

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2020-061**

*Certifying Building Site as an Abandoned Building Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding property located at 1544 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina  
Richland County TMS # R09014-09-24*

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WHEREAS, the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013 (the "Act") was enacted in Title 12, Chapter 67 of the South Carolina Code of Laws to create an incentive for the rehabilitation, renovation and redevelopment of abandoned buildings located in South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Act provides that restoration of abandoned buildings into productive assets for the communities in which they are located serves a public and corporate purpose and results in job opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Section 12-67-120 of the Act provides the following definitions (in pertinent part):

(1) "Abandoned Building" means a building or structure, which clearly may be delineated from other buildings or structures, at least sixty-six percent of the space in which has been closed continuously to business or otherwise nonoperational for income producing purposes for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the date on which the taxpayer files a "Notice of Intent to Rehabilitate". For purposes of this item, a building or structure that otherwise qualified as an "abandoned building" may be subdivided into separate units or parcels, which units or parcels may be owned by the same taxpayer or different taxpayers, and each unit or parcel is deemed to be an abandoned building site for purposes of determining whether each subdivided parcel is considered to be abandoned.

(2) "Building Site" means the abandoned building together with the parcel of land upon which it is located and other improvements located on the parcel. However, the area of the building site is limited to the land upon which the abandoned building is located and the land immediately surrounding such building used for parking and other similar purposes directly related to the building's income producing use; and,

WHEREAS, Section 12-67-140 of the Act provides that a taxpayer who rehabilitates an abandoned building is eligible for a credit against certain income taxes; and,

WHEREAS, 1544 Main Street, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company ("Taxpayer") is the developer of certain real property located at 1544 Main Street, Columbia S.C. (the "Property"), as identified on the Richland County Tax Maps as TMS # R09014-09-24; and,

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, 1544 Main Street, LLC filed with the South Carolina Department of Revenue a Notice of Intent to Rehabilitate the property for development into restaurant and/or commercial office space; and,

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the city limits of Columbia, South Carolina; and,

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WHEREAS, the Taxpayer has requested that the City certify that the Building Site are abandoned as defined by Section 12-67-120; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council this 2nd day of June, 2020, that the City of Columbia makes the following certifications under the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013 (S.C. Code Section 12-67-100, et seq.):

Section 1. The Property is an Abandoned Building Site as defined in Section 12-67-120(1); and

Section 2. The geographic area of the Building Site is consistent with Section 12-67-120(2) of the Act.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Gentry

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

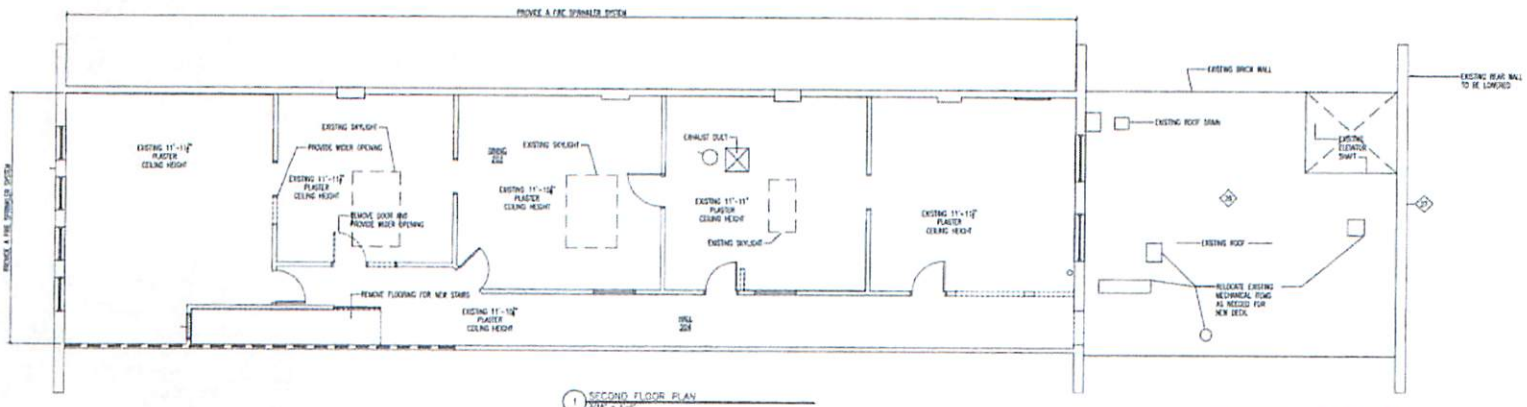
T. A. Knox  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

