B Bonds during the fifteen (15) days preceding an interest payment date on such 2015B Bonds.

**SECTION 5. Record Date.** The County hereby establishes a record date for the payment of interest or for the giving of notice of any proposed redemption of 2015B Bonds, and such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) preceding an interest payment date on such 2015B Bond or in the case of any proposed redemption of 2015B Bonds, such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) prior to the giving of notice of redemption of bonds.

**SECTION 6. Mutilation, Loss, Theft or Destruction of 2015B Bonds.** In case any 2015B Bond shall at any time become mutilated in whole or in part, or be lost, stolen or destroyed, or be so defaced as to impair the value thereof to the owner, the County shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the principal office of the Registrar, or send by registered mail to the owner thereof at his request, risk and expense a new 2015B Bond of the same series, interest rate and maturity and of like tenor and effect in exchange or substitution for and upon the surrender for cancellation of such defaced, mutilated or partly destroyed Bond, or in lieu of or in substitution for such lost, stolen or destroyed Bond. In any such event the applicant for the issuance of a substitute 2015B Bond shall furnish the County and the Registrar evidence or proof satisfactory to the County and the Registrar of the loss, destruction, mutilation, defacement or theft of the original Bond, and of the ownership thereof, and also such security and indemnity in an amount as may be required by the laws of the State or such greater amount as may be required by the County and the Registrar. Any duplicate 2015B Bond issued under the provisions of this Section in exchange and substitution for any defaced, mutilated or partly destroyed 2015B Bond or in substitution for any allegedly lost, stolen or wholly destroyed 2015B Bond shall be entitled to the identical benefits under this Ordinance as was the original 2015B Bond in lieu of which such duplicate 2015B Bond is issued, and shall be entitled to equal and proportionate benefits with all the other 2015B Bonds of the same series issued hereunder.

All expenses necessary for the providing of any duplicate 2015B Bond shall be borne by the applicant therefor.

**SECTION 7. Execution of 2015B Bonds.** The 2015B Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County with the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman of the County Council attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk to the County Council under a facsimile of the seal of the County impressed, imprinted or reproduced thereon; provided, however, the facsimile signatures appearing on the 2015B Bonds may be those of the officers who are in office on the date of enactment of this Ordinance. The execution of the 2015B Bonds in such fashion shall be valid and effectual, notwithstanding any subsequent change in such offices. The 2015B Bonds shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose unless there shall have been endorsed thereon a certificate of authentication. Each 2015B Bond shall bear a certificate of authentication manually executed by the Registrar in substantially the form set forth herein.

**SECTION 8. Form of 2015B Bonds.** The 2015B Bonds and the certificate of authentication shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 9. Security for 2015B Bonds.** The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the county is irrevocably pledged to the payment of the 2015B Bonds. The 2015B Bonds are payable from an ad valorem tax levied annually by the County Auditor and collected by the County Treasurer. It is County Council's intent that the annual ad valorem tax to be levied for the payment of the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds shall be reduced in each year by the amount of the revenue collected from the imposition of rates and charges in the Fire District so that the levy of an ad valorem tax is necessary only when the revenue from the rates and charges is insufficient to pay principal and interest on the 2015B Bonds; provided however, the amount to be levied and collected will be offset by amounts on deposit from revenue collected from the imposition of the rates and charges in the Fire District.

The Council shall give the County Auditor and County Treasurer written notice of the delivery of and payment for the 2015B Bonds and they are hereby directed to levy and collect annually, on all taxable property in the Fire District, an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the 2015B Bonds as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor; provided however, the amount to be levied and collected will be offset by amounts on deposit from revenue collected from the imposition of the rates and charges in the Fire District.

**SECTION 10. Notice of Public Hearing.** The County Council hereby ratifies and approves the publication of a notice of public hearing regarding the 2015B Bonds and this Ordinance, such notice in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, having been published in *The Lancaster News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, not less than 15 days prior to the date of such public hearing.

**SECTION 11. Exemption from State Taxes.** Both the principal of and interest on the 2015B Bonds shall be exempt, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-2-50 of the S.C. Code from all State, county, municipal, and all other taxes or assessments, except estate or other transfer taxes, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise.

