AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A ZONING PLAN AND ORDINANCE FOR MCCORMICK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the McCormick County Planning Commission has worked very diligently on a proposed zoning ordinance for the County of McCormick; and

WHEREAS, the McCormick County Planning Commission has held several meetings and public hearings concerning the proposed zoning ordinance for the County of McCormick; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2009, the McCormick County Planning Commission held a special called meeting at which time -- by affirmative votes of a majority of the entire membership of the McCormick County Planning Commission -- the Planning Commission approved the proposed zoning ordinance as a recommendation to McCormick County Council and authorized the transmittal of the proposed zoning ordinance to McCormick County Council for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the McCormick County Council has reviewed and studied the proposed zoning plan and ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission and has held a public hearing to receive comment concerning this plan and ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance and the zoning plan is to: 1) to provide regulations necessary to facilitate safe and orderly growth; 2) to ensure that growth becomes an integral part of the community and existing developments; and 3) to promote civic awareness and responsibility and to enhance the quality of life for the entire County; and

WHEREAS, the regulations contained in this Zoning Ordinance are designed to:

1. Provide for adequate light, air, and open space;

2. Prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population, and to lessen congestion in the streets;

3. Facilitate the creation of a convenient, attractive, and harmonious community;

4. Protect and preserve scenic, historic, or ecologically sensitive areas;
5. Regulate the density and distribution of populations and the uses of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, forestry, conservation, airports, and approaches thereto, water supply, sanitation, protection against floods, public activities, and other purposes;

6. Facilitate the adequate provision or availability of transportation, police and fire protection, water, sewer, parks, and other recreational facilities, affordable housing, disaster evacuation, and other public services and requirements;

7. Protect from fire, flood, and other damages; and

8. Further the public welfare in any other regard specified by a local governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of McCormick County, South Carolina as follows:

SECTION 1: That the McCormick County Zoning Ordinance attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference - is hereby adopted as the zoning ordinance and plan for McCormick County, South Carolina.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective upon third reading.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2009.

MCCORMICK COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Charles Jennings, Chairman

ATTEST:

Crystal B. Barnes, Clerk to Council

1st Reading: June 30, 2009
2nd Reading: July 21, 2009
Public Hearing: August 27, 2009
3rd Reading: September 15, 2009