AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 1202, AS AMENDED: CHAPTER 6, USE REGULATIONS REGARDING SPECIALIZED MANUFACTURING REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, Section 6-29-310 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, authorizes the County of Charleston to enact or amend its zoning and land development regulations to guide development in accordance with existing and future needs and in order to protect, promote and improve the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendments of the text of various chapters of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) in accordance with the procedures established in South Carolina law and the ZLDR and has recommended that the Charleston County Council (County Council) adopt the proposed amendments of the text of the ZLDR as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, County Council held at least one public hearing, and after close of the public hearing, County Council approved the proposed text amendments based on the Approval Criteria of Section 3.3.6 of Article 3.3 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, County Council has determined the proposed text amendments meet the following criteria:

A. The proposed amendment corrects an error or inconsistency or meets the challenge of a changing condition; and
B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the adopted Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and goals as stated in Article 1.5; and

C. The proposed amendment is to further the public welfare in any other regard specified by County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by the Charleston County Council in meeting duly assembled as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. AMENDMENTS OF THE TEXT OF THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance is hereby amended to include the text amendments attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made part of this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following third reading by County Council.
EXHIBIT “A”

AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 1202, AS AMENDED: CHAPTER 6, USE REGULATIONS.
§6.4.57 MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION

A. The following conditions shall apply to all Zoning Districts subject to conditions (C):
   1. All activities related to the specialized manufacturing use shall be confined to a structure that is entirely enclosed; and
   2. All specialized manufacturing uses shall comply with the Site Plan Review requirements of this Ordinance.

B. The following additional conditions shall only apply to the CR, CT, and CC Zoning Districts:
   1. A structure or structures used for specialized manufacturing shall have a maximum floor area of 5,000 square feet; otherwise, this use shall fall under the Special Exception provisions of this Ordinance;
   2. Specialized manufacturing shall have no more than ten (10) employees, otherwise this use shall fall under the Special Exception provisions of this Ordinance; and
   3. On-site retail sales are limited to 25% of the gross receipts and 15% of the floor area.

C. The following additional conditions shall only apply to the AG-10, AG-8, and AGR Zoning Districts:
   1. A structure or structures used for specialized manufacturing shall have a maximum floor area of 2,000; however, an expansion to a maximum floor area of 5,000 square feet may be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals under the Special Exception provisions of this Ordinance;
   2. Specialized manufacturing shall have no more than ten (10) employees; and
   3. On-site retail sales are prohibited.