

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 1424
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)	

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2017A, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION (BROOKCHASE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT), OF LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$675,000; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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

<u>SECTION 1. Findings and Determinations</u>. The County Council (the "County Council"), of Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County"), hereby finds and determines:

- (a) Pursuant to Section 4-9-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), and the results of a referendum held in accordance therewith, the County 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. Such debt must be incurred for a public purpose and a corporate purpose in an amount not exceeding eight percent (8%) of the assessed value of all taxable property of such county.
- (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 infrastructure 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 15 of the Code (the same being and hereinafter referred to as the "County Bond Act"), the governing bodies of the several counties of the State of South Carolina (the "State") may each issue general obligation bonds to defray the cost of any authorized purpose and for any amount not exceeding their applicable constitutional limit.
- (g) The County Bond Act provides that as a condition precedent to the issuance of bonds an election be held and the result be favorable thereto. Title 11, Chapter 27 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, provides that if an election be prescribed by the provisions of the County Bond Act, but not be required by the provisions of Article X of the Constitution, then in every such instance, no election need be held (notwithstanding the requirement therefor) and the remaining provisions of the County Bond Act shall constitute a full and complete authorization to issue bonds in accordance with such remaining provisions.
- (h) The County, acting by and through the County Council, is authorized pursuant to Section 4-9-30(5) of the Code, to assess property and levy ad valorem property taxes and uniform service charges, including the power to tax different areas at different rates related to the nature and level of governmental services provided.
- (i) Section 6-1-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, authorizes the County, acting by and through the County Council, to charge and collect a service or user fee, which by definition includes uniform service charges, subject to the following requirements: (i) the imposition of the uniform service charge must be accomplished by ordinance approved by a vote for adoption by a majority of the members of the entire Council, whether present or not; (ii) County Council must provide public notice of the uniform service charge being considered and hold a public hearing on the proposed uniform service charge prior to final adoption; and (iii) revenue derived from a uniform service charge to finance the provision of public services must be used to pay costs related to the provision of the service or program for which the uniform service charge is paid.
- (j) The County Council, pursuant to Section 4-9-30(5)(a)(i) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, may, upon certification of a petition signed by fifteen percent or more of the electors in a proposed special tax district, provided for a referendum to be conducted by the county election officials on the question of the creation of the proposed special tax district. By passage of Resolution No. 720, Council certified to the Lancaster County Voter Registration and Election Commission ("Commission") a petition that proposed the creation of the Brookchase Special Tax District and provided for a referendum to be held on the question of the creation of the Brookchase Special Tax District.
- (k) On October 2, 2010, the Commission held a referendum on the question of the creation of the Brookchase Special Tax District. The commission certified that 80 votes were cast in the referendum, of which, 75 votes were cast in favor of the creation of the special tax district and 5 votes were cast in opposition. County Council published the results of the referendum in Resolution No. 736.
- (1) Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1069 enacted on November 30, 2010, County Council created the Brookchase Special Tax District.

