COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DORCHESTER COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, ORDINANCE #04-13, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED TO DELETE AND REPLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 12.4: TREE AND CANOPY PROTECTION STANDARDS

WHEREAS, Dorchester County has the authority to administer a "landscaping ordinance setting forth required planting, tree preservation, and other aesthetic considerations for land and structures" (§SCC-6-29-340);

WHEREAS, Dorchester County intends to conserve and enhance the natural landscape and tree canopy in its area of jurisdiction to the following ends: to protect and enhance property values; to maintain the pastoral integrity of the landscape of the county; to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat; to control storm water erosion; to reduce flooding; to provide ambient cooling; to improve air quality; to mitigate negative effects of externalities such as noise, odor, dust, and light glare; and to beautify the county;

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

Section 12.4: Tree and Canopy Protection Standards of Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards, Ordinance #04-13, as previously amended, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by a new Section 12.4, attached hereto.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading.

Approved and adopted on this 21st day of April, 2014.

William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman Dorchester County Council

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Sally Hebert, Clerk to Council