



**ORDINANCE 2026-05**

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROXIMATELY 11.18 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY WITH IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, LOCATED ON METHODIST OAKS DRIVE, WITH COUNTY TMS #0171-00-07-002.000 (PORTION OF) AS PART OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PANTHER; AND PROVIDING OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council ("Council") of the City of Orangeburg ("City") finds:

- (a) the City previously acquired real property located on Methodist Oaks Drive, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115, with Orangeburg County Tax Map Number 0171-00-07-002.000, using grant funds provided by the State of South Carolina ("City Tract");
- (b) South Carolina law, specifically South Carolina Code Annotated section 5-7-40, and section 5-7-260(6), authorizes municipalities to sell, alienate, convey, and otherwise dispose of real property and personal property to third parties;
- (c) the State of South Carolina in conjunction with the City, and Orangeburg County, South Carolina ("County") have been engaged in the attraction of Project Panther;
- (d) as part of these efforts, it has become apparent that the County requires the City to transfer a certain portion of the City Tract as part of the development of Project Panther;
- (e) the real property to be conveyed by the City to the County consists of approximately 11.18 acres of the City Tract, a preliminary property depiction (shown as "Parcel B") of which is attached to, and incorporated in, this Ordinance as Exhibit A, the specific boundaries and legal description of the property to be determined by the City and the County prior to consummation of the transfer ("City Property"); and
- (f) after careful consideration of the costs and potential benefits of consummating the transfer, and to assist in the recruitment of Project Panther as a means of increasing the community's employment opportunities, developing the community's tax base, providing for additional utility opportunities for the City, and for other public, economic development purposes, the City desires to transact the transfer of a portion of the City Tract to the County for use as part of Project Panther;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by a majority vote of the Council members present, the City **ORDAINS** that the Mayor and/or the City Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to transfer the City Property to the County as part of economic development Project Panther;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City Administrator, and/or his designee (each, an "Authorized Official"), in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to prepare, or have prepared, the form of the Deed and the other transfer documents that are customarily used for similar transactions in this State; is authorized to provide information as is necessary and prudent to consummate the City Property transfer; and each Authorized Official, the Mayor, and in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro Tem, and the Municipal Clerk, as appropriate, is authorized to execute, attest, and deliver those documents that may be reasonably necessary to consummate the property transfers (the execution of those documents by the City's representatives acting as conclusive evidence that the documents are approved by the City); and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any ordinance, resolution, or order of City Council, the terms of which are in conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

ENACTED BY the City Council on January 23, 2026, and effective immediately.

Mayor

Michael C. Butler

Members of Council

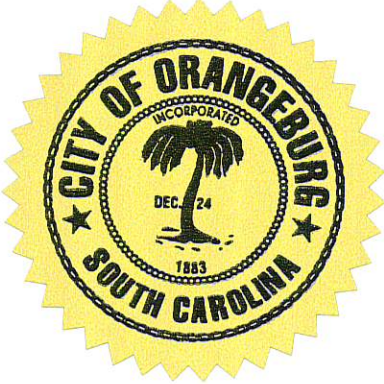
Sandra J. Scotts

Janice

Raymond Pitt

Anthony



Attest: Ruida McDaniel  
City Clerk

First Reading: January 9, 2026  
Second Reading: January 16, 2026  
Third Reading: January 23, 2026

**EXHIBIT A**  
**DEPICTION OF CITY PROPERTY**  
**[PARCEL B]**

