

**FRANCHISE
FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**

THIS FRANCHISE (the “Franchise”) is granted effective as of the 1st day of April, 2024 by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA (the “County”) to, and is accepted and agreed to by, DEEP SOUTH SANITATION, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (“Franchisee”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste generated by residential premises located within the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County;

WHEREAS, providing for and regulating the collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste generated by residential premises located within the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County is a valid exercise of the County’s police power;

WHEREAS, Franchisee was issued a residential solid waste collection franchise by the County to offer and to provide residential solid waste collection services serving residents of the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County effective April 1, 2023, for a term of April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, inclusive (the “April 1, 2023, Franchise”);

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, the County adopted an Ordinance amending the 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance effective immediately (the “April 11, 2023, Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, the April 11, 2023, Ordinance amended Section 3.1(c) of the 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance regarding pricing for basic service;

WHEREAS, the April 11, 2023, Ordinance also amended Section 3.6 of the 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance regarding hours of operation of collection centers;

WHEREAS, the County and Franchisee desire to amend Section 14 of the April 1, 2023, Franchise regarding pricing for basic service to conform to the April 11, 2023, Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the County and Franchisee desire to amend Section 23 of the April 1, 2023, Franchise regarding hours of operation of collection centers to conform to the April 11, 2023, Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Franchisee desires to continue to operate a business, enterprise, and commercial activity offering and providing residential solid waste collection services within and serving residents of the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County;