RESOLUTION OF BEAUFORT COUNTY’S CONCERNS OF THE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS AND REZONINGS OF CLARENDON FARMS AND McLEOD FARM BY THE CITY OF BEAUFORT

WHEREAS, development in Beaufort County impacts the need for government services and the quality of life for residents of Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council desires to cooperate with all municipalities, the Beaufort County School District and the State of South Carolina to provide for managed and stable growth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaufort is considering annexations and rezoning of two large tracts of property that may significantly change the amount and nature of development in the areas including as many as 16,336 homes; and

WHEREAS, development agreements are being negotiated as part of the annexation and rezoning activity; and

WHEREAS, the terms of such development agreement are currently being considered for periods of 20 and 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council has an interest in knowing how such annexations and rezoning, if approved, will impact the balance of the County and those services expected to be provided by Beaufort County or related entities including, specifically, libraries, parks, roads, schools; and

WHEREAS, some portion of the land being considered for annexation and rezoning may impact the current or future function of MCAS Beaufort which is an important part of the economy of Beaufort County and the United States military infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexations and rezoning may occur prior to the completion of the Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan; and

WHEREAS, a number of existing developments exist within Beaufort County, that can provide actual data that can be used to confirm the accuracy of any projected impacts from such developments; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Beaufort County including the citizens within the City limits of the City of Beaufort, that a detailed and thorough analysis be done of the impacts of the developments being proposed and the historic impact of similar developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Beaufort County Council concurs with the Joint Municipal Planning Commission’s request to have a thorough study performed to project the impacts of the proposed annexations and rezoning and recommends the following actions:

1. Beaufort County Council requests the City of Beaufort delay action on the annexations and rezoning for a period of eight weeks to allow Clarion Associates to complete a detailed fiscal analysis of the proposed annexations; and

2. Beaufort County Council invites the elected officials of all municipalities in Beaufort County, the Beaufort County Board of Education, USMC-Beaufort, and members of the State Legislative Delegation to join Beaufort County Council in a summit where the work progress and objectives of the Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan can be discussed and debated.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: ____________________________
   Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council