ORDINANCE NO. 4030

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$7,243,669 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF SUSSEX COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOVE CREEK MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY ("MHC") PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 9, <u>Delaware Code</u>, Section 7001(a) Sussex County (the "County") has "all powers which, under the Constitution of the State, it would be competent for the General Assembly to grant by specific enumeration, and which are not denied by statute" (the "Home Rule Power");

WHEREAS, acting pursuant to its Home Rule Power, and pursuant to Title 9, <u>Delaware Code</u>, Chapters 65 and 67, the County has authorized the design, construction and equipping of the Love Creek Mobile Homes Community ("MHC") Project, which will finance the installation of a low-pressure sanitary sewer system for the Love Creek MHC, Lazy Pine Retreat Mobile Home Park, Dolly's Mobile Home Park, and a few individual homes fronting the tidal portion of Love Creek in Lewes. With this project, 193 homes will be taken off their existing on-site sewer disposal systems and approximately 120 total onsite treatment and disposal systems will be eliminated. The proposed collection system will consist of individual lot grinder pump stations discharging to a central small diameter force main which will then discharge to an existing gravity sewer line on the north side of Route 24, directly across from the Love Creek MHC entrance (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 9, <u>Delaware Code</u>, Section 6706, the County is authorized to issue its bonds and to pledge its full faith and credit thereto, to finance the cost of any object, program or purpose for which the County is authorized to raise, appropriate or expend money under Chapter 67 of Title 9; and

WHEREAS, acting pursuant to the aforesaid authority, the County desires to authorize the issuance of general obligations of the County to finance the costs of the Project and for the other purposes described herein.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS (AT LEAST FOUR FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCURRING HEREIN):

Section 1. Amount and Purpose of the Bonds. Acting pursuant to Title 9, <u>Delaware Code</u>, Chapters 65 and 67, Sussex County shall issue its negotiable general obligations in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,243,669 (the "Bonds") to finance or reimburse the County for a portion of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the Project.

The monies raised from the sale of the Bonds (including the investment earnings thereon) after the payment of the costs of issuance, shall be held in one or more Project accounts and shall be expended only for the purposes authorized herein or as may otherwise be authorized by subsequent action by County Council. Authorized purposes include the costs of planning, constructing, acquiring and equipping the Project or any portion thereof; interest on the Bonds and any interim financing during the construction period and for a period of up to one year following the estimated date of completion; the reasonable costs of issuance of the Bonds and any interim financing; the repayment of

temporary loans incurred with respect to the Project; and the reimbursement of authorized costs previously expended by the County from other funds.

Section 2. Security for the Bonds. The principal, interest and premium, if any, on the Bonds may be paid by ad valorem taxes on all real property subject to taxation by the County without limitation as to rate or amount, except as limited by Title 9, Delaware Code Section 8002(c). Pursuant to Title 9, Delaware Code, Section 6706, the full faith and credit of the County is pledged to such payment. The Bonds shall contain a recital that they are issued pursuant to Title 9, Delaware Code, Chapter 67, which recital shall be conclusive evidence of their validity and of the regularity of their issuance. The Bonds are backed by the County's full faith and credit.

Section 3. <u>Terms of the Bonds</u>. The Bonds shall be sold at such prices and upon such other terms and conditions consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and otherwise as the County Administrator shall determine to be in the best interests of the County. The Bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates and shall mature in such amounts and at such times, but not exceeding thirty (30) years from the date of completion of the Project, and shall be subject to redemption, as the County Administrator shall determine.

Section 4. Sale of the Bonds. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and shall be sold in one or more public sales or private negotiated transactions upon such terms and conditions as the County Administrator shall determine shall be in the best interest of the County. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be sold to the State of Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (acting by and through the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control) (or any successor agency).

Section 5. Details of the Bonds. The County Administrator is authorized to determine the details of the Bonds including the following: the date or dates of the Bonds; provisions for either serial or term bonds; sinking fund or other reserve fund requirements; due dates of the interest thereon; the form of the Bonds; the denominations and designations of the Bonds; registration, conversion and transfer provisions; provisions for the receipt, deposit and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds; provisions for the replacement of lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed Bonds; and provisions for issuing uncertificated obligations and all procedures appropriate for the establishment of a system of issuing uncertificated debt. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Administrator, shall contain an impression of the County seal or a facsimile thereof and shall be attested by the manual signature of the County Clerk. The County Administrator shall determine the form of the Bonds.

Section 6. <u>Debt Limit</u>. It is hereby determined and certified, as of the effective date hereof, that the issuance of the Bonds is within the legal debt limit of the County.

Section 7. <u>Further Action</u>. The President of the County Council, the County Administrator, the Finance Director and the County Clerk are authorized and directed to take such other action on behalf of the County, as may be necessary or desirable to effect the adoption of this Ordinance and the issuance and sale of the Bonds and to provide for their security and to carry out the intent of this Ordinance, including the publication of notices and advertisements and the execution and delivery of customary closing certificates.

Section 8. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

The County Clerk is hereby directed to publish a notice of the adoption hereof in accordance with Section 7002(m)(2) of Title 9 of the <u>Delaware Code</u>, as amended.

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance provides for the issuance of up to \$7,243,669 of Sussex County General Obligation Bonds in order to finance or reimburse the County for a portion of the costs for the design, construction and equipping of the Love Creek Mobile Home Community ("MHC") Project, which will installation of a low-pressure sanitary sewer system for the Love Creek MHC, Lazy Pine Retreat Mobile Home Park, Dolly's Mobile Home Park, and a few individual homes fronting the tidal portion of Love Creek in Lewes. With this project, 193 homes will be taken off their existing on-site sewer disposal systems and approximately 120 total on-site treatment and disposal systems will be eliminated. The proposed collection system will consist of individual lot grinder pump stations discharging to a central small diameter force main which will then discharge to an existing gravity sewer line on the north side of Route 24, directly across from the Love Creek MHC entrance (collectively, the "Project").

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 4030 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

Tracy N Torbert
Clerk of the Council