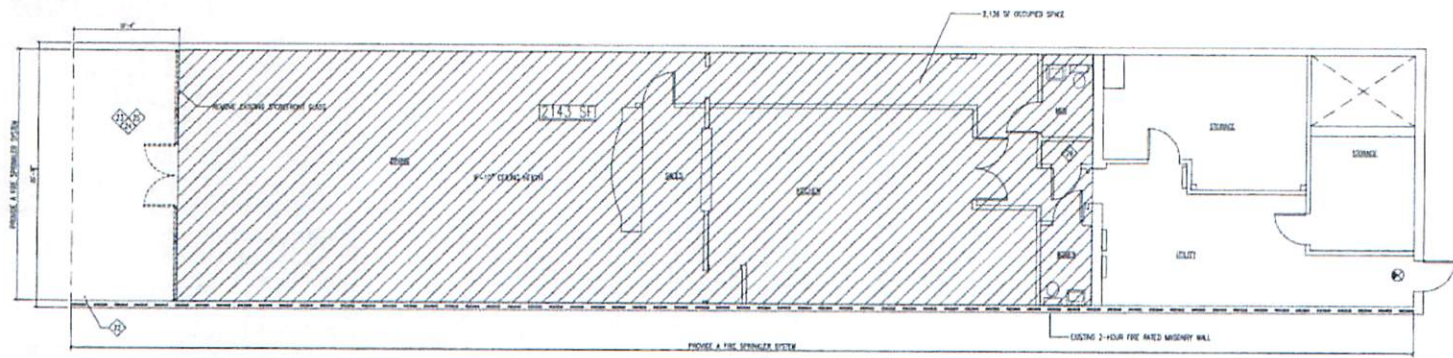
Introduced: 6/2/2020

Final Reading: 6/2/2020



1 SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
NOT TO SCALE

----- EXISTING WALL TO DEMOLISH  
 ===== EXISTING WALL TO REMAIN



2 FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
NOT TO SCALE

TOTAL GROSS BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE = 6,473 SF  
 BASEMENT = 814 SF  
 1ST FLOOR = 5,096 SF  
 2ND FLOOR = 2,525 SF  
 OCCUPIED RENOV SQUARE FOOTAGE  
 1ST FLOOR = 2,134 SF  
 PERCENTAGE OF APPROX SQUARE FOOTAGE = 67%

<b>DRAKE'S DUCK-IN</b> <b>1544 MAIN STREET</b> <b>COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	
SHEET NO. <b>A0.0</b>	REVISIONS NO.   DATE   DESCRIPTION 1   11/13   2   11/13
OF FLOOR NO.	APPROVALS ARCHITECT: [Signature] ENGINEER: [Signature] DESIGNER: [Signature] CHECKED BY: [Signature]
DATE: 05.31.18	No. 10000 Registered Professional Architect Architectural Concepts AG P.O. Box 22328 • Columbia, South Carolina 29221 Phone: (803) 733-1000 Fax: (803) 733-1001 Website: www.architecturalconcepts.com

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**Address**

Address	1544 MAIN ST
Municipality	Columbia
School District	Richland School District 1
Garbage Coll. Day	No Pickup
Recycling Coll. Day	No Pickup
Yard Trash Coll. Day	No Pickup
Latitude	34.00633
Longitude	-81.03524
Elevation	311 ft

**Census**

Year	2010	2000	1990
Avg Hshid Income	\$42,554	\$19,722	\$18,274
Avg Home Value	\$236,100	\$112,500	\$150,000
Pop. Density (/sqmi)	7,690	1,802	1,394

**Property**

TMS	R09014-09-24
Owner	1544 MAIN LLC
Beds	0.0
Baths	2.0
Heated Sqft	2,575
Year Built	1929
Tax District	1CC
Land Value	\$209,000
Building Value	\$201,100
Taxable Value	\$410,100
Market Value	\$410,100
Last Sale	\$460,000 (05/29/2015)
Zoning	C-5
Secondary Zoning	
Owner Occupied	No

**Political**

Voting Precinct	Ward 2
Voting Location	Marion Street Apartments
County Council Dist.	4
County Council Rep.	Paul Livingston
SC Senate Dist.	21
SC Senate Rep.	Darrell Jackson
SC House Dist.	74
SC House Rep.	J. Todd Rutherford
County Magistrate Dist.	COLUMBIA
County Magistrate	JUDGE STEPHANIE BESS
Congressional Dist.	6
Congressional Rep.	James Clyburn
Sheriff Region	3

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE I-77 CORRIDOR REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK JOINTLY DEVELOPED WITH FAIRFIELD COUNTY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN RICHLAND COUNTY; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS TO A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT NOVEL; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, Richland County ("County"), acting by and through its County Council ("County Council"), is authorized pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (collectively, "Act"), to (i) develop a multicounty park with counties having contiguous borders with the County; and (ii) include property in the multicounty park, which inclusion under the terms of the Act (A) makes such property exempt from *ad valorem* property taxes, and (B) changes the character of the annual receipts from such property to fees-in-lieu of *ad valorem* property taxes in an amount equal to the *ad valorem* taxes that would have been due and payable but for the location of the property in such multicounty park ("Fee Payments");

