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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1327

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND LANCASTER COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 851, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 SO AS TO DEFINE THE SELECTION, STATUS AND DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUNTY'S LEGAL ISSUES.

WHEREAS, during 2014, the County Council and Administrator determined that Lancaster County would best be served by the addition of an in-house attorney upon the roll of county employees, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the prior Ordinance and the existing Lancaster County Code of Ordinances so as to appropriately outline the status and tasks assigned to the County Attorney.

THEREFORE, the Lancaster County Code is amended to the following extent:

Section 2-101 – Selection.

The County Administrator shall select a qualified attorney to serve as County Attorney. The County Attorney shall serve at the pleasure and discretion of the county and the salary of the County Attorney shall be determined by the County Administrator.

Section 2-102 – Status as employee.

The County Attorney is an employee of the county but not an officer of the county. He has no authority except that specifically authorized by the County Administrator or County Council.

Section 2-103 – Duties.

The County Attorney provides the delivery and coordination of legal services for the County; processing and managing tort claims; handling County litigation through direct representation or coordination of retained counsel; prosecution of code and zoning violations and vehicle forfeitures; court appearances; representation before regulatory agencies; processing public finance and economic development issues; attendance at conferences and meetings; legal opinions; legal research; drafting ordinances, resolutions, interpretation of Council rules; monitoring new legislation and compliance requirements. He provides legal consultation with County departments, Elected Officials, and certain Boards and Commissions. He provides labor

and employment advice on human resource issues. He is involved professionally with the SC Bar, Lancaster County Bar and the South Carolina Association of Counties.

Section 2-104 – Authorization required for use of other attorney.

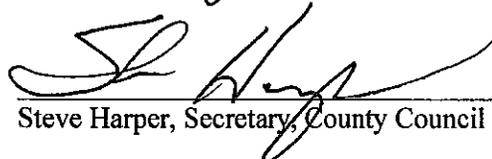
No county agency, commission, board, department, committee, service district or fire district shall employ an attorney other than the county attorney unless specifically authorized by the County Administrator.

And it is so ordained, this 9th day of February, 2015.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

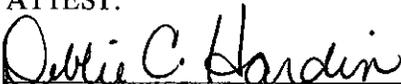


Bob Bundy, Chair, County Council



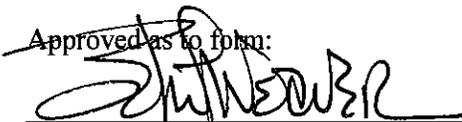
Steve Harper, Secretary, County Council

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Debbie C. Hardin, Clerk to Council

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Approved as to form:


County Attorney