RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03 TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES IN AIKEN COUNTY INVOLVING THE CITY AND BELVEDERE FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, for many years, there has been confusion and at times disagreement related to the authority and/or responsibility for the provision of fire services between the City and Belvedere Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, these unresolved issues have created problems, specifically for the Aiken County 911 Dispatch Services in determining the proper agency to contact when a need for such service arrises; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years some revisions to the State Code of Laws have provided some direction in how to deal with such issues and specifically those that are created by annexation of property into the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City has had as a major goal being the lawful and proper provider for services to all property located within the Municipal boundaries of the City; and,

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Belvedere Fire District and the City of North Augusta through meetings with their respective representaties have made an attempt to resolve this problem in a manner that is beneficial not only to the City and the Fire District but also to all residents within the area; and,

WHEREAS, the Belvedere Fire District and the City of North Augusta with the assistance of Aiken County's staff has finalized an agreement related to service area issues and the Aiken County Council is prepared to adopt an ordinance that would legally establish the service areas and responsibilities as agreed to by the City and Belvedere Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, a plat has been prepared for submittal to the Aiken County Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed the proposed map and following discussions with the Public Safety Director, City Administrator and City Attorney, determined that the approval of such map is in the best interest of the citizens of North Augusta.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the following is agreed to and authorized:

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- 1. That the map prepared by Aiken County, referred to as F.D-Reconcilliation 12-4-2018 is approved by the City and the City requests that Aiken County Council approve and adopt such plat/map for establishing fire service authority and responsibility between the City of North Augusta and Belvedere Fire District.
- 2. That the City Administrator is authorized to execute any documentation that might be necessary to complete this matter.
- 3. That the City expresses its appreciation to the Belvedere Fire District and the Aiken County Council and staff for their work in allowing this agreement to be reached.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

SIGNED BY:

ROBERT A. PETTIT, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY:

Sharon Jaman Sharon Lamar, City Clerk