**SECTION 12. Tax Covenants.** The County hereby covenants and agrees with the holders of the 2015B Bonds that it will not take any action which will, or fail to take any action which failure will, cause interest on the 2015B Bonds to become includable in the gross income of the holders of the 2015B Bonds for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of the 2015B Bonds. The County further covenants and agrees with the holders of the 2015B Bonds that no use of the proceeds of the 2015B Bonds shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of the 2015B Bonds would have caused the 2015B Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds," as defined in Section 148 of the Code, and to that end the County hereby shall:

(a) comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code and any regulations promulgated thereunder so long as the 2015B Bonds are outstanding;

(b) establish such funds, make such calculations and pay such amounts, in the manner and at the times required in order to comply with the requirements of the Code relating to required rebates of certain amounts to the United States; and

(c) make such reports of such information at the time and places required by the Code.

**SECTION 13. Book-Entry System.** The Initial 2015B Bonds will be eligible securities for the purposes of the book-entry system of transfer maintained by The Depository Trust Company, New York,

New York ("DTC"), and transfers of beneficial ownership of the Initial 2015B Bonds shall be made only through DTC and its participants in accordance with rules specified by DTC. Such beneficial ownership must be of \$5,000 principal amount of 2015B Bonds of the same maturity or any integral multiple of \$5,000.

The Initial 2015B Bonds shall be issued in fully-registered form, one 2015B Bond for each of the maturities of the 2015B Bonds, in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. When any principal of or interest on the Initial 2015B Bonds becomes due, the Paying Agent, on behalf of the County, shall transmit to DTC an amount equal to such installment of principal and interest. DTC shall remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the 2015B Bonds or their nominees in accordance with its rules and regulations.

Notices of redemption of the Initial 2015B Bonds or any portion thereof shall be sent to DTC in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

If (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the 2015B Bonds, or (b) the County has advised DTC of its determination that DTC is incapable of discharging its duties, the County shall attempt to retain another qualified securities depository to replace DTC. Upon receipt by the County the Initial 2015B Bonds together with an assignment duly executed by DTC, the County shall execute and deliver to the successor securities depository 2015B Bonds of the same principal amount, interest rate, and maturity registered in the name of such successor.

If the County is unable to retain a qualified successor to DTC or the County has determined that it is in its best interest not to continue the book-entry system of transfer or that interests of the beneficial owners of the 2015B Bonds might be adversely affected if the book-entry system of transfer is continued (the County undertakes no obligation to make any investigation to determine the occurrence of any events that would permit it to make any such determination), and has made provision to so notify beneficial owners of the 2015B Bonds by mailing an appropriate notice to DTC, upon receipt by the County the Initial 2015B Bonds together with an assignment duly executed by DTC, the County shall execute, authenticate and deliver to the DTC participants 2015B Bonds in fully-registered form, in substantially the form set forth in Section 8 of this Ordinance in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the request of the purchaser, the 2015B Bonds will be issued as one single fully-registered bond and not issued through the book-entry system.

**SECTION 14. Sale of 2015B Bonds, Form of Notice of Sale.** The 2015B Bonds shall be offered for public sale on the date and at the time designated by the County Administrator and/or his lawfully-authorized designee. A Notice of Sale in substantially the form set forth as Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference shall be distributed to prospective bidders and a summary of such Notice of Sale shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the State of South Carolina and/or in a financial publication published in the City of New York not less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for such sale.

**SECTION 15. Preliminary and Final Official Statement.** The County Council hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator and/or his lawfully-authorized designee to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a Preliminary Official Statement to be distributed to prospective purchasers of the 2015B Bonds together with the Notice of Sale. The County Council authorizes the County Administrator to designate the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The County Administrator and/or his lawfully-authorized designee are further authorized to



see to the completion of the final form of the Official Statement upon the sale of the 2015B Bonds so that it may be provided to the purchaser of the 2015B Bonds.

**SECTION 16. Filings with Central Repository.** In compliance with Section 11-1-85, South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, the County covenants that it will file or cause to be filed with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market when requested: (a) a copy of the annual financial report of the County within thirty (30) days from the County's receipt thereof; and (b) within thirty (30) days of the occurrence thereof, relevant information of an event which adversely affects more than five (5%) percent of the revenues of the County or the County's tax base.

**SECTION 17. Continuing Disclosure.** In compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") the County covenants and agrees for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the 2015B Bonds to execute and deliver prior to closing, and to thereafter comply with the terms of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in substantially the form appearing as Exhibit D attached to this Ordinance. In the event of a failure of the County to comply with any of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, an event of default under this Ordinance shall not be deemed to have occurred. In such event, the sole remedy of any bondholder or beneficial owner shall be an action to compel performance by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 18. Deposit and Use of Proceeds.** The proceeds derived from the sale of the 2015B Bonds necessary to refund the Bonds to be Refunded shall be deposited with the Paying Agent for the 2010 Bonds and used to redeem the Bonds to be Refunded. The remaining proceeds, if any, shall be deposited at the direction of the County Treasurer in a special fund to the credit of the County and shall be applied solely to the purposes for which the 2015B Bonds have been issued, including payment of costs of issuance of the 2015B Bonds.

**SECTION 19. Defeasance.** The obligations of the County under this Ordinance and the pledges, covenants and agreements of the County herein made or provided for, shall be fully discharged and satisfied as to any portion of the 2015B Bonds, and such 2015B Bond or 2015B Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder when:

(a) such 2015B Bond or 2015B Bonds shall have been purchased by the County and surrendered to the County for cancellation or otherwise surrendered to the County or the Paying Agent and is canceled or subject to cancellation by the County or the Paying Agent; or

(b) payment of the principal of and interest on such 2015B Bonds either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for by irrevocably depositing with a corporate trustee in trust and irrevocably set aside exclusively for such payment, (1) moneys sufficient to make such payment, or (2) Government Obligations (hereinafter defined) maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will ensure the availability of sufficient moneys to make such payment and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the corporate trustee. At such time as the 2015B Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder, such 2015B Bonds shall cease to draw interest from the due date thereof and, except for the purposes of any such payment from such moneys or Government Obligations, shall no longer be secured by or entitled to the benefits of this Ordinance.

"Government Obligations" shall mean any of the following:

(a) direct obligations of the United States of America or agencies thereof or obligations, the payment of principal or interest on which, in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America;

- (b) non-callable, U. S. Treasury Securities - State and Local Government Series ("SLGS"); and
- (c) general obligation bonds of the State, its institutions, agencies, counties and political subdivisions, which, at the time of purchase, carry a AAA rating from Standard & Poor's or a Aaa rating from Moody's Investors Service.

SECTION 20. Miscellaneous. The County Council hereby authorizes the County Administrator, Chair of the County Council, the Clerk to the County Council and County Attorney to execute such documents and instruments as necessary to effect the issuance of the 2015B Bonds. The County Council hereby retains McNair Law Firm, P.A., as Bond Counsel and Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC, as Financial Advisor in connection with the issuance of the 2015B Bonds. The County Administrator is further authorized to execute such contracts, documents or engagement letters as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate these engagements.

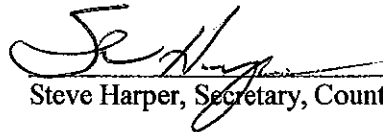
All rules, regulations, resolutions, and parts thereof, procedural or otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the 2015B Bonds are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its enactment.

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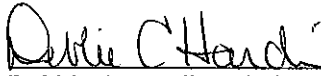
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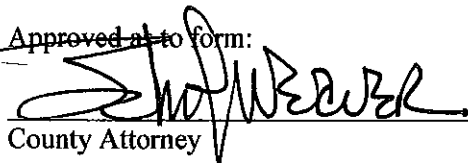
  
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**FORM OF BOND**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2015B

No. R-1

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REGISTERED HOLDER:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) Dollars

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County"), is justly indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered holder specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above on the maturity date specified above, upon presentation and surrender of this 2015B Bond at the principal office of \_\_\_\_\_, in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Paying Agent"), and to pay interest on such principal amount from the date hereof at the rate per annum specified above until this 2015B Bond matures. Interest on this 2015B Bond is payable \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 20\_\_\_\_, and semiannually on \_\_\_\_\_ 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ 1 of each year thereafter, until this 2015B Bond matures, and shall be payable by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name this 2015B Bond is registered on the registration books of the County maintained by the registrar, presently \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Registrar"), at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month preceding each semiannual interest payment date. The principal of and interest on this 2015B Bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for public and private debts; provided, however, that interest on this fully registered 2015B Bond shall be paid by check or draft as set forth above.

This 2015B Bond shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Ordinance (hereafter defined), nor become valid or obligatory for any purpose, until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been duly executed by the Registrar.