WHEREAS, the County is further authorized by Section 4-1-175 of the Act, to grant credits against Fee Payments ("Public Infrastructure Credit") to pay costs of, amongst other things, designing, acquiring, constructing, improving or expanding infrastructure serving the County (collectively, "Public Infrastructure");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided in the Act, the County has developed with Fairfield County, South Carolina ("Fairfield"), the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park ("Park") and executed the Amended and Restated Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park, dated September 1, 2018 ("Park Agreement"), which governs the operation of the Park;

WHEREAS, a company identified for the time being as Project Novel, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (and/or a related or affiliated entity, collectively or alternatively, the "Company"), has, as part of a commercial development to be located in the County, committed to establish market rate housing in the County ("Project") including, and to be located on, land more particularly identified in the Agreement (as hereinafter defined) ("Land"), consisting of total taxable investment by the Company in real and personal property of not less than \$80,000,000, and in connection with the Project, anticipates making investment in certain Public Infrastructure;

WHEREAS, at the Company's request, the County desires to expand the boundaries of the Park and to amend the Park Agreement to include the Land and other real and personal property comprising the Project ("Property") in the Park; and

WHEREAS, the County further desires to enter into a Public Infrastructure Credit Agreement between the County and the Company, the substantially final form of which is attached as Exhibit A ("Agreement"), to provide Public Infrastructure Credits against the Company's Fee Payments with respect to the Project for the purpose of assisting in paying the costs of certain Public Infrastructure invested by the Company at, in, or in connection with, the Project, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council as follows:

**Section 1. Statutory Findings.** Based on representations made by the Company to the County, the County finds that the Project and the Public Infrastructure will enhance the economic development of the County and promote the welfare of its citizens.

**Section 2. Expansion of the Park Boundaries, Inclusion of Property.** The expansion of the Park boundaries and an amendment to the Park Agreement to include the Property in the Park is authorized. The Chair of County Council ("Chair"), is authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as may be necessary to complete the expansion of the Park boundaries and the amendment to the Park Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Park Agreement, the expansion of the Park's boundaries to include the Property is complete on the adoption of this Ordinance by County Council, receipt of the consent of the City of Columbia, the municipality in which the Property is located, as to the inclusion of the Property in the Park, and delivery of written notice to Fairfield of the inclusion of the Property, which written notice shall include a copy of this Ordinance and identification of the Property.

**Section 3. Approval of Public Infrastructure Credit; Authorization to Execute and Deliver Agreement.** The Public Infrastructure Credits, as more particularly set forth in the Agreement, against the Company's Fee Payments with respect to the Project are approved. The form, terms and provisions of the Agreement that is before this meeting are approved and all of the Agreement's terms are incorporated in this Ordinance by reference as if the Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chair is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, subject to the approval of any revisions or changes as are not materially adverse to the County by the County Administrator and counsel to the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the Agreement and to deliver the Agreement to the Company.

**Section 4. Further Assurances.** The County Council confirms the authority of the Chair, the County Administrator, the Director of Economic Development and the Clerk to County Council, and various other County officials and staff, acting at the direction of the Chair, the County Administrator, the Director of Economic Development or Clerk to County Council, as appropriate, to take whatever further action and to negotiate, execute and deliver whatever further documents as may be appropriate to effect the intent of this Ordinance and the incentives offered to the Company under this Ordinance and the Agreement.

**Section 5. Savings Clause.** The provisions of this Ordinance are separable. If any part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, unenforceable then the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance is unaffected.

**Section 6. General Repealer.** Any prior ordinance, the terms of which are in conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

**Section 7. Effectiveness.** This Ordinance is effective after its third reading and public hearing.

RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council, Richland County Council

First Reading: February 18, 2020  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

EXHIBIT A  
FORM OF AGREEMENT



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**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT**

**by and between**

**RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**and**

**PROJECT NOVEL**

Effective as of: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT**

This PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT, effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 (“Agreement”), is by and between RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, a body politic and corporate, and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (“County”), and a company identified for the time being as PROJECT NOVEL, a \_\_\_\_\_ limited liability company (as hereinafter defined “Company” together with the County, “Parties,” each, a “Party”).

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the County, acting by and through its County Council (“County Council”), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (collectively, “Act”), to (i) develop multicounty parks with counties having contiguous borders with the County; and (ii) include property in the multicounty park, which inclusion under the terms of the Act (A) makes such property exempt from *ad valorem* property taxes, and (B) changes the character of the annual receipts from such property to fees-in-lieu of *ad valorem* property taxes in an amount equal to the *ad valorem* taxes that would have been due and payable but for the location of the property in such multicounty park (“Fee Payments”);

WHEREAS, the County is further authorized by Section 4-1-175 of the Act to grant credits against Fee Payments (“Public Infrastructure Credit”) to pay costs of, amongst other things, designing, acquiring, constructing, improving or expanding public infrastructure serving the County (collectively, “Public Infrastructure”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided in the Act, the County has developed with Fairfield County, South Carolina, the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park (“Park”) and executed the “Amended and Restated Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park” dated September 1, 2018 (“Park Agreement”), which governs the operation of the Park;

