### JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 25-XX

# A RESOLUTION TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the James Island Public Service District, South Carolina (the "District") is a special purpose district, a body politic and corporate, created pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 498 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1961, as amended.

**WHEREAS**, the District is located wholly within Charleston County, South Carolina, and was established for the purpose of providing fire, solid waste, and sewer services within its boundaries.

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina law requires that the District, acting through the James Island Public Service District Commission, as the governing body of the District (the "Commission"), shall adopt a budget and levy taxes, fees and charges to fund the budget.

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the District has prepared a budget (the "Budget") for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026 ("Fiscal Year 2026"), the provisions of which establish annual budgets for the District's general fund, proprietary fund, and debt service fund.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330, a public hearing before the Commission was conducted on April 28, 2025 (the "Public Hearing") on the matter of the adoption of the Budget (as proposed).

WHEREAS, the Budget has been presented for the approval of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved by the James Island Public Service District Commission in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION 1: By the terms of this Resolution, the Commission hereby imposes a tax on all taxable real estate and personal property lying within the corporate limits of the District, except on such property as may be exempt from taxation under the Constitution and the laws of the State of South Carolina. For purpose of funding the general fund operations of the District (the "General Fund") and paying debt service on the District's general obligation bonds ("Debt Service Fund"), the Commission directs the Charleston County Auditor (the "Auditor") to levy 61.7 mills for General Fund purposes and 5.3 mills for the Debt Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2026; the Charleston County Treasurer shall collect the proceeds of the levy and remit such funds as collected to the District or as the District may otherwise direct.

SECTION 2: It is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Sewer Utility Fund (the "Proprietary Fund"), the following amounts of money for the following respective purposes for and during Fiscal Year 2026, to wit:

#### **APPROPRIATIONS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

			Total Governmental	
	General	Debt Service	Funds	
Appropriation of Expected Revenues				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$11,488,363	\$1,039,300	\$12,527,663	
Intergovernmental Revenues	195,000	19,500	214,500	
Other Revenues	239,300	14,000	253,300	
Total Revenues	11,922,663	1,072,800	12,995,463	
Other Inflows/Outflows	(212,692)	-	(212,692)	
Sale of Fixed Assets	28,000	-	28,000	
Total Appropriated Revenues and			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Inflows	11,737,971	1,072,800	12,810,771	
Appropriations – Budgeted Expenditures				
Administration/Fleet	1,699,878	_	1,699,878	
Fire	6,695,384	-	6,695,384	
Solid Waste	2,826,802	-	2,826,802	
Capital Outlay	314,500	-	314,500	
Non – Departmental – Debt Service	720,931	933,365	1,654,296	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	12,257,495	933,365	13,190,860	
Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance	(\$519,524)	\$139,435	(\$380,089)	

#### **APPROPRIATIONS - PROPRIETARY FUND**

	Proprietary Fund
Appropriation of Expected Revenues	
District Customers	\$ 8,778,200
Wholesale Customers	2,735,200
Other Fees and Revenues	310,600
Total Revenues	11,824,000
Interest and other income	11,329,334
Total Appropriated Revenues and Inflows	23,153,334
Appropriations - Budgeted Expenditures	
Administration	1,448,409
Operations	7,223,890
Capital Outlay	11,172,000
Non - Departmental - Debt Service	697,170
Total Budgeted Expenditures	20,541,469
Increase (Decrease) to Net Assets	\$2,611,865
Non-Fund Expenditures	
Depreciation on Previous Capital Outlays	\$ 2,131,262

SECTION 3: The appropriations described in Section 2 above represent a summary of the anticipated revenues and expenditures for each of the District's major funds – General Fund, Debt Service Fund and Proprietary Fund. The full Budget, with particular details and provisos, is fully described in the document entitled the "James Island Public Service District Proposed FY26 Budget, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026," (the Budget Plan) which is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 4: (a) As necessary, the District Manager of the District (including any interim, acting or temporary District Manager, as applicable) (the "District Manager") or the District Manager's designee shall administer the Budget Plan and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the Budget; however, no funds may be transferred between General Fund and the Proprietary Fund without action being taken by the Commission, acting by Resolution.

(b) The District Manager is hereby authorized to transfer employment positions (Full Time Equivalents - FTEs) among departments and funds.

SECTION 5: All of the District's fund balance reserves (both encumbered and unencumbered funds) as of June 30, 2025, shall be added into the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and applied under the Budget Plan. These designated monies may be properly invested pending any planned expenditure as set forth in the Budget Plan.

SECTION 6: (a) Monies received from governmental grants shall accrue only to the appropriate fund as set forth in this Budget Plan. Should grant funds be applied for or received after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026 and thereby not be recited in the Budget Plan, then, by passage of any approval resolution of the Commission or other action item of the Commission authorizing the grant application and expenditures, the necessary special revenue, capital projects, and proprietary funds may be created or supplemented, as necessary, to provide a mechanism for the receipt and expenditure of these monies. However, any such funding shall be specifically limited to the purposes for which the grant was awarded.

(b) The Budget appropriates sufficient revenues to fund the District's capital program. The capital program may be funded from the issuance of debt and other sources made available for pay-as-you-go financing by the District.

