

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) RESOLUTION NO. 24-17
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DORCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT THE STUDIES RELATED TO THE IMPOSITION OF A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE APPLICABLE WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR AND ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR GRADES K-12 CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CHILDREN AND RECOMMEND A RESULTING IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, Dorchester County, a body politic and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (County), has adopted a comprehensive plan, as provided in Chapter 29 of Title 6, South Carolina Code of Laws; and,

WHEREAS, as a Governmental Entity which has adopted a Comprehensive Plan, Dorchester County by and through its County Council is authorized by the South Carolina Development Impact Fee Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 6-1-910, et seq. (Act), to initiate a process whereby its Dorchester County Planning Commission (Commission) may conduct studies and recommend an impact fee Ordinance, developed in accordance with the requirements of Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 9 (Development Impact Fees), South Carolina Code of Laws; and,

WHEREAS, the County finds that the geographic area of Dorchester County comprising Dorchester School District Four (District) will be experiencing rapid population growth and development in the future; and

WHEREAS, the County will experience the effects of direct impacts of this growth to the public facilities throughout the County and within the area comprising the District; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the land acquisition, construction, and equipping of public education facilities necessitated by population growth are significant and expensive; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that it is fair and equitable for new residential development resulting from that projected population growth to fund, in whole or in part, as may be permitted by the Act, the cost of new public education facilities whose need will result from such new residential development; and,

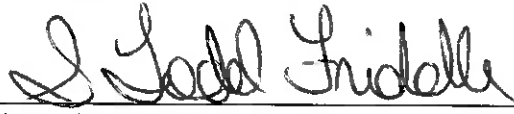
WHEREAS, the County finds that the projected population growth requires consideration for an impact fee related to the public education facilities within the District for grades K-12 including, but not limited to, schools, offices, classrooms, parking areas, playgrounds, libraries, cafeterias, gymnasiums, health and music rooms, computer and science laboratories, and other facilities considered necessary for the proper public education of the children of the State of South Carolina including the children within the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

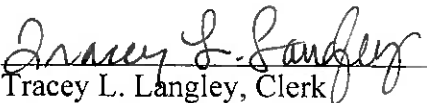
1. The Commission is hereby directed to conduct the required studies and recommend an impact fee ordinance in conformity with the South Carolina Development Impact Fee Act based upon the results of those studies;
2. The Dorchester County Planning Director or her designee(s) shall act as liaison(s) between the Commission and Dorchester County Council and serve as the facilitator(s) with such County designated consultants, County personnel, and District Personnel who may be tasked to assist in the performance of the statutory requirements incident to the generation of the Impact Fee including, but not limited to, the performance of any required analysis and study; the generation of any required plans and reports; and, the structuring of the ultimate recommended Ordinance;
3. It is the intent of the Council that the Commission complete its assigned task with a recommendation to Council within eight months of the adoption of this Resolution or as soon thereafter as practicable;
4. The County Administrator and all other appropriate officials and employees of the County are hereby authorized to execute, deliver and receive any other agreements and documents, and perform such tasks, as may be required by the County or Commission in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the impact fee ordinance process authorized by this Resolution;
5. This Resolution shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina;
6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Council and is not intended to alter or modify and shall not be interpreted as altering or modifying currently existing impact fees and associated ordinances, if any;
7. The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder; and
8. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Commission and the District upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2024.

**DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH
CAROLINA**

By: 
S. Todd Friddle, Chairman
County Council of Dorchester County,
South Carolina

ATTEST:


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk
County Council of Dorchester County,
South Carolina