WHEREAS, as part of a commercial development to be located in the County, the Company has committed to establish market rate housing in the County (“Project”) including, and to be located on, land more particularly identified by Exhibit A (“Land”), consisting of total taxable investment by the Company in real and personal property of not less than \$80,000,000, and in connection with the Project, anticipates making investment in certain Public Infrastructure as further described herein;

WHEREAS, by an ordinance enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 (“Ordinance”), the County authorized the expansion of the boundaries of the Park and an amendment to the Park Agreement to include the Land and other real and personal property comprising the Project (“Property”) in the Park, subject to the consent to such expansion being granted by the City of Columbia, South Carolina (the “City”) in accordance with Section 4-1-170(C) of the Act;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ordinance, the County further authorized the execution and delivery of this Agreement to provide Public Infrastructure Credits against the Company’s Fee Payments with respect to the Project for the purpose of assisting in paying the costs of certain Public Infrastructure invested by the Company at, in, or in connection with, the Project, subject to the terms and conditions below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the respective representations and agreements hereinafter contained, the County and the Company agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
REPRESENTATIONS**

**Section 1.1. *Representations by the County.*** The County represents to the Company as follows:

- (a) The County is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina;
- (b) The County is authorized and empowered by the provisions of the Act to enter into and carry out its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) The County has duly authorized and approved the execution and delivery of this Agreement by adoption of the Ordinance in accordance with the procedural requirements of the Act and any other applicable state law;
- (d) The County is not in default of any of its obligations (contractual or otherwise) as a result of entering into and performing its obligations under this Agreement;
- (e) The County has approved the inclusion of the Property in the Park; and
- (f) Based on representations made by the Company to the County, the County has determined the Project and the Public Infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the Company Public Infrastructure, will enhance the economic development of the County and promote the welfare of its citizens. Therefore, the County is entering into this Agreement for the purpose of promoting the economic development of the County and the welfare of its citizens.

**Section 1.2. *Representations and Covenants by the Company.*** The Company represents to the County as follows:

- (a) The Company is in good standing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, has power to conduct business in the State of South Carolina and enter into this Agreement, and by proper company action has authorized the officials signing this Agreement to execute and deliver it;
- (b) The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to achieve the Investment Commitment, each as defined below, at the Project;
- (c) The Company's execution and delivery of this Agreement, and its compliance with the provisions of this Agreement do not result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company is now a party or by which it is bound; and
- (d) The Company covenants to complete any and all Company Public Infrastructure (as defined herein) in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations.

**ARTICLE II  
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS**

**Section 2.1. *Investment Commitment.*** The Company shall invest not less than \$80,000,000 in taxable property in the Project ("Investment Commitment") by \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 ("Certification Deadline"). The Company shall certify to the County achievement of the Investment Commitment on a date no later than the Certification Deadline ("Certification Date"), by providing documentation, which documentation may include, without limitation, pay applications, invoices, and accounting logs, and, only with respect to the personal property portion of the Project, any SCDOR PT-100 filed by the Company with respect to the

Project, to the County's Economic Development Department sufficient to reflect achievement of the Investment Commitment, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the County. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Certification Date shall not be later than, and may not be extended past, the last day of the year which is five years after the effective date of this Agreement. If the Company fails to achieve and so certify the Investment Commitment by the Certification Deadline, the County may terminate this Agreement and, upon any such termination, the Company shall no longer be entitled to any further benefits under this Agreement.

**Section 2.2. Public Infrastructure Commitment.**

(a) Prior to receiving the Public Infrastructure Credits under this Agreement, the Company shall make an investment in Public Infrastructure in the County which may be comprised of any or all of the following improvements and facilities benefitting the public or dedicated to public use: water, sewer, or stormwater improvements, greenspaces, recreation or community facilities, pedestrian or transportation facilities, parking facilities, facade redevelopment, roadway improvements, and energy production or communications technology infrastructure. Public Infrastructure may also include expenditures on the eradication of blight.

(b) In connection with the Project, the Company has committed with commercially reasonable efforts to invest in the Public Infrastructure as described on Exhibit B hereto ("Company Public Infrastructure"). The Company shall certify its actual investment in the Company Public Infrastructure to the County on the Certification Date, by providing documentation, which documentation may include, without limitation, pay applications, invoices, and accounting logs, to the County's Economic Development Department sufficient to reflect the Company's investment in the Company Public Infrastructure, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the County. If the Company fails to substantially complete the Company Public Infrastructure by the Certification Deadline in the cumulative total investment amount set forth in Exhibit B hereto, then the Company may not be entitled to the full value of the Public Infrastructure Credit as provided by this Agreement.

