

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

RESOLUTION No. 09-20

WHEREAS, The Dorchester County Council previously passed Resolution No. 09-03 expressing its support for South Carolina Senate Bill No. 235 authorizing the Board of Trustees for Dorchester School District No. 2 to impose an impact fee on any developer for each new residential dwelling unit constructed by the developer within the school district, to provide funds for the construction of public education facilities for grades K-12 within the district, the Dorchester County Council hereby supports the Dorchester School District No. 2 in defending its recent law suit by the Charleston-Trident Homebuilders Association that seeks to kill South Carolina Senate Bill No. 235, and

WHEREAS, Impact fees are currently used to fund other residential home growth related infrastructures such as new roads, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, and plant upgrades, the Dorchester County Council understands and supports impact fees collected by Dorchester School District No. 2 and directed towards new school construction projects from each dwelling unit constructed by developers, and

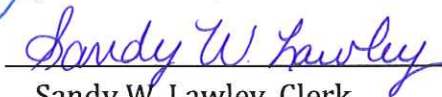
WHEREAS, the Dorchester County Council also stands in opposition to South Carolina House Bill No. 3018 Exemption for New Single Family Housing for Sale by a builder or developer. This Bill provides a 100% exemption of the value of an improvement to real property of a newly constructed and unoccupied detached single family home offered for sale by a residential builder or developer effective June 16, 2009, and applies for single family homes completed and, if required, a certificate of occupancy issued thereon after 2006. Notwithstanding the County's responsibility to provide police and fire protection funded by homeowners and business properties, this law provides a complete exemption of property taxes due on all unsold detached single family units by homebuilders during the inventory period, and serves to reward special interest homebuilder groups while unfairly placing the full burden of County services on the backs of homeowner and business property tax payers. This new law exempts one newly built residential unit appraised at \$1,000,000 in Dorchester County a \$10,000 property tax exemption each year until sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution, the original shall be presented to Governor Mark Sanford, a copy shall be presented to the members of the Dorchester County Legislation Delegation, and a copy shall be filed in the permanent records of Dorchester County, South Carolina.

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2009.

Dorchester County Council

BY: 
Jamie Feltner, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Sandy W. Lawley, Clerk