For the payment hereof, both principal and interest, 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 County are irrevocably pledged and there shall be levied annually by the Auditor of the County and collected by the Treasurer of the County, in the same manner as other county taxes are levied and collected, a tax, without limit, on all taxable property in the Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District (the "Fire District") sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on this 2015B Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor; provided however, the amount to be levied and collected will be offset by amounts on deposit from revenue collected from the imposition of the rates and charges in the Fire District. .

This 2015B Bond is one of a series of 2015B Bonds of like date of original issue, tenor and effect, except as to number, denomination, date of maturity, redemption provisions, and rate of interest, aggregating \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, including Article X of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended; Title 4, Chapter 15, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; Title 11, Chapter 27, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; and Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ duly enacted by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

[Redemption Provisions]

This 2015B Bond is transferable as provided in the Ordinance, only upon the books of the County kept for that purpose at the principal office of the Registrar by the registered holder in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this 2015B Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered holder or his duly authorized attorney. Thereupon a new fully registered 2015B Bond or 2015B Bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate redemption provisions, if any, and maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance. The County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the person in whose name this 2015B Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes.

Under the laws of the State of South Carolina, this 2015B Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, municipal, County and all other taxes or assessments, except estate or other transfer taxes, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this 2015B Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law; that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the County, does not exceed the applicable limitation of indebtedness under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a tax, without limit, on all taxable property in the County sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on this 2015B Bond as the same shall respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this 2015B Bond to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the Chair of the County Council, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk to the County Council and the seal of the County impressed, imprinted, or reproduced hereon.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, County Council

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, County Council

[FORM OF REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

Date of Authentication:

This 2015B Bond is one of the 2015B Bonds described in the within mentioned Ordinance of Lancaster County, South Carolina.

\_\_\_\_\_  
as Registrar

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this 2015B Bond shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations.

TEN COM - As tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN. ACT

TEN ENT - As tenants by the  
entireties

\_\_\_\_\_  
Custodian  
(Cust.) (Minor)

JT TEN - As joint tenants  
with right of  
survivorship and  
not as tenants in  
common

under Uniform Gifts to Minors

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in list above.

[FORM OF ASSIGNMENT]

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and address of Transferee)

the within 2015B Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer the within 2015B Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorizing Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) must be guaranteed  
by an institution which is a  
participant in the Securities  
Transfer Agents Medallion  
Program ("STAMP") or similar  
program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: The signature to this agreement  
this agreement must correspond with the  
name of the registered holder as it appears  
upon the face of the within 2015B Bond in every  
particular, without alteration or enlargement  
or any change whatever.



A copy of the final approving opinion to be rendered shall be attached to each 2015B Bond and preceding the same a certificate shall appear, which shall be signed on behalf of the County with a manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk to the County Council. The certificate shall be in substantially the following form:

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE]

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the following is a true and correct copy of the complete final approving opinion (except for date and letterhead) of McNair Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina, approving the issue of 2015B Bonds of which the within 2015B Bond is one, the original of which opinion was manually executed, dated and issued as of the date of delivery of and payment for the 2015B Bonds and a copy of which is on file with the County Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, County Council

**FORM OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the County Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County"), in County Council Chambers located at 101 North Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lancaster, South Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, or at such other location as proper notice on the main entrance to the said building might specify.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Series 2015B, or such other appropriate series designation, of Lancaster County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,150,000 (the "2015B Bonds"). The proceeds of the 2015B Bonds will be used for any one or more of the following purposes: (i) refunding the County's outstanding General Obligation Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Taxable Series 2010B Bonds (Build America Bonds – Direct Pay to Issuer); (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the 2015B Bonds; and (iii) such other lawful purposes as the County Council shall determine.

The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the county is irrevocably pledged to the payment of the 2015B Bonds. The 2015B Bonds are payable from an ad valorem tax levied annually by the County Auditor and collected by the County Treasurer. It is County Council's intent that the annual ad valorem tax to be levied for the payment of the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds shall be reduced in each year by the amount of the revenue collected from the imposition of rates and charges in the Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District so that the levy of an ad valorem tax is necessary only when the revenue from the rates and charges is insufficient to pay principal and interest on the 2015B Bonds.