- (m) Pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 17 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended ("Title 11, Chapter 17"), any county, whenever authorized by general or special law to issue bonds, may, pending the sale and issuance thereof, borrow in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the bonds. Such provisions also provide that if any approval be necessary prior to the issuance of bonds by the County, the County must obtain the same approval prior to the issuance of temporary financing provided therein.
- (n) In order to provide infrastructure in the Brookchase Special Tax District, the County on December 30, 2010, issued its \$875,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2010 (Brookchase Special Tax District), the proceeds of which were used to make repairs and upgrades of roads in the Brookchase Special Tax District and all costs associated therewith.
- (o) The County Council heretofore enacted Ordinance No. 1125 on November 28, 2011 (the "2011 Ordinance"), authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$890,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note. The 2011 Ordinance contains a provision authorizing the general obligation bond anticipation notes authorized thereunder to be renewed by a resolution of County Council incorporating the terms of the Ordinance.
- (p) Pursuant to the 2011 Ordinance and Resolution No. 0906-R2015 adopted by the County Council on January 11, 2016, the County issued on January 22, 2016, a \$700,500 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2016 (Brookchase Special Tax District) (the "2016 Note").
- (q) Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-1335 duly enacted on February 23, 2015, the County adopted Written Procedures related to Tax-Exempt Debt.
- (r) It is now in the best interest of the County for the County Council to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$675,000 general obligation bond of the County, the proceeds of which will be used (i) to retire a portion of the 2016 Note; (ii) to pay costs of issuance of the Bond (hereinafter defined); and (iii) for such other lawful corporate and public purposes as the County Council shall determine.
- SECTION 2. Delegation of Authority to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bond. Without further authorization, the County Council hereby delegates to the County Administrator the authority to determine (a) the par amount of the Bond; (b) the payment schedule of the Bond and the respective principal amounts due on such dates; (c) the interest payment dates of the Bond; (d) redemption provisions, if any, for the Bond; and (e) the time and date of sale of the Bond. The County Council further delegates to the County Administrator or his lawfully-authorized designee the authority to receive bids on behalf of Council and the authority to award to Bond to the low bidder therefor, provided the interest rate does not exceed 3%. After the sale of the Bond, the County Administrator shall submit a written report to County Council setting forth the details of the Bond as set forth in this paragraph.

If at the time of the sale of the Bond market conditions are not favorable to the County, the County reserves the right to renew the 2016 Note. The County Administrator is delegated the authority to make this decision based upon advice from the County's Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor.

SECTION 3. Authorization and Details of Bond. Pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State, there is hereby authorized to be issued a not exceeding Six Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000) aggregate principal amount general obligation bond of the

County to be designated "(Amount Issued) General Obligation Bond, Series 2017A, of Lancaster County, South Carolina" (the "Bond"), for the purpose set forth in Section 1(r).

The Bond shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be registered as to principal and interest in the name of the purchaser thereof; shall be dated as of the date of its delivery or such other date as the County Administrator determines; shall be in the denomination of not exceeding \$675,000; shall bear interest on the unpaid principal balance at the interest rate shown thereon; and shall be payable as determined by the County Administrator.

Interest shall be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, unless otherwise agreed upon by the County Administrator and the purchaser of the Bond.

Both the principal of and interest on the Bond shall be 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.

SECTION 4. Execution of Bond. The Bond shall be executed in the name of the County with the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman of County Council attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk to County Council under the seal of the County to be impressed or affixed thereon.

SECTION 5. Form of Bond. The Bond and the provisions for registration to be endorsed thereon shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 6. Notice of Sale. The Bond 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 B 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 not less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for such sale.

SECTION 7. Security for the Bond. The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County is irrevocably pledged to the repayment of the Bond. The Bond is 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 Bond shall be reduced in each year by the amount of the revenue collected from the imposition of rates and charges in the Brookchase Special Tax 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 Bond.

When necessary, the County Council shall give the Auditor and Treasurer of the County written notice of the delivery of and payment for the Bond and they are hereby directed to levy and collect annually, on all taxable property in the County, a tax, without limit, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

SECTION 8. Notice of Public Hearing. The County Council hereby ratifies and approves the publication of a notice of public hearing regarding the Bond and this Ordinance, such notice in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, 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 9. Initiative and Referendum. The County Council hereby delegates to the County Administrator the authority to determine whether the Notice prescribed under the provisions of Section 5 of

Title 11, Chapter 27 of the Code relating to the initiative and referendum provisions contained in Title 4, Chapter 9, Article 13 of the Code shall be given with respect to this Ordinance. If said Notice is given, the County Administrator or his lawfully-authorized designee is authorized to prescribe the form of the Notice and cause such Notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, such notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

SECTION 10. Exemption from State Taxes. Both the principal of and interest on the Bond shall be exempt, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-2-50 of the Code, from all State, county, municipal, school district, 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 11. Deposit and Use of Proceeds. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bond shall be deposited with the County Treasurer in a special fund, separate and distinct from all other funds, and applied solely to the purposes for which the Bond is issued.

SECTION 12. Tax Covenants. The County hereby covenants and agrees with the holder of the Bond that it will not take any action which will, or fail to take any action which failure will, cause interest on the Bond to become includable in the gross income of the bondholders for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC") and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of the Bonds. The County further covenants and agrees with the holder of the Bond that no use of the proceeds of the Bond shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of the Bond would have caused the Bond to be an "arbitrage bond," as defined in Section 148 of the IRC, and to that end the County hereby shall:

- (a) comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the IRC and any regulations promulgated thereunder so long as the Bond is 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 IRC 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 IRC.

SECTION 13. Filings with Central Repository. In compliance with Section 11-1-85 of the Code, the County covenants that it will file or cause to be filed with a central repository for further availability in the secondary bond market when requested: (a) a copy of the annual audit of the County within thirty (30) days of the County's receipt thereof; and (b) within thirty (30) days of the occurrence thereof, relevant information of an event which, in the opinion of the County, adversely affects more than five (5%) of the County's revenue or its tax base.

SECTION 14. Miscellaneous. The County Council hereby authorizes the Chairman of County Council, Clerk to County Council, County Administrator and County Attorney to execute such documents and instruments as necessary to effect the purposes of this Ordinance. The County Council hereby retains McNair Law Firm, P.A., as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bond. The County Administrator is further authorized to execute such contract, document or engagement letter as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate these engagement.

SECTION 15. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All orders, resolutions, ordinances and parts thereof, procedural or otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bond are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

<u>SECTION 16. Codification</u>. This Ordinance shall be forthwith codified in the Code of County Ordinances in the manner required by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED

Dated this 12th day of December, 2016.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Bob Bundy, Chair, County Council

Steve Harper, Secretary, County Council

ATTEST:

Chelsea Gardner, Interim Clerk to Council

First Reading: November 14, 2016 Approved 6 - 0 Second Reading: November 28, 2016 Approved 6 - 0

Public Hearing: December 12, 2016

Third Reading; December 12, 2016 Approved 7 - 0

FORM OF BOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA LANCASTER COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2017A (BROOKCHASE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT)

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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 in
, South Carolina (the "Bank"), its successors or registered assigns, the principal sum of
\$ together with interest thereon at the rate of% per annum. This Bond is payable in
annual installments of principal and interest on to and including in
the amount of \$
Both the principal of and interest on this Bond are payable at the principal office of the Bank, in
, 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.
This Bond shall be subject to redemption without penalty prior to maturity at the option of the
County, as a whole at any time at the principal amount hereof and interest accrued on such principal
amount to the date fixed for redemption.
This Bond is 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 this Bond shall be reduced in each year by the
amount of the revenue collected from the imposition of rates and charges in the Brookchase Special Tax
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 this Bond.
When necessary, the County Council shall give the Auditor and Treasurer of the County written
notice of the delivery of and payment for the Bond and they are hereby directed to levy and collect annually,
on all taxable property in the County, a tax, without limit, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on
this Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.
This Bond is 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
, 2016.
This Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all state, county, municipal, school district
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 should be noted, however,
that Section 12-11-20, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, imposes upon every bank

engaged in business in the State of South Carolina (the "State") a fee or franchise tax computed on the entire net income of such bank which would include any interest paid on this Bond to any such bank.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lancaster (with the manual or facsimile signature of the C facsimile signature of the Clerk to County Cou reproduced hereon and this Bond to be dated the	incil under the seal of the County impresse	the manual or
(SEAL)	LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CARC)LINA
ATTEST:	Chairman, County Council	_
Clerk, County Council		