(c) Following the Certification Date, the County's Economic Development Department shall have 30 days ("Verification Deadline") to verify the Company's investment in the Company Public Infrastructure. The County has the right to exclude from the investment in Company Public Infrastructure certified by the Company any costs the County determines, in its sole discretion, to be ineligible costs. The County may also reject any Company Public Infrastructure investment as ineligible if the County determines, in its sole discretion, that it has not been completed in a workmanlike manner or in accordance with applicable codes or regulations. The County's Economic Development Department shall, on a date no later than the Verification Deadline (the "Verification Date"), provide to the Company, by written notice, the County's determination of the verified amount of Company Public Infrastructure investment. Failure to provide such a written determination by the Verification Deadline shall be deemed to be a determination by the County that all Company Public Infrastructure investment certified by the Company is verified as eligible costs, and, in such event, the Verification Date shall be deemed to be the Verification Deadline.

**Section 2.3. Public Infrastructure Credit.**

(a) To assist in paying for costs of Company Public Infrastructure, the County shall provide a Public Infrastructure Credit against each of the Company's Fee Payments due with respect to the Project, commencing with the first Fee Payment following the Verification Date. The term, amount and calculation of the Public Infrastructure Credit is described in Exhibit B.

(b) For each tax year for which the Company is entitled to a Public Infrastructure Credit ("Credit Term"), the County shall prepare and issue the Company's annual Fee Payment bill with respect

to the Project net of the Public Infrastructure Credit set forth in **Section 2.3 (a)** (“Net Fee Payment”). Following receipt of the bill, the Company shall timely remit the Net Fee Payment to the County in accordance with applicable law.

(c) THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS PROVIDED BY THIS AGREEMENT ARE LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY. THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS ARE DERIVED SOLELY FROM AND TO THE EXTENT OF THE FEE PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COMPANY TO THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE ACT AND THE PARK AGREEMENT. THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS DO NOT AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY OR ANY MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY LIMITATION AND DO NOT AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO A PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY OR ANY MUNICIPALITY OR A CHARGE AGAINST THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWER OF THE COUNTY OR ANY MUNICIPALITY. THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWER OF THE COUNTY OR ANY MUNICIPALITY ARE NOT PLEDGED FOR THE PROVISION OF THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS.

(d) The County makes no representation or warranty with respect to the Company Public Infrastructure. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the extension of the Public Infrastructure Credit do not constitute a commitment by the County to maintain the Company Public Infrastructure.

**Section 2.4. Filings; Administration.** To assist the County in administering the Public Infrastructure Credit, with respect to the Company’s Fee Payments due with respect to the personal property portion of the Project, the Company shall, for each tax year corresponding to the Credit Term, prepare and file a separate schedule to the SCDOR PT-100 with respect to the personal property portion of the Project. Additionally, the Company shall, on or before January 31 of each year following the commencement of the Credit Term, deliver to the Economic Development Director of the County the information required by the terms of the County’s Resolution dated December 12, 2017, which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, as may be amended by subsequent resolution, with respect to the Company. The County and the Company further acknowledge and agree that the Land, as identified by Exhibit A as of the original execution and delivery of this Agreement, reflects the present anticipation as to the general boundaries of the land upon which the Project will be located and that, as the specific boundaries upon which the Project will be located are delineated, as an additional means of assisting the County in administering the Public Infrastructure Credit, the Company and the County will work cooperatively to properly assign the Project with a specific identifying description including, but not limited to, one or more tax map numbers.

**Section 2.5 Cumulative Public Infrastructure Credit.** The cumulative dollar amount of the Public Infrastructure Credit shall not exceed the amount invested by the Company in Company Public Infrastructure, as verified, or deemed verified, by the County on or before the Verification Deadline. The County Economic Development Department shall provide the verified investment amount to the County Auditor for purposes of applying the Public Infrastructure Credit in accordance with **Section 2.3** of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE III DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

**Section 3.1. Events of Default.** The following are “Events of Default” under this Fee Agreement:

(a) Failure by the Company to make a Net Fee Payment, which failure has not been cured within 30 days following receipt of written notice from the County specifying the delinquency in payment and requesting that it be remedied;

(b) An abandonment or closure of the Project; for purposes of this Agreement, “abandonment or closure of the Project” means failure to place all or a portion of the Project in service by December 31, 2025;

(c) A representation or warranty made by the Company which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made;

(d) Failure by the Company to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants under this Agreement (other than those described in **Sections 2.1 and 2.2** and under (a) above), which failure has not been cured within 30 days after written notice from the County to the Company specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the Company has instituted corrective action within the 30-day period and is diligently pursuing corrective action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period is extended to include the period during which the Company is diligently pursuing corrective action;

(e) A representation or warranty made by the County which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made; or

(f) Failure by the County to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder, which failure has not been cured within 30 days after written notice from the Company to the County specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the County has instituted corrective action within the 30-day period and is diligently pursuing corrective action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period is extended to include the period during which the County is diligently pursuing corrective action.

**Section 3.2. Remedies on Default.**

(a) If an Event of Default by the Company has occurred and is continuing, then the County may take any one or more of the following remedial actions:

(i) terminate the Agreement; or

(ii) take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect amounts due or otherwise remedy the Event of Default or recover its damages.