At the public hearing all taxpayers and residents of the County and any other interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the Ordinance and the issuance of the 2015B Bonds.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANCASTER COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

**FORM OF OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS  
(PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), SERIES 2015B,  
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Time and Place of Sale:** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids, facsimile bids and electronic bids will be received on behalf of Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County"), in the offices of the County Administrator, Lancaster County Administration Building, 101 N. Main Street, Lancaster, South Carolina, until 11:00 a.m., South Carolina time, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, at which time said proposals will be publicly opened for the purchase of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Series 2015B, of the County (the "2015B Bonds").

**Sealed Bids:** Each hand delivered proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Series 2015B, Lancaster County, South Carolina" and should be directed to the County Administrator at the address in the first paragraph hereof.

**Facsimile Bids:** The County will accept the facsimile transmission of a manually signed Official Bid Form at the risk of the Bidder. The County shall not be responsible for the confidentiality of bids submitted by facsimile transmission. Any delay in receipt of a facsimile bid, and any incompleteness or illegible portions of such bid are the responsibility of the bidder. Bids by facsimile should be transmitted to the attention of the County Administrator, fax number (803) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Electronic Bids:** Electronic proposals must be submitted through i-Deal's Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("Parity"). No electronic bids from any other providers of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Information about the electronic bidding services of Parity may be obtained from i-Deal, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018, Customer Support, telephone (212) 849-5021.

**PROPOSALS MAY BE DELIVERED BY HAND, BY MAIL, BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR BY ELECTRONIC BID, BUT NO PROPOSAL SHALL BE CONSIDERED WHICH IS NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY AT THE PLACE, DATE AND TIME APPOINTED, AND THE COUNTY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE, MISDIRECTION, DELAY OR ERROR RESULTING FROM THE SELECTION BY ANY BIDDER OF ANY PARTICULAR MEANS OF DELIVERY OF BIDS.**

**Book-Entry-Only 2015B Bonds:** The 2015B Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form. One 2015B Bond representing each maturity will be issued to and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), as registered owner of the 2015B Bonds and each such 2015B Bond will be immobilized in the custody of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the 2015B Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of

2015B Bonds maturing each year; Purchasers will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the 2015B Bonds purchased. The winning bidder, as a condition to delivery of the 2015B Bonds, will be required to deposit the 2015B Bond certificates representing each maturity with DTC.

The 2015B Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form registered as to principal and interest; will be dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015; will be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of 2015B Bonds maturing in each year; and will mature serially in successive annual installments on \_\_\_\_\_ in each of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
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\*Preliminary, subject to adjustment.

Adjustment of Maturity Schedule. The County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, either to decrease or increase the principal amount of the 2015B Bonds maturing in any year (all calculations to be rounded to the near \$5,000), provided that any such decrease or increase shall not exceed 10% of the 2015B Bonds. Such adjustment(s), if any, shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the 2015B Bonds. In order to calculate the yield on the 2015B Bonds for federal tax law purposes and as a condition precedent to the award of the 2015B Bonds, bidders must disclose to the County in connection with their respective bids the price (or yield to maturity) at which each maturity of the 2015B Bonds will be reoffered to the public.

In the event of any adjustment of the maturity schedule for the 2015B Bonds as described herein, no rebidding or recalculation of the proposals submitted will be required or permitted. Nevertheless, the award of the 2015B Bonds will be made to the bidder whose proposal produces the lowest true interest cost solely on the basis of the 2015B Bonds offered, without taking into account any adjustment in the amount of the 2015B Bonds pursuant to this paragraph.

The 2015B Bonds will bear interest from the date thereof payable semiannually on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, commencing \_\_\_\_\_, until they mature.

[Redemption Provisions]

Registrar/Paying Agent: Regions Bank, Columbia, South Carolina, is serving as Registrar/Paying Agent for the 2015B Bonds.

Bid Requirements: Bidders shall specify the rate or rates of interest per annum which the 2015B Bonds are to bear, to be expressed in multiples of 1/20 or 1/8 of 1% with no greater difference than three percent (3%) between the highest and lowest rates of interest named by a bidder. Bidders are not limited as to the number of rates of interest named, but the rate of interest on each separate maturity must be the same single rate for all 2015B Bonds of that maturity from their date to such maturity date. **A BID FOR LESS THAN ALL THE 2015B BONDS OR A BID AT A PRICE LESS THAN PAR WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**Award of Bid.** The 2015B Bonds will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the 2015B Bonds at the lowest true interest cost (TIC) to the County. The TIC will be the nominal interest rate which, when compounded semiannually and used to discount all debt service payments on the 2015B Bonds (computed at the interest rates specified in the bid and on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) to the dated date of the 2015B Bonds, results in an amount equal to the price bid for the 2015B Bonds. In the case of a tie bid, the winning bid will be awarded by lot. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid. Bids will be accepted or rejected no later than 3:00 p.m., South Carolina time, on the date of the sale.