REGISTRATION

This Bond has been registered in the name of Carolina, on the registration books kept by the Cl Carolina.	of in erk to County Council of Lancaster County	, South , South
Dated this day of	, 2017.	
	rk, County Council, Lancaster County,	

FORM OF NOTICE OF SALE

\$ GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2017A,
(BROOKCHASE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT)
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
Bank Interest Deduction Eligible
Bid Date:, 2017; 11:00 a.m.
Time and Place of Sale: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals or electronic mail pids addressed to the undersigned will be received by the County Administrator on behalf of Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County"), in the Administrator's Office at 101 N. Main Street, Lancaster, South Carolina, until 11:00 a.m., South Carolina time, on, 2016, at which time said proposals will be publicly opened for the purchase of a \$ General Obligation Bond, Series 2017A (Brookchase Special Tax District), of Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "Bond"). Proposals may be delivered by hand or by mail or by facsimile transmission, 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.
Bids by electronic mail should be transmitted to the attention of Veronica Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, at vcthompson@lancastercountysc.net with a copy to Francenia B. Heizer, Esquire, Bond Counsel to the County, at fheizer@mcnair.net .
The Bond: The Bond will be issued in fully registered form, as one single fully registered bond; will be dated the date of delivery; will bear interest (computed on a 360-day year, 30-day month basis); and will be payable on in each of the years to and including in approximately equal annual installments.
Interest shall be calculated on a 30-day month and a 360-day year basis, unless otherwise agreed upon by the County Administrator and the purchaser of the Bond.
Redemption: The Bond will be subject to redemption prior to maturity.
Bid Requirements: Bidders shall specify a single, fixed rate of interest for the Bond. Bidders shall specify the rate of interest per annum which the Bond is to bear, to be expressed in multiples of 1/100 of 1%. A bid for less than the entire issue, or a bid at a price less than par, will not be considered. The Bond will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Bond at the lowest net interest cost to the County, such interest cost to be determined by computing the total dollar interest cost from the date of the Bond to the respective maturity dates. Any fees or costs to be paid by the County to the bidder will be treated as additional interest cost. 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, 2016.

Security: The Bond shall constitute a binding general obligation of the County and the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the Bond. The Bond is 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 Bond shall be reduced in each year by the amount of the revenue collected from the imposition of rates and charges in the Brookchase Special Tax 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 Bond.

When necessary, the County Council shall give the Auditor and Treasurer of the County written notice of the delivery of and payment for the Bond and they are hereby directed to levy and collect annually, on all taxable property in the County, a tax, without limit, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

<u>Legal Opinion</u>: The issuance of the Bond is subject to the approving opinion of McNair Law Firm, P.A., Bond Counsel, attached hereto, as to the validity of the issuance of the Bond under the Constitution and laws of the State.

Tax Exemption and Other Tax Matters: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), includes provisions that relate to tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bond, including, among other things, permitted uses and investment of the proceeds of the Bond and the rebate of certain net arbitrage earnings from the investment of such proceeds to the United States Treasury. Noncompliance with these requirements may result in interest on the Bond becoming subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bond. The County has covenanted to comply with the requirements of the Code to the extent required to maintain the exclusion of interest on the Bond from gross income for federal tax purposes. Failure of the County to comply with the covenant could cause the interest on the Bond to be taxable retroactively to the date of issuance.

The Code imposes an alternative minimum tax on a taxpayer's alternative minimum taxable income. Interest on the Bond is not an item for tax preference for purposes of the individual and corporate alternative minimum tax. However, interest on the Bond will be includable in the adjusted net book income or adjusted current earnings of a corporation for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

Purchasers of the Bond should consult their tax advisors with respect to collateral tax consequences of ownership of the Bond, such as the calculation of alternative minimum tax, environmental tax or foreign branch profits tax liability, the tax on passive income of S corporations, the inclusion of Social Security or other retirement payments in taxable income, or the portion of interest expense of a financial institution which is allocable to tax-exempt interest.