(b) If an Event of Default by the County has occurred and is continuing, the Company may take one or more of the following actions:

(i) bring an action for specific enforcement;

(ii) terminate the Agreement; or

(iii) in case of a materially incorrect representation or warranty, take such action as is appropriate, including legal action, to recover its damages, to the extent allowed by law.

**Section 3.3. Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Other Expenses.** On the occurrence of an Event of Default, if a Party is required to employ attorneys or incur other reasonable expenses for the collection of payments due under this Agreement or for the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligation or agreement, the prevailing Party is entitled to seek reimbursement of the reasonable fees of such attorneys and such other reasonable expenses so incurred.

**Section 3.4. Remedies Not Exclusive.** No remedy described in this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy is cumulative and in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement or existing at law or in equity or by statute.

**Section 3.5. Nonwaiver.** A delay or omission by the Company or County to exercise any right or power accruing on an Event of Default does not waive such right or power and is not deemed to be a waiver or acquiescence of the Event of Default. Every power and remedy given to the Company or County by this Agreement may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

#### ARTICLE IV MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 4.1. Examination of Records; Confidentiality.**

(a) The County and its authorized agents, at any reasonable time on prior notice, may enter and examine the Project and have access to and examine the Company's books and records relating to the Project for the purposes of (i) identifying the Project; (ii) confirming achievement of the Investment Commitment; (iii) verifying the investment in Public Infrastructure; and (iv) permitting the County to carry out its duties and obligations in its sovereign capacity (such as, without limitation, for such routine health and safety purposes as would be applied to any other manufacturing or commercial facility in the County).

(b) The County acknowledges that the Company may utilize confidential and proprietary processes and materials, services, equipment, trade secrets, and techniques ("Confidential Information") and that disclosure of the Confidential Information could result in substantial economic harm to the Company. The Company may clearly label any Confidential Information delivered to the County pursuant to this Agreement as "Confidential Information." Except as required by law, the County, or any employee, agent, or contractor of the County, shall not disclose or otherwise divulge any labeled Confidential Information to any other person, firm, governmental body or agency. The Company acknowledges that the County is subject to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, and, as a result, must disclose certain documents and information on request, absent an exemption. If the County is required to disclose any Confidential Information to a third party, the County will use its best efforts to provide the Company with as much advance notice as is reasonably possible of such disclosure requirement prior to making such disclosure and to cooperate reasonably with any attempts by the Company to obtain judicial or other relief from such disclosure requirement.

**Section 4.2. Assignment.** The Company may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights and interest in this Agreement on prior written consent of the County, which may be given by resolution, and which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any assignment of this Agreement, in whole or in part, to an affiliated entity of the Company is hereby approved without any further action of the County Council. The County's Director of Economic Development must receive notice of any assignment to an affiliated entity of the Company. For purposes of this Agreement, "affiliated entity" shall mean any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other person or entity which now or hereafter owns all or part of the Company or which is now or hereafter owned in whole or in part by the Company, or by any partner, shareholder or owner of the Company, and shall also include any subsidiary, affiliate or other person, individual, or entity who now or hereafter bears a relationship to the Company as described in Section 267(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 4.3. Provisions of Agreement for Sole Benefit of County and Company.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied confers on any person or entity other than the County and the Company any right, remedy, or claim under or by

reason of this Agreement, this Agreement being intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the County and the Company.

**Section 4.4. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared illegal, invalid, or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Agreement are unimpaired, and the Parties shall reform such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision to effectuate most closely the legal, valid, and enforceable intent of this Agreement.

**Section 4.5. Limitation of Liability.**

(a) The County is not liable to the Company for any costs, expenses, losses, damages, claims or actions in connection with this Agreement, except from amounts received by the County from the Company under this Agreement.

(b) All covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the County contained in this Agreement are binding on members of the County Council or any elected official, officer, agent, servant or employee of the County only in his or her official capacity and not in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse for the payment of any moneys or performance of any of the covenants and agreements under this Agreement or for any claims based on this Agreement may be had against any member of County Council or any elected official, officer, agent, servant or employee of the County except solely in their official capacity.

(c) The County is not responsible for the Company Public Infrastructure and disclaims all liability with respect to the Company Public Infrastructure.

**Section 4.6. Indemnification Covenant.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) below, the Company shall indemnify and save the County, its employees, elected officials, officers and agents (each, an "Indemnified Party") harmless against and from all liability or claims arising from the County's execution of this Agreement, performance of the County's obligations under this Agreement or the administration of its duties pursuant to this Agreement, or otherwise by virtue of the County having entered into this Agreement.

(b) The County is entitled to use counsel of its choice and the Company shall reimburse the County for all of its costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the response to or defense against such liability or claims as described in paragraph (a) above. The County shall provide a statement of the costs incurred in the response or defense, and the Company shall pay the County within 30 days of receipt of the statement. The Company may request reasonable documentation evidencing the costs shown on the statement. However, the County is not required to provide any documentation which may be privileged or confidential to evidence the costs.