**Security:** The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the 2015B Bonds as they respectively mature, and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor. There shall be levied annually by the Auditor of the County and collected by the Treasurer of the County, in the same manner as other county taxes are levied and collected, an ad valorem tax, without limit, on all taxable property in the Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District (the "Fire District") sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the 2015B Bonds as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor; provided however, the amount to be levied and collected will be offset by amounts on deposit from revenue collected from the imposition of the rates and charges in the Fire District. .

**Good Faith Deposit:** No good faith deposit is required.

**Bid Form:** Proposals should be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope marked "Proposal for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Series 2015B of Lancaster County, South Carolina" and should be directed to the County Administrator at the address in the first paragraph hereof. It is requested but not required that you submit your bid on the Proposal for Purchase of 2015B Bonds supplied with the Official Statement.

**Official Statement:** Upon the award of the 2015B Bonds, the County will prepare an official statement (the "Official Statement") in substantially the same form as the preliminary official statement subject to minor additions, deletions and revisions as required to complete the Official Statement. Within seven (7) business days after the award of the 2015B Bonds, the County will deliver the Official Statement to the successful bidder in sufficient quantity to comply with Rule G-32 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The successful bidder agrees to supply to the County all necessary pricing information and any Underwriter identification necessary to complete the Official Statement within 24 hours after the award of the 2015B Bonds.

**Continuing Disclosure:** In order to assist the bidders in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the County will undertake, pursuant to an ordinance and a continuing disclosure certificate, to provide certain annual financial information and notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the final Official Statement.

**Legal Opinion:** The County Council shall furnish upon delivery of the 2015B Bonds the final approving opinion of McNair Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina, which opinion shall accompany each Bond, together with the usual closing documents, including a certificate of the County that no litigation is pending affecting the 2015B Bonds.

Certificate as to Issue Price: The successful bidder must provide a certificate to the County by the date of delivery of the 2015B Bonds, stating the initial reoffering price of the 2015B Bonds to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) and the price at which a substantial amount of the 2015B Bonds were sold to the public, in form satisfactory to 2015B Bond Counsel. A sample copy of such a certificate may be obtained from 2015B Bond Counsel.

CUSIP Numbers: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be set forth on the 2015B Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any 2015B Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the 2015B Bonds in accordance with the terms of its proposal. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

Delivery: The 2015B Bonds will be delivered on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, in New York, New York, at the expense of the County. The balance of the purchase price then due, including the amount of accrued interest, must be paid in federal funds or other immediately available funds.

Additional Information: The Preliminary Official Statement of the County with respect to the 2015B Bonds is available via the internet at [officialstatements.compassmuni.com](http://officialstatements.compassmuni.com) and will be furnished to any person interested in bidding for the 2015B Bonds upon request to McNair Law Firm, P. A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, attention: Francenia B. Heizer, Esquire, telephone (803) 799-9800, e-mail: [fheizer@mcnair.net](mailto:fheizer@mcnair.net). The Preliminary Official Statement shall be reviewed by bidders prior to submitting a bid. Bidders may not rely on this Notice of Sale as to the complete information concerning the 2015B Bonds. Persons seeking additional information should communicate with the County's Bond Counsel, Francenia B. Heizer, McNair Law Firm, P.A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 [fheizer@mcnair.net](mailto:fheizer@mcnair.net) or with the County's Financial Advisor, Brian Nurick, Managing Director, Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC, 1219 Assembly Street, Suite 202, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; telephone (859) 368-9616, e-mail: [brian.nurick@compassmuni.com](mailto:brian.nurick@compassmuni.com).

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA



**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County") in connection with the issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Series 2015B (the "2015B Bonds"). The 2015B Bonds are being issued pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the County Council of the County (the "Council"). The County covenants and agrees as follows:

**SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate.** This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the County for the benefit of the beneficial owners and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters (defined below) in complying with the Rule (defined below).

**SECTION 2. Definitions.** The following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"**Annual Report**" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the County pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"**2015B Bonds**" shall mean the \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District), Series 2015B, Lancaster County, South Carolina, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

"**Dissemination Agent**" shall mean the County or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the County and which has filed with the County a written acceptance of such designation.

"**Listed Events**" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

"**Repository**" shall mean for purposes of the Rule, the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system created by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"**Participating Underwriter**" shall mean \_\_\_\_\_, and any other original underwriter of the 2015B Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the 2015B Bonds.

"**Rule**" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange County under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.**

(a) The County shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to provide, not later than February 1 of each year, commencing in 2016, to the Repository an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than fifteen (15) business days prior to such date the County shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent, if other than the County; provided, that if the audited financial statements required pursuant to Section 4 hereof to be included in the Annual Report are not available for inclusion in the Annual Report as of such date, unaudited financial statements of the County may be included in such Annual Report in lieu thereof, and the County shall replace such unaudited financial statements with audited financial statements within fifteen (15) days after such audited financial statements become available for distribution. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other

information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the County may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report.

(b) If the County is unable to provide to the Repository an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the County shall send a notice to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and State Depository, if any, in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*.

(c) The Dissemination Agent shall:

(1) determine each year prior to the date for providing the Annual Report the name and address of the Repository; and

(2) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the County, file a report with the County and (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Registrar) the Registrar certifying whether the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and, if provided, stating the date it was provided, and listing the Repository to which it was provided.

**SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports.** The County's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the most recent audited financial statements, which shall be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (or, if not in such conformity, to be accompanied by a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information) applicable to governmental entities such as the County, and shall, in addition, contain or incorporate by reference the following:

- (a) County population for the preceding fiscal year;
- (b) Total anticipated state appropriations subject to withholding under Article X, Sec. 14, South Carolina Constitution for preceding fiscal year;
- (c) Outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the County;
- (d) Tax levy for County for preceding fiscal year;
- (e) Tax collections for County for preceding fiscal year; and
- (f) Ten largest taxpayers (including fee-in-lieu-of-tax) for County for preceding fiscal year.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the County is an "obligated person" (as defined by the Rule), which have been filed with the Repository. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The County shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

**SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.**

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the County shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events (the "Listed Events"):

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-

- TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders;
  - (8) Bond calls;
  - (9) Tender offers;
  - (10) Defeasances;
  - (11) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities;
  - (12) Rating changes;
  - (13) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the County;
  - (14) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the County or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the County other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms;
  - (15) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee.

(b) Whenever the County obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event described in subsections (a)(2), (7), (8), (11), (14), or (15) above, the County shall as soon as possible determine if such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws. If the County determines that knowledge of the occurrence of such event would be material under applicable federal securities laws, the County shall promptly, and no later than 10 days after the occurrence of the event, file a notice of such occurrence with the Repository.

(c) Whenever the County obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event described in subsections (a)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (12), or (13) above, the County shall promptly, and no later than 10 days after the occurrence of the event, file a notice of such occurrence with the Repository.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a)(8), (9), and (10) above need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to owners of affected 2015B Bonds. For the purposes of the event identified in (a)(13) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the County in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the County, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the County.

**SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation.** The County's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the 2015B Bonds.

**SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent.** The County may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the County.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the County may amend this Disclosure Certificate and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws acceptable to the County, to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the County from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the County chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the County shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the County, or the Dissemination Agent to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any beneficial owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking injunctive relief or specific performance by court order, to cause the County, or the Dissemination Agent, as the case may be, to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Ordinance, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the County, or the Dissemination Agent to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of the Dissemination Agent. The provisions of this Section 11 shall apply if the Issuer is not the Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the County agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of their powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the County under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the 2015B Bonds.

SECTION 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the County, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters, and Holders from time to time of the 2015B Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

NOTICE TO REPOSITORY OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of County: Lancaster County, South Carolina

Name of Bond Issue: \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Pleasant Valley  
Fire Protection District), Series 2015B, Lancaster County, South Carolina

Date of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County") has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named 2015B Bonds as required by Sections 3 and 4 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed and delivered by the County as Dissemination Agent. The County has notified us in writing that the Annual Report will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_