

RESOLUTION

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2025 TOWN OF BLUFFTON HISTORIC RESOURCES UPDATE

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Town of Bluffton conducted its first ever town-wide historic resource survey that evaluated 84 sites within Old Town Bluffton, primarily along Calhoun and Bridge streets; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the 1994 survey, on June 21, 1996, the Bluffton Historic District, including 38 contributing structures and two natural resources, was established, and listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, after the listing of the Bluffton Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), concerns were raised that some historic resources had been omitted from inclusion in the district and between August and October 2001, a second historic resources survey was conducted to identify and document all historic architectural resources so as to include eligible properties within the district; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2007, the local Old Town Bluffton Historic District was established; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2008, the Town Council approved and adopted the Historic Resources Survey which updated the previous town-wide survey completed in 1994; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, some contributing structures have been lost which highlighted the need to update the 2008 survey data of historic resources within the Old Town Bluffton Historic District; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Town of Bluffton was awarded an Underrepresented Community Grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, State, Tribal, and Local Plans & Grants Division to perform an historic resource survey of properties within the Town of Bluffton to identify potential historic resources outside the Historic District within the Buck Island Road, Simmonsville Road, and Goethe Road corridors to inform future planning and preservation efforts, and to re-evaluate properties within Old Town Bluffton; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2021, the Town Council approved and accepted the 2019 Town of Bluffton Historic Resources Update which updated the previous town-wide survey completed in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, two new Contributing Resources were designated in the Old Town Bluffton Historic District and since 2019, additional resources have reached the age of fifty years that may meet the criteria for inclusion in the Old Town Bluffton Historic District as Contributing Resources, a fourth historic resources survey was conducted to identify and document all historic architectural resources so as to include eligible properties within the district; and

WHEREAS, the data collected will provide information needed to recommend new Contributing Resources to the Old Town Bluffton Historic District and identify other resources that may be eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the 2025 Town of Bluffton Historic Resources Update attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved and accepted by Town Council.