SECTION 7: Contracts necessary to expend monies appropriated in the Budget when not specifically permitted by the Budget Plan are hereby authorized upon the approval of such contract by a resolution of the Commission. Awards of bids on capital items, when less than the amount specified in the Budget, are hereby authorized and shall be purchased in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Plan.

SECTION 8: The District Manager was authorized and did make public advertisement of the public hearings prior to the passage of this Resolution. The notice

of public hearing, in the form and format required by Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-330 of the SC Code, as applicable, was timely published in The Post and Courier, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the District. All interested parties were given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against this Resolution.

SECTION 9. A copy of this Resolution, and Budget Plan shall be made available to the proper officials of Charleston County in order to properly order the levy and collection of *ad valorem* property taxes. Additionally, the District Manager or their designee shall be authorized to make the millage certification to the Charleston County Auditor required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-43-285.

SECTION 10. The District maintains the Proprietary Fund for the collection of revenues derived from the District's sewer system (the "System"). For purposes of the District's outstanding sewer system revenue bonds (the "Bonds"), the revenues of the System and amounts on deposit in the Proprietary Fund is all pledged as security for the Bonds. In keeping with the District's Master Bond Resolution dated March 28, 2022, for purposes of the Budget, the Commission has further determined that:

- a. The Budget Plan appropriates sufficient revenues within the Proprietary Fund to pay the principal of and interest on all Bonds secured by revenues of the System as and when they become due and payable in one or more bond and interest redemption funds (a.k.a. "debt service funds").
- b. The Budget Plan appropriates sufficient revenues within the Proprietary Fund to provide for the payment of all expenses of administration and operation of the System, as well as such expenses for maintenance as may be necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order. These appropriations are made to the funds into multiple accounts, organized by department and line items that collectively serve as the "operation and maintenance fund."
- c. The District maintains within its Proprietary Fund an account or accounts described generally as the "contingent and depreciation fund." Upon advice of the District Manager, and as supported by capital improvement plans prepared by the District's engineers, the Commission finds and declares that appropriations to the "contingent and depreciation fund" are sufficient to build up a reserve for depreciation of the System. Additionally, other amounts within or appropriated to the contingent and depreciation fund or other capital accounts within the Proprietary Fund are considered to be a sufficient reserve for funding improvements, betterments, and extensions to the System, other than those necessary to maintain it in good repair and working order as provided above. Based on the current levels of funding in the contingent and depreciation fund and various capital funding appropriations in the Budget, the Commission believes that the District's depreciation and contingency fund is adequately and appropriately funded.

SECTION 11: As incorporated into the Budget, the following adjustments are proposed within the Proprietary Fund for Fiscal Year 2026: a 7.5% increase in retail rates and a 7.5% increase in transportation rates. A full 5-year schedule of proposed rates applicable to the System, including capacity fees, is detailed in the rate schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, the entirety of which is included herein by reference and has been projected in revenues for purposes of the Budget.

SECTION 12: All actions of the District Manager and other District staff regarding the public hearing and drafting, execution and delivery of the Budget Plan are ratified, approved and confirmed. Further, the District Manager and District staff shall be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the provisions of the Budget Plan.

SECTION 13: If for any reason any provision of this Resolution, or its applications to any circumstance, is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14: All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

DONE AND ADOPTED AT A MEETING DULY HELD THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF April 2025.

JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA	A
Chair, James Island Public Service District Commission	
	(SEAL)
Secretary, James Island Public Service District Commission	

## EXHIBIT A RATE SCHEDULE

Description	P	Proposed Projected For Fiscal Year Ending June 30:					June 30:		
Description		2026		2027		2028		2029	
Monthly Base Charge									
5/8 or 3/4 Inch	\$	26.50	\$	28.50	\$	30.60	\$	32.90	
1.0 Inch	\$	66.25	\$	71.25	\$	76.50	\$	82.25	
1.5 Inch	\$	132.50	\$	142.50	\$	153.00	\$	164.50	
2.0 Inch	\$	212.00	\$	228.00	\$	244.80	\$	263.20	
3.0 Inch	\$	424.00	\$	456.00	\$	489.60	\$	526.40	
4.0 Inch	\$	662.50	\$	712.50	\$	765.00	\$	822.50	
6.0 Inch	\$	1,325.00	\$	1,425.00	\$	1,530.00	\$	1,645.00	
8.0 Inch	\$	2,120.00	\$	2,280.00	\$	2,448.00	\$	2,632.00	
10.0 Inch	\$	3,312.50	\$	3,562.50	\$	3,825.00	\$	4,112.50	
Non-Metered Customers	\$	82.50	\$	88.70	\$	95.35	\$	102.48	
Volumetric Rates Per CCF:									
Residential	\$	8.00	\$	8.60	\$	9.25	\$	9.94	
Non-Residential	\$	8.00	\$	8.60	\$	9.25	\$	9.94	
CWS Transportation									
Per ERU	\$	32.81	\$	35.27	\$	37.92	\$	40.76	
Folly Beach Wholesale									
Base Charge	\$	7,960.00	\$	8,550.00	\$	9,190.00	\$	9,870.00	
Volumetric Rate Per CCF	\$	6.36	\$	6.84	\$	7.35	\$	7.90	