(c) The County may request the Company to resist or defend against any claim on behalf of an Indemnified Party. On such request, the Company shall resist or defend against such claim on behalf of the Indemnified Party, at the Company's expense. The Company is entitled to use counsel of its choice, manage and control the defense of or response to such claim for the Indemnified Party; provided the Company is not entitled to settle any such claim without the consent of that Indemnified Party.

(d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company is not required to indemnify any Indemnified Party against or reimburse the County for costs arising from any claim or liability (i) occasioned by the acts of that Indemnified Party, which are unrelated to the execution of this Agreement, performance of the County's obligations under this Agreement, or the administration of its duties under this



Agreement, or otherwise by virtue of the County having entered into this Agreement; or (ii) resulting from that Indemnified Party's own negligence, bad faith, fraud, deceit, or willful misconduct.

(e) An Indemnified Party may not avail itself of the indemnification or reimbursement of costs provided in this Section unless it provides the Company with prompt notice, reasonable under the circumstances, of the existence or threat of any claim or liability, including, without limitation, copies of any citations, orders, fines, charges, remediation requests, or other claims or threats of claims, in order to afford the Company notice, reasonable under the circumstances, within which to defend or otherwise respond to a claim.

**Section 4.7. Notices.** All notices, certificates, requests, or other communications under this Agreement are sufficiently given and are deemed given, unless otherwise required by this Agreement, when (i) delivered and confirmed by United States first-class, registered mail, postage prepaid or (ii) sent by facsimile, and addressed as follows:

- if to the County: Richland County, South Carolina  
Attn: Director of Economic Development  
2020 Hampton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29204  
Phone: 803.576.2043  
Fax: 803.576.2137
  
- with a copy to  
(does not constitute notice): Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP  
Attn: Ray E. Jones  
1221 Main Street, Suite 1100 (29201)  
Post Office Box 1509  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202  
Phone: 803.255.8000  
Fax: 803.255.8017
  
- if to the Company: PROJECT NOVEL  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- with a copy to Tushar V. Chikhliker, Esq.  
Nexsen Pruet, LLC  
1230 Main Street, Suite 700 (29201)  
Post Office Box 2426  
Columbia, South Carolina (29202)  
Phone: 803.771.8900  
Fax: 803.253.8277

The County and the Company may, by notice given under this Section, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

**Section 4.8. Administrative Fees.** The Company will reimburse, or cause reimbursement to, the County for the Administration Expenses in an amount not exceeding \$5,000. The Company will reimburse

the County for its Administration Expenses on receipt of a written request from the County or at the County's direction, which request shall include a statement of the amount and nature of the Administration Expense. The Company shall pay the Administration Expenses as set forth in the written request no later than 60 days following receipt of the written request from the County. For purposes of this Section, "Administration Expenses" means the reasonable expenses incurred by the County in the negotiation, approval and implementation of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, including reasonable attorneys' fees. Administration Expenses do not include any costs, expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the County (i) in defending challenges to the Fee Payments or Public Infrastructure Credits brought by third parties or the Company or its affiliates and related entities, or (ii) in connection with matters arising at the request of the Company outside of the immediate scope of this Agreement, including amendments to the terms of this Agreement. The payment by the Company of the County's Administration Expenses shall not be construed as prohibiting the County from engaging, at its discretion, the counsel of the County's choice.

**Section 4.9. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement expresses the entire understanding and all agreements of the Parties with each other, and neither Party is bound by any agreement or any representation to the other Party which is not expressly set forth in this Agreement or in certificates delivered in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

**Section 4.10 Agreement to Sign Other Documents.** From time to time, and at the expense of the Company, to the extent any expense is incurred, the County agrees to execute and deliver to the Company such additional instruments as the Company may reasonably request and as are authorized by law and reasonably within the purposes and scope of the Act and this Agreement to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.

**Section 4.11. Agreement's Construction.** Each Party and its counsel have reviewed this Agreement and any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against a drafting party does not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendments or exhibits to this Agreement.

**Section 4.12. Applicable Law.** South Carolina law, exclusive of its conflicts of law provisions that would refer the governance of this Agreement to the laws of another jurisdiction, governs this Agreement and all documents executed in connection with this Agreement.

**Section 4.13. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and all of the counterparts together constitute one and the same instrument.

**Section 4.14. Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement of the Parties.

**Section 4.15. Waiver.** Either Party may waive compliance by the other Party with any term or condition of this Agreement but the waiver is valid only if it is in a writing signed by the waiving Party.

**Section 4.16. Termination.** Unless first terminated under any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement terminates on the expiration of the Credit Term and payment by the Company of any outstanding Net Fee Payment due on the Project pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**Section 4.17. Business Day.** If any action, payment, or notice is, by the terms of this Agreement, required to be taken, made, or given on any Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the jurisdiction in which the Party obligated to act is situated, such action, payment, or notice may be taken, made, or given on the following business day with the same effect as if taken, made or given as required under this Agreement, and no interest will accrue in the interim.

*[TWO SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]*  
*[REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Richland County, South Carolina, has caused this Agreement to be executed by the appropriate officials of the County and its corporate seal to be affixed and attested, effective the day and year first above written.

**RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

*(SEAL)*  
ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Council, Richland County Council

*[SIGNATURE PAGE 1 TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, PROJECT NOVEL has caused this Agreement to be executed by its authorized officer(s), effective the day and year first above written.

**PROJECT NOVEL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

*[SIGNATURE PAGE 2 TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT]*

EXHIBIT A

LAND DESCRIPTION

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**EXHIBIT B (See Section 2.2)**

**DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Company Public Infrastructure includes a parking deck that will provide 405 spaces to residents of the development. In addition to the parking deck, a plaza and a park-like pathway between Assembly Street and the Richland County Public Library will be constructed, as well as general infrastructure benefiting the public around the perimeter of the Project, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. The anticipated total cost of the Company Public Infrastructure is approximately \$16,600,000, and is further detailed below:

<b>Company Public Infrastructure Budget Estimate</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks	\$38,511
Traffic Signage and Bollards	\$3,018
Street Lighting	\$55,771
Library Plaza Improvements	\$484,967
Relocate Utilities Underground	\$484,967
405 Space Private Parking Garage	\$14,759,575
General Conditions	\$860,136
<b>Total Projected Company Public Infrastructure Costs</b>	<b>\$16,686,945</b>

Notwithstanding anything above or in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company and the County acknowledge and agree that: (i) the Company Public Infrastructure shall, subject to the provisions of **Section 2.2(c)** of this Agreement, include, in addition to that described and delineated above, any Public Infrastructure invested in by the Company in connection with the Project and consisting of improvements or infrastructure included within the description of Public Infrastructure set forth in **Section 2.2** of this Agreement; and, (ii) the specific line item budget amounts listed above are current estimates and the actual expenditures made by the Company with respect to each such line item may fluctuate as the Project develops.

**EXHIBIT C** (See Section 2.3)

**DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT**

The County shall provide a 50% Public Infrastructure Credit against the Fee Payments due and owing from the Company to the County with respect to the Project as provided in this Agreement, provided, the cumulative total amount of the Public Infrastructure Credit shall not exceed the Company's investment in the Company Public Infrastructure.

The Company is eligible to receive the Public Infrastructure Credit against each of the Company's Fee Payments due with respect to the Project for a period of 10 consecutive years, beginning with the first such Fee Payment due with respect to the Project following the Verification Date and ending on the earlier of the 10<sup>th</sup> year or the year in which the cumulative total amount of the Public Infrastructure Credit equals the Company's investment in the Company Public Infrastructure ("Credit Term").



EXHIBIT D (See Section 2.5)  
RICHLAND COUNTY RESOLUTION REQUIRING CERTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY PRACTICES CONCERNING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE DECEMBER 21, 2010,  
RESOLUTION REQUIRING CERTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY  
PRACTICES CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS IN RICHLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, Richland County Council adopted a resolution dated as of December 21, 2010 ("Prior Resolution"), which requires companies receiving economic development incentives from Richland County, South Carolina ("County") to submit annual reports to the Richland County Economic Development Office; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to make the form of the annual reports submitted by such companies uniform in order to make the substantive information contained in the annual reports more easily tracked and documented by the Richland County Economic Development Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Richland County Council as follows:

**Section 1.** The County affirms that each company awarded an incentive by the County in exchange for the location or expansion of a facility or facilities within the County shall submit an annual report to the Richland County Economic Development Office by January 31 of each year throughout the term of the incentives.

**Section 2.** The Richland County Economic Development Office is authorized to create (and from time to time, if necessary, amend or recreate) and make available the form of the annual report; however, such form, shall require, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. Name of company;
- b. Cumulative capital investment (less any removed investment) to date as a result of the project;
- c. Net jobs created to date as a result of the project;

**Section 3.** A copy of the then-current form of the annual report may be obtained from the following address. The annual report shall likewise be submitted to the following address by the required date.

Richland County Economic Development Office  
Attention: Kim Mann  
1201 Main Street, Suite 910  
Columbia, SC 29201

**Section 4.** This Resolution amends the Prior Resolution and sets forth the County's requirements with respect to the annual reports to be submitted by each company awarded an incentive by the County as described in Section 1.

**Section 5.** The substance of this Resolution shall be incorporated into the agreement between the County and each company with respect to the incentives granted by the County to the company.

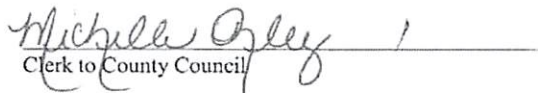
**Section 6.** In the event that any company shall fail to submit an annual report, or any portion thereof, such company may be required to return all incentives, or a dollar amount equal thereof, to the County. Such incentives, or the dollar amount equal thereto, shall be paid to the County within 60 days after the date upon which the information was originally due.

RESOLVED: December 12 2017

RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

  
Chair, Richland County Council

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

  
Clerk to County Council

