RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT DONATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE A PORTION OF THE PATHWAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton is pursuing additional pathway improvements throughout the Town of Bluffton to provide connectivity and pedestrian safety; and,

WHEREAS, to complete the Project, the Town needs to acquire easement interests from certain owners of certain parcels of real property at the selected pathway locations which draft easements are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (collectively, the "*Easements*"); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to accept the donations of the Easements and Town Council has determined that it is in the public interest for the Town to accept the donations and conveyances of the Easements from property owners who will voluntarily offer to execute the Easements and convey these easement interests to the Town as a donation to the Town for a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to authorize the Town Manager to execute such documents and to expend such funds as are necessary to complete the donations and conveyance of the Easements to the Town and, to the extent necessary, to ratify the Town Manager's actions related to the same.

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 acceptance of the donations and conveyance of the Easements as donations to the Town for any valid public purpose and approves the Easements in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 2. The Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Clerk are each hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to affect the donations and conveyance of the Easements as donations to the Town, including, without limitation, the acceptance and recordation of the above-referenced Easements with the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Carolina. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to pay such reasonable costs of the transaction as may be necessary.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS OF 1 2025.	
	Larry Toomer, Mayor Town of Bluffton, South Carolina
ATTEST:	
Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk Town of Bluffton, South Carolina	

EXHIBIT "A" (THE EASEMENTS)

	Property Owner	Tax Map Number	Address
1	New Riverside Association, Inc.	R610 044 000 0016 0000	New Riverside Road Right of Way,
			Bluffton, SC
2	New Riverside Village Property	R610 044 000 0157 0000	New Riverside Road Buffer Parcel,
2	Owner's Association, Inc.	R610 039 000 3721 0000	Bluffton, SC

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FINGER, MELNICK, BROOKS & LABRUCE, P.A. Attn: Brittan L. Ward Post Office Box 24005 Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29925 (843) 681-7000

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON

Attn: Town Clerk
20 Bridge Street
Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

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COUNTY OF BEAUFORT	j ,
THIS STREETSCAPE EASE	EMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered
into on this day of	, 2025, (the "Effective Date") by and between NEW RIVERSIDE

CROSSWALK EASEMENT AGREEMENT

WITNESSETH

ASSOCIATION, INC., (the "Grantor") and THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, a South Carolina municipal

corporation of 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910 (the "Town").

WHEREAS, the Grantor affirms, acknowledges and represents that Grantor is the record owner of a parcel of real property located in the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, (the "*Property*") which real property is more specifically described as:

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land located in Beaufort County, South Carolina, containing 137.193 acres, more or less, as more fully shown and described on that certain plat thereof entitled "A PLAT OF (137.193 ACRE) KNOWN AS NEW RIVERSIDE ROAD, Town of Bluffton, Beaufort County, South Carolina prepared for: New Riverside, LLC", prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., dated June 29, 2005 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Caroline in Plat Book 108 at Page 44.

THIS being the same property conveyed to Grantor by deed of New Riverside, LLC, dated December 20, 2007, and recorded on January 4, 2008, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Carolina, in Record Book 2668 at Page 1925.

Tax Map No. R610-044-000-0016-0000

Street Address: New Riverside Road Right of Way

Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

WHEREAS, the Grantee seeks to acquire a portion of the Property for a public purpose, more particularly the installation of a crosswalk across New Riverside Road, a private road in the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (herein, the "*Project*"); and,

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the Project, the Grantee will need to acquire certain permanent easement interests on the Property, which easement is specifically shown, described, and designated on **EXHIBIT "A"** hereto as "**PERMANENT EASEMENT**" consisting of approximately **10,927 SQUARE FEET**; (herein, the "*Crosswalk Easement Area*"); and

WHEREAS, the Grantor desires to show its support for the Project by conveying the requisite easements over the Easement Areas to the Grantee, as more fully set forth herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to execute this Agreement to clarify and/or set forth the scope of the easements granted to the Grantee.

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NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Grantor, for TEN AND NO/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS and no other consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby declares, grants, bargains, donates, aligns, conveys, imposes and confirms unto the Grantee, its successors, successors-in-title and assigns, and Grantee's contractors, tenants, invitees, customers, agents, and employees such non-exclusive, perpetual, commercial, and transmissible easements and rights-of-way, over, under, across, through, and upon the Easement Areas, for the benefit of the Grantee, individually and collectively for the following purposes and as more fully set forth herein, *to wit*:

- 1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The above recitals and attached exhibit(s) are hereby incorporated herein as if restated fully and are hereby made an integral part hereof so that their contents are a substantive part of this Agreement.
- 2. **Consideration and Acknowledgement of Just Compensation**. Grantor desires and agrees to convey the Easement over the Easement Area to Grantee for charitable or public uses and purposes and for no monetary consideration. Further, Grantor acknowledges that Grantor has been fully informed of Grantor's right to receive just compensation for the Easements, pursuant to the United States Constitution, the South Carolina Constitution and the South Carolina Eminent Domain Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 28-2-370). Grantor does acknowledge and agrees that Grantor willingly and voluntarily waives any right to receive just compensation for the Easement granted to the Town herein and chooses to donate the same for the benefit of the Project.
- 3. **Permanent Easements**. Subject to the provisions of this Easement Agreement, the Grantor hereby grants and conveys to the Grantee a non-exclusive, perpetual, commercial, transmissible, and irrevocable easements to construct, operate and maintain certain crosswalk improvements, including but not limited to the right, privilege and authority, from time to time, to enter upon, construct, extend, inspect, operate, replace, relocate, repair, and perpetually maintain upon, over, along, across, through, and under the Crosswalk Easement Area such (a) lights, fixtures, poles, support infrastructure, communications infrastructure, conduits, wiring, meters, boxes, enclosures, transformers, hand-holes, transformer enclosures, connection boxes and/or other subsurface or above-ground lighting and electric utility improvements (the "*Utility Improvements*"), (b) sidewalk, paver, pathway, crosswalk, crosswalk signals, rapid flash beacons, signs, emergency telephone or computer systems, walkway furniture, planters, irrigation lines, and/or other walkway

improvements (the "Crosswalk Improvements"), (with the Utility Improvements and the Crosswalk Improvements collectively the "Improvements"), together with the right of ingress, egress, and access to and from and across and upon those portions of the Property immediately adjacent to the Crosswalk Easement Area as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes connected therewith. Together with the right, from time to time, to install any or all of the Improvements in the Crosswalk Easement Area near the easement/lot lines provided, however, any damage to the property of Grantor caused by a Grantee Party in the exercise of its rights hereunder shall be repaired by said Grantee Party at its cost and expense. The Grantee and its contractors, agents and employees (collectively and together with Grantee, the "Grantee Parties") shall operate on the Crosswalk Easement Area in a safe and workmanlike manner, in accordance with generally accepted construction practices in the State of South Carolina, in accordance with all applicable federal, State and local laws and regulations, and in compliance with all requisite permits. Additionally, in no event shall any of the Grantee Parties materially interfere with vehicular and/or pedestrian access to and from the Property and the public thoroughfare abutting thereto and/or the business operations being conducted on the Property or otherwise utilize any Property outside of the Crosswalk Easement Area, except as otherwise provided herein. The parties to this Agreement agree that should a Grantee Party disturb any asphalt, concrete, or other all-weather surface in the performance of its rights or obligations hereunder, said Grantee Party shall be responsible for repairing the same.

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- 5. **Acknowledgment**. The Town acknowledges and agrees that no new boundary or property lines are created by the Easement conveyed hereunder and therefore the setbacks and buffers, if any, required by applicable municipal zoning and development ordinances, including the Town's Unified Development Ordinance shall continue to extend through the Easement Area to the boundary line of the Property and adjacent rights-of-way. Further, the grant of this Easement and the improvements in the Easement Area shall not serve to reduce any density available or existing on the Property prior to the date of this Agreement.
- 6. **Continuation of Other Easements.** Nothing within this Agreement shall be deemed to nor shall operate to extinguish any other easements held or possessed by the Grantee, either individually or collectively, encumbering the Property.
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- **c. Modifications**. The terms of this Agreement may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument in writing, signed by each Party.
- **d.** Successors and Assigns. All provisions of this Agreement shall run with the land and bind and inure to the benefit of each Party and each Party's respective heirs, executors, legal representatives, successors, successors in title and assigns. The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall include their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, as the case may be.
- **e. Merger Provision**. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the issues set forth herein. All other discussions, proposals, agreements or offers are merged into this Agreement.
- **f. Captions.** The section headings appearing in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to any extent for the purpose, to limit or define the test of any section or any subsection hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth above, all and singular, the rights, privileges and easements aforesaid unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

GRANTOR HEREBY COVENANTS with the Grantee that Grantor is lawfully seized and possessed of the Property or, in the alternative, holds non-exclusive easement rights for the purposes of access, utilities and the like thereto, and that Grantor has good lawful right to convey the easements conveyed herein, or any part thereof, and that Grantor will forever warrant and forever defend the title thereto against the lawful claims of Grantor's successors, heirs and assigns.

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Omitted. Signature Page(s) and Exhibit(s) to Follow.]

WITNESS Grantor's Hand and Seal this	day of, 2025.
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF:	GRANTOR: NEW RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION, INC.
(Signature of First Witness)	
	(L.S.)
(Printed Name of First Witness)	Printed Name:
(Signature of Second Witness or Notary Public)	- Title:
(Printed Name of Second Witness or Notary Public)	-
undersigned Notary Public of the State a	ACKNOWLEDGMENT ay of
Association, Inc., known or satisfactorily proven the within instrument, who acknowledged the execution	n to be the persons whose names are subscribed to
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereund last above mentioned.	to set my hand and official seal the day and year
	(SEAL)
(Signature of Notary Public)	
Notary Printed Name:	
Notary Public for the State of	

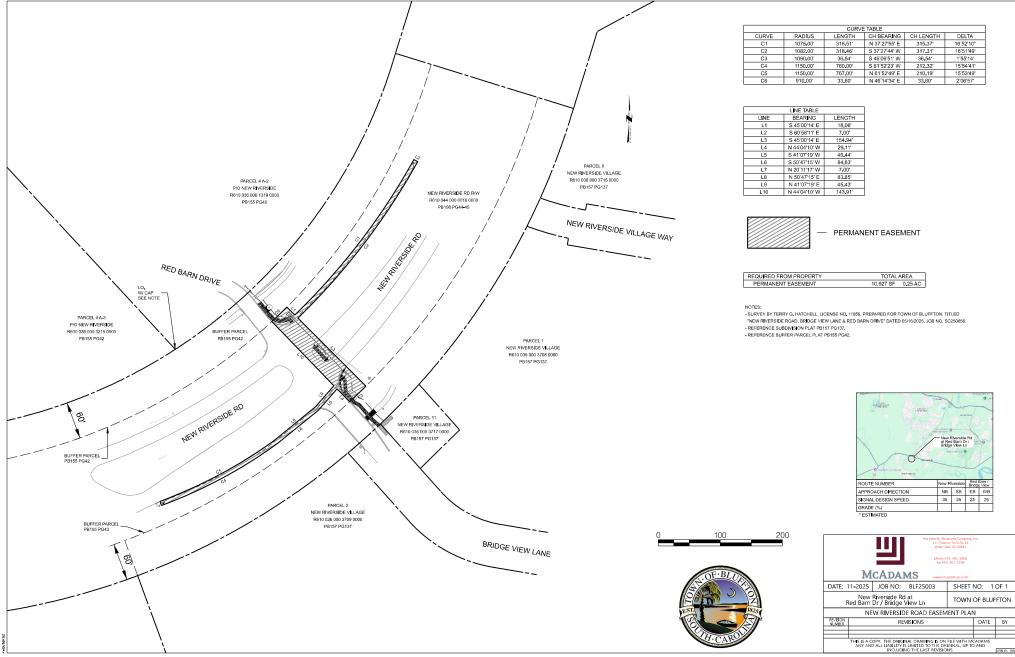
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SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF:	GRANTEE: TOWN OF BLUFFTON, a Somunicipal corporation	outh Carolina
(Signature of First Witness)		
(Printed Name of First Witness)	By:Name: STEPHEN STEESE,	, ,
(Signature of Second Witness <u>or</u> Notary Public)	Title: TOWN MANAGER	
(Printed Name of Second Witness or Notary Public)		
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)) COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)	ACKNOWLEDGMEN'	Т
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this da before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the STEPHEN STEESE as TOWN MANAGER for the Tocorporation, known or satisfactorily proven to me to within instrument, who, on behalf of the corporation	tate and County aforesaid, WN OF BLUFFTON, a South o be the person whose name	personally appeared Carolina municipal is subscribed to the
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunt last above mentioned.	o set my hand and official so	eal the day and year
	(00.41)	
(Signature of Notary Public)	(SEAL)	
Notary Printed Name:		
Notary Public for the State of South Carolina My Commission Expires:		

EXHIBIT "A" (Easement Depiction)

AFFIDAVIT OF TRUE CONSIDERATION AND CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FROM:

STATE RECORDING FEE - S.C. CODE OF LAWS SECTION 12-24-40; APPLICABLE COUNTY & MUNICIPAL TRANSFER FEE ORDINANCES

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA))		
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT	,)		
following is a true and correct statement co	e the undersigned, who is duly sworn, deposes and says that the neerning the CONSIDERATION for the conveyance set forth belowed under the laws of the State of South Carolina, County of Beaufort		
GRANTOR:	NEW RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION, INC.		
GRANTEE:	THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON;		
GRANTEE MAILING ADDRESS:	20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC 29910		
DATE OF CONVEYANCE:			
TRUE CONSIDERATION:	\$10.00		
TAX DISTRICT/MAP/PARCEL NO: R610-044-000-0016-0000			
by the State of South Carolina in accorda	N: This transfer is exempt from the statutory Recording Fee required nce with Section 12-24-40(2) transferring realty subject to the federa departments, and its political subdivisions, including school districts		
TRANSFER FEE EXEMPTION (if appliagency.	cable): This transfer is exempt – transferring realty to state governmen		
	Signed:		
	Print Name: Brittany L. Ward Capacity: Finger, Melnick, Brooks & LaBruce, P.A. Attorney for Town		
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this day of,			
Notary Public of South Carolina My commission expires:			
	ROD OFFICE USE ONLY		
State Stamps Collected: \$ Transfer Fee Collected: \$	Recording Date: Book: Page:		



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PREPARED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF TITLE EXAMINATION BY:

FINGER, MELNICK, BROOKS & LABRUCE, P.A.

Attn: Brittan L. Ward
Post Office Box 24005

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29925
(843) 681-7000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON

Attn: Town Clerk

20 Bridge Street

Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

"Town").

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT	TMS No. R610-044-000-0157-0000 and R610-039-000-3721-0000
THIS STREETSCAPE EASI into on this day of	EMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered, 2025, (the "Effective Date") by and between New Riverside

VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., (the "Grantor") and THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, a South Carolina municipal corporation of 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910 (the

CROSSWALK FASEMENT AGREEMENT

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Grantor affirms, acknowledges and represents that Grantor is the record owner of a parcel of real property located in the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, (the "*Property*") which real property is more specifically described as:

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Beaufort, State of South Carolina, containing 1.4310 acres, more or less, as fully shown and described as "Buffer Parcel" on that certain plat prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., entitled "PARCELS 4B-2, 4B-3 AND A PORTION OF NEW RIVERSIDE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, TOWN OF BLUFFTON, BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA" which plat is recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Beaufort County in Plat Book 155 at Page 43. Said tract having such size, shape, metes, bounds and location as will by reference to said plat more fully appear.

THIS being the same property conveyed to Grantor by deed of MFH Land, LLC, dated August 23, 2024, and recorded on August 23, 2024, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Carolina, in Record Book 4361 at Page 1117.

Tax Map No. R610-044-000-0157-0000

Street Address: New Riverside Road Buffer Parcel

Bluffton, South Carolina 29910

AND

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Beaufort, State of South Carolina, known and designated as FOREST TRACE, BRIDGE VIEW LANE, HOPE POND WAY, PARKSIDE COMMONS, NEW RIVERSIDE VILLAGE WAY, as shown on that certain plat prepared by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAT NEW RIVERSIDE VILLAGE, TOWN OF BLUFFTON, BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA" which plat is recorded in the ROD Office for Beaufort County in Plat Book 157 at Page 137. Said tract having such size, shape, metes, bounds and location as will by reference to said plat more fully appear.

THIS being the same property conveyed to Grantor by deed of MFH Land, LLC dated July 2, 2024 and recorded on July 24, 2024, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Beaufort County, South Carolina, in Record Book 4353 at Page 1107.

Tax Map No. R610 039 000 3721 0000

Street Address: Bridge View Lane Right of Way

WHEREAS, the Grantee seeks to acquire a portion of the Property for a public purpose, more particularly the installation of a crosswalk across New Riverside Road, a private road in the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, (herein, the "*Project*"); and,

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- **d.** Successors and Assigns. All provisions of this Agreement shall run with the land and bind and inure to the benefit of each Party and each Party's respective heirs, executors, legal representatives, successors, successors in title and assigns. The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall include their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, as the case may be.
- **e. Merger Provision**. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the issues set forth herein. All other discussions, proposals, agreements or offers are merged into this Agreement.
- **f. Captions.** The section headings appearing in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to any extent for the purpose, to limit or define the test of any section or any subsection hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth above, all and singular, the rights, privileges and easements aforesaid unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

GRANTOR HEREBY COVENANTS with the Grantee that Grantor is lawfully seized and possessed of the Property or, in the alternative, holds non-exclusive easement rights for the purposes of access, utilities and the like thereto, and that Grantor has good lawful right to convey the easements conveyed herein, or any part thereof, and that Grantor will forever warrant and forever defend the title thereto against the lawful claims of Grantor's successors, heirs and assigns.

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Omitted. Signature Page(s) and Exhibit(s) to Follow.]

WITNESS Grantor's Hand and Seal this _	day of
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF:	GRANTOR: NEW RIVERSIDE VILLAGE PROPERTY
	OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
(Signature of First Witness)	
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(Printed Name of First Witness)	(L.S.)
(=	Printed Name:
(Signature of Second Witness or Notary Public)	
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(Printed Name of Second Witness <u>or</u> Notary Public)	-
STATE OF	ACKNOWLEDGMENT
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this dundersigned Notary Public of the State as	for New Riverside
VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INCOMPANDED IN THE WORLD IN THE	c., known or satisfactorily proven to be the persons
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereun last above mentioned.	to set my hand and official seal the day and year
	(SEAL)
(Signature of Notary Public)	,
Notary Printed Name:	
Notary Printed Name: Notary Public for the State of	
My Commission Expires:	

WITNESS Grantee's Hand and Seal this	day of,	2025.
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF:	GRANTEE: TOWN OF BLUFFTON, a Somunicipal corporation	outh Carolina
(Signature of First Witness)		
(Printed Name of First Witness)	By:Name: STEPHEN STEESE,	, ,
(Signature of Second Witness <u>or</u> Notary Public)	Title: TOWN MANAGER	
(Printed Name of Second Witness or Notary Public)		
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)) COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)	ACKNOWLEDGMEN'	Т
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this da before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the STEPHEN STEESE as TOWN MANAGER for the Tocorporation, known or satisfactorily proven to me to within instrument, who, on behalf of the corporation	tate and County aforesaid, WN OF BLUFFTON, a South o be the person whose name	personally appeared Carolina municipal is subscribed to the
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunt last above mentioned.	o set my hand and official so	eal the day and year
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(Signature of Notary Public)	(SEAL)	
Notary Printed Name:		
Notary Public for the State of South Carolina My Commission Expires:		

EXHIBIT "A" (Easement Depiction)

AFFIDAVIT OF TRUE CONSIDERATION AND CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FROM:

STATE RECORDING FEE - S.C. CODE OF LAWS SECTION 12-24-40; APPLICABLE COUNTY & MUNICIPAL TRANSFER FEE ORDINANCES

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BEAUFORT			
		e conveyance set forth below,	
GRANTOR:	NEW RIVERSIDE VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.		
GRANTEE:	THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON;		
GRANTEE MAILING ADDRESS:	D Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC 29910		
DATE OF CONVEYANCE:			
TRUE CONSIDERATION:	\$10.00		
TAX DISTRICT/MAP/PARCEL NO:	NO: R610-044-000-0157-0000 and R610-039-000-3721-0000		
STATE RECORDING FEE EXEMPTION by the State of South Carolina in accordance government or to a state, its agencies and	e with Section 12-24-40(2) transferring	g realty subject to the federal	
TRANSFER FEE EXEMPTION (if applagency.	ole): This transfer is exempt – transferri	ng realty to state government	
	Signed:		
	Print Name: Brittany L. Wa Capacity: Finger, Melnic Attorney for T	ck, Brooks & LaBruce, P.A.	
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this day of			
Notary Public of South Carolina My commission expires:			
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State Stamps Collected: \$	Recording Date:		
Transfer Fee Collected: \$	Recording Date: Fook: F	Page:	

