

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-052

*Consenting to the Inclusion of Property in a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park
(Project Catalyst, Richland County TMS #s R09013-04-04, R09013-04-05, R09013-04-10,
R09013-04-19, R09013-04-21)*

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, South Carolina ("City"), is a body, politic and corporate located in Richland County, South Carolina ("County"); and,

WHEREAS, through Columbia City Council ("Council"), the City is entitled to exercise all the powers and privileges provided to municipal corporations in the State of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the County and Fairfield County, South Carolina ("Fairfield"), entered into an Agreement for Designation of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park dated as of April 15, 2003 (the "Original Agreement"), which Original Agreement was amended and restated pursuant to the Amended and Restated Master Agreement dated as of September 1, 2018 (as so amended and restated, the "Park Agreement"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1.02 of the Park Agreement, the boundaries of the park created therein (the "Park") may be enlarged pursuant to ordinance of the County Council of the County and delivery of notice of such enlargement to Fairfield County; and,

WHEREAS, a company identified for the time being as Project Catalyst (the "Developer"), has invested in, or proposes to invest in, or cause others to invest in, and develop a mixed-use commercial development project, including retail, market rate housing, and student housing components, as well as supportive structured parking improvements (collectively, the "Project"), to be located on and, in part, comprised of, parcels located in the City, as more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Project Site"), and should the Developer's plans proceed as presently contemplated, total taxable investments by, or at the direction of, the Developer in real and personal property in the Project are anticipated to be not less than \$225,000,000; and,

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to offer an infrastructure credit to reduce the property taxes due on the Project (as more particularly defined herein, "Credit") pursuant to the terms of Section 4-1-175 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended ("Credit Act"), and an infrastructure credit agreement between the County and the Developer with respect to the Project ("Credit Agreement") to provide Credits against certain of the Developer's payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project for the purpose of assisting in paying certain costs of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving or expanding infrastructure and for improved and unimproved real estate and personal property, including, but not limited to, machinery and equipment, used in the operation of the Project (collectively, "Infrastructure"); and,

WHEREAS, to grant the Developer the full value of the Credit with respect to the Project, the County now desires to also locate the Project Site in the Park the County has jointly developed with Fairfield, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and

Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (“Park Act” and, together with the Credit Act, “Act”); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and the Park Agreement, following application of the Credit, the payments in lieu of taxes generated from the Project will be distributed as set forth in the Park Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, because the Project is located within the City’s geographical borders, the City must consent to the inclusion of the Project Site within the boundaries of the Park; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the City now desires to consent to the inclusion of the Project Site in the Park; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council this 17th day of June, 2025 that the City hereby consents to the inclusion of the Project Site in the Park, which consent is conditioned upon the following:

1. The County’s adoption, by resolution or ordinance, authorizing the inclusion of the Project Site in the Park and delivery of written notice to Fairfield County, pursuant to Section 1.02 of the Park Agreement; provided, the Project shall not be removed from the Park for so long as the Developer is receiving Credits as a result of inclusion in the Park.

2. The County's approval, execution and delivery of the Credit Agreement related to the Project.

3. The Credit Agreement will provide that (a) the Developer will make payments in lieu of taxes related to the Project (“PILOT”) during the term of the Credit Agreement, which PILOT shall be in the total amount equivalent to the *ad valorem* taxes or other fee in lieu of tax payments that would have been due and payable with respect to the Project but for the location of the Project in the Park; (b) the annual PILOT payment payable from the Developer to the County will be subject to reduction by a 50% infrastructure credit (herein defined as the “Credit”) to reimburse the Developer’s Infrastructure costs; (c) the term of the Credit shall not exceed thirty years (unless consented to in writing by the City), as shall be set forth in the Credit Agreement; (d) in each year during the term of the Credit, the City will be entitled to receive the portion of the PILOT payment (net of the Credit, as applicable) as provided in the Park Agreement; and (e) the Property will be deemed removed from the Park upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Credit Agreement.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Project proceeds in a phased approach, the time limit for the Project Credit period as allowed in this Ordinance shall be as set forth in Section 3 hereof, and the timeline for additional phases shall be for the period of time or Credit amount that remains available on the original period and shall not have a new beginning date.

5. The City Manager is authorized to execute any documents and take any further action as may be reasonably necessary to further the intent of this Ordinance.

6. Approval of this Ordinance does not constitute a development approval, as all regulatory permitting and approval requirements remain in effect, the requirement of such is not altered in any way by the approval of this Ordinance. The Project must progress forward at a reasonable pace for a project of this magnitude or else the Park inclusion approval, which facilitates the Credit, will be repealed by the City.

7. Any prior ordinance, resolution or order, the terms of which are in conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Palen

Mayor



Approved by:

Cherise A. Wilson
City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Quiana L. Hammond
City Clerk

Introduced: 06/10/2025
Final Reading: 06/17/2025

EXHIBIT A
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land containing 109,404 square feet (2.512 acres) situated in the City of Columbia, County of Richland, South Carolina as shown on a plat prepared for Columbia Center, L.P. by B. P. Barber & Associates, Inc., dated November 14, 1990, and recorded in Plat Book 53, at page 2997, and being more particularly shown on said plat as having the following metes and bounds: Beginning at the point of intersection of the northwestern right-of-way line of Washington Street with the northeastern right-of-way line of Assembly Street, thence along the northeast right-of-way line of Assembly Street the following courses and distances: N19°51'03"W for a distance of 274.12 feet to a point; and N19°54'31"W for a distance of 144.96 feet to the point of intersection of said right-of-way line of Assembly Street with the southeastern right-of-way line of Hampton Street; thence cornering and running along said right-of-way line of Hampton Street N70°06'32"E for a distance of 214.31 feet to a point; thence turning and running along property of NYL-1444 Main Joint Venture S19°41'00"E for a distance of 178.90 feet to a point; thence cornering and continuing along property of NYL-1444 Main Joint Venture N69°39'19"E for a distance of 204.71 feet to a point located on the southwestern right-of-way line of Main Street the following courses and distances S19°41'00"E for a distance of 9.35 feet to a point and S19°58'40"E for a distance of 126.71 feet to a point; thence turning and running along a twelve story office building owned by MS Joint Venture S70°08'34"W for a distance of 156.85 feet to a point; thence continuing S70°08'34"W for a distance of 10 feet along property owned by The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; thence turning and running N19°38'57"W for a distance of 4.40 feet to a point; thence turning and running S69°18'34"W for a distance of 41.55 feet to a point; thence turning and running S19°38'57"E for a distance of 4.40 feet to a point; thence turning and running S68°46'44"W for a distance of 70.44 feet to a point located at the northwesternmost corner of property now of Elizabeth A. Fuller; thence turning and running S19°53'19"E for a distance of 103.77 feet to a point located on the northwestern right-of-way line of Washington Street; thence turning and running along said right-of-way line S70°09'55"W for a distance of 139.86 feet to the point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH all of Seller's right, title, and interest, if any, in and to any adjoining strips, gores, rights-of-way, streets, alleys or ways, as well as Seller's rights and interests established by that certain Agreement recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Richland County in Book 322 at Page 30. TMS Numbers: 09013-04-04, 09013-04-05, 09013-04-10, 09013-04-19 and 09013-04-21.

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