South Carolina Taxation: The interest on the Bond is exempt from all State taxation except estate or other transfer taxes. Section 12-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, imposes upon every bank engaged in business in the State a fee or franchise tax computed at the rate of 4-1/2% of the entire net income of such bank. Regulations of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation require that the term "entire net income" includes income derived from any source whatsoever including interest on obligations of any state and any political subdivision thereof. Interest on the Bond will be included in such computation.

Investment Letter: The successful purchaser of the Bond will be required to execute a letter to the County acknowledging, among other things, that (1) no official statement or other offering material has been furnished other than the Request for Proposals; (2) the purchaser had an opportunity to make inquiries of, and receive answers from such officials, employees, agents and attorneys of the County; (3) the purchaser has knowledge and experience in financial and business matters and that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of its investment in the Bond and is financially able to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Bond; (4) the purchaser is acquiring the Bond as a vehicle for making a commercial loan and without a present view to the distribution or resale thereof (subject, nevertheless, to any requirement of law that the disposition of its property shall at all times be under its control) within the meaning of the Federal securities laws; and (5) the purchaser is acquiring the Bond solely for its own account and no other person now has any direct or indirect beneficial ownership or interest therein.

The purchaser will also be required to covenant that it will not voluntarily dispose of all or any portion of the Bond unless it procures from each assignee thereof representations and covenants in form and content substantially the same as those made by the purchaser.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>: Bidders are requested to indicate their intentions with respect to subsequent sales or transfers of the Bond. Bidders are also requested to indicate whether any commitment fee will be required or whether the County will be requested to reimburse the successful bidder for out-of-pocket expenses and counsel fees.

Delivery: The Bond will be delivered on or about _______, 2017 in _______, South Carolina. The purchase price then due must be paid in federal funds or other immediately available funds. The costs of issuance of the Bond will be borne by the County.

Additional Information: Bidders may not rely on this Request for Proposal as to the complete information concerning the Bond. Persons seeking additional information should communicate with the County's Bond Counsel, Francenia B. Heizer, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, P.A., (803) 799-9800; e-mail: fheizer@mcnair.net.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF 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, 101 N. Main Street, Lancaster, South Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, ______, 2016.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a General Obligation Bond, Series 2017A, of Lancaster County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$675,000 (the "Bond"). The proceeds of the Bond will be used (i) to retire the County's outstanding original principal amount \$700,500 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2016 (Brookchase Special Tax District) (ii) to pay costs of issuance of the Bond; and (iii) for such other lawful corporate and public purposes as the County Council shall determine.

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When necessary, The County Council shall give the Auditor and Treasurer of the County written notice of the delivery of and payment for the Bond and they are hereby directed to levy and collect annually, on all taxable property in the County, a tax, without limit, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

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 Bond.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

FORM OF NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council (the "County Council") of Lancaster County, South Carolina (the "County"), on ______, 2016 enacted Ordinance No. ____ entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2017A, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION (BROOKCHASE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT), OF LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$576,000; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AUTHORZING THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" (the "Ordinance"). The Ordinance authorized the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$675,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2017A (the "Bond") of the County.

The proceeds of the Bond will be used (i) to retire the County's outstanding original principal amount \$700,500 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2016 (Brookchase Special Tax District) (ii) to pay costs of issuance of the Bond; and (iii) for such other lawful corporate and public purposes as the County Council shall determine.

Pursuant to Section 11-27-40(8) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, unless a notice, signed by not less than five (5) qualified electors of the County, of the intention to seek a referendum is filed both in the office of the Clerk of Court of the County and with the Clerk of the County Council, the initiative and referendum provisions of South Carolina law, Sections 4-9-1210 to 4-9-1230 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, shall not be applicable to the Ordinance. The notice of intention to seek a referendum must be filed within twenty (20) days following the publication of this notice of the adoption of the aforesaid Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in Lancaster County.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA