

ORDINANCE 2023/14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE AND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 333 & 335 BUCKWALTER PARKWAY

WHEREAS, Beaufort County ("County") recognizes that work force and affordable housing is a serious public health and safety concern throughout the County, which places stress on individual families and communities at large from a lack of diversity in neighborhoods, a separation of the workforce from workplaces, imbalances in educational opportunities and community amenities, adverse impacts on child development, and a higher incidence of violent crime that affect low-income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified real property in the southern portion of Beaufort County located conveniently near grocery options, retail shopping, medical services, and multiple employment options, as well as public transit, which will further promote the County's goal of providing citizens with much needed work force and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the real property identified by the County includes a parcel consisting of approximately 10.09 acres with TMS No. R610 030 000 0712 0000 and an address of 333 and 335 Buckwalter Parkway; collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Property"; and

WHEREAS, the County has negotiated terms for the sale and purchase of the Property and the County agrees to purchase the Property below the fair market value in the amount of Three million Six Hundred Thousand (\$3,600,000) Dollars plus closing costs with funds from the General Fund-Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Beaufort County to purchase the Property in order to provide citizens of Beaufort County with work force and affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Beaufort County Council, duly assembled, authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents and provide funding in the amount of \$3,600,000 plus closing costs as described above for the purchase of real property located at 333 & 335 Buckwalter Parkway.

DONE this 27th day of March 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Joseph Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

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