

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN

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RESOLUTION NO: 20-12

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel, highly contagious and deadly virus, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and continues to pose a significant threat to County citizens; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 and continuing through the present time, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency thereby authorizing emergency federal funding and requesting local emergency action plans be activated; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 and continuing through the present time, the Governor of South Carolina declared a state of emergency for South Carolina ordering the State's emergency operation plan be activated and requesting the Legislature appropriate funding to combat the effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has reported over 6,800 cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina, over 280 deaths related to COVID-19 in South Carolina, and over 45 confirmed cases in Georgetown County; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization currently reports over 3.6 million COVID-19 cases globally, of which over 257,000 have resulted in death and over 1.2 million have recovered; and

WHEREAS, although it is too early to calculate the exact economic impact on Georgetown County, its citizens, and businesses, based on real life voluntary and mandatory business closures, unemployment data, and economic forecasts, it is believed by County Council a possible reduction in revenue for Georgetown County as well as its citizenry is evident; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council believes, due to the global pandemic and the yet to be determined long term effects of the crisis, that it is in the best interest of its citizens to forego the implementation of a Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum in calendar year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Georgetown County Council expresses its gratitude and thanks for the members of the 2020 Capital Project Sales Tax Commission for their detailed and dedicated work thus far in the capital project sales tax process and commend each member for their willingness to participate and serve the citizens of Georgetown County during a global crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Georgetown County Council that the 2020 Capital Project Sales Tax Commission created January 28, 2020 by Resolution 20-02 hereby be dissolved, disbanded, and decommissioned for the year 2020; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the dissolution of the commission created by Resolution 20-02 is effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution, No. 20-12.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 2020 by the Georgetown County Council.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

John W. Thomas, Chairman

Theresa E. Floyd, Clerk to Council