RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF COST-SHARING CAROLINA CLEAR STORMWATER PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON AND BEAUFORT COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY

WHEREAS, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, (the "SCDES") designated the Town of Bluffton (the "Town"), and portions of southern Beaufort County (the "County"), South Carolina, as regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ("SMS4") under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") General Permit #SCR030000 (the "General Permit"); and,

WHEREAS, as MS4's the Town and County have an obligation to meet SCDHEC requirements for a Stormwater Public Education and Involvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town and County recognize that it may be mutually beneficial to share in the cost of development and implementation of a Stormwater Public Education and Involvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town and the County established an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") for Stormwater Management and Utility Agreement on September 12, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the IGA was amended August 24, 2011 and again on July 1, 2016 in anticipation of MS4-designation of the Town and County; and,

WHEREAS, Article 9.00 of the July 1, 2016 IGA permits cost sharing of projects of mutual benefit to the Town and County via Memos of Agreement, Memos of Understanding, Contracts and/or Joint Resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Town and the County have previously entered into a certain "MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT" dated November 16th, 2016 (the "*Original MOA*") for Stormwater Public Education and Involvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town and County entered into the current Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") following Council authorization on August 1, 2022, which may be renewed automatically annually for a period of up to three (3) years, with an option to renew annually for an additional two (2) years, thereby extending the possible termination date until June 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest and welfare for the Parties to renew the existing MOA to continue to cooperate and coordinate the joint administration of the applicable stormwater Public Education and Involvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to authorize the Town Manager to renew the existing MOA for an additional one (1) year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to renew the MOA with the Beaufort County Stormwater Utility to cost-share for stormwater public education by Clemson Extension's Carolina Clear program.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION. SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS OF THIS 13th DAY OF November, 2025.

	Larry Toomer, Mayor Town of Bluffton, South Carolina
ATTEST:	
Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk	
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina	