AN ORDINANCE

TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2016-64, RATIFIED ON MAY 10, 2016, AND TO REPLACE THE SAME WITH AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-184 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CREATE DIVISION 8 WHICH SHALL BE ENTITLED THE WEST ASHLEY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION AND SECTION 2-184 WHICH SHALL SET FORTH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WEST ASHLEY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION. (AS AMENDED)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended to create Division 8 therein which shall read as follows:

“DIVISION 8. THE WEST ASHLEY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION”

Section 2. Chapter 2, Division 8 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended to create Section 2-184 therein which shall read as follows:

“Section 2-184. Created; membership; terms of office; powers.

(a) Created. There is hereby created the West Ashley Revitalization Commission.

(b) Mission. The West Ashley Revitalization Commission shall work to assure the long-term economic stability of West Ashley by revitalizing the unique character of the district and supporting values that assure West Ashley is a great place to live, work, play, invest and do business.

(c) Membership. The Commission shall consist of nineteen (19) voting members, one (1) of whom shall be the Mayor; three (3) members of City Council who represent a district or portion thereof in West Ashley appointed by the Mayor; the Chairman of the St. Andrews Public Services District appointed by the Mayor; the member of County Council who represents District 7, appointed by the Mayor, and the remaining members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and be representative of various disciplines, professional, business and community interests conducive to promoting and enabling the revitalization of West Ashley, all subject to approval by City Council. The Mayor shall also appoint the Chairperson of the Commission.
(d) **Terms of Office.** The Mayor, the Chairman of the St. Andrew’s Public Services District and the member of County Council who represents District 7 shall be permanent members of the Commission. All other members of the Commission shall serve for terms of three (3) years or until their successors have been appointed and qualified; provided however, notwithstanding the foregoing, five (5) of the original members of the Commission shall serve for a term of one year, five (5) of the original members shall serve for a term of two years; and six (6) of the original members shall serve for a term of three years, all as recommended by the Mayor and approved by City Council. Members appointed after expiration of the initial terms of the original members shall serve terms of three (3) years.

(e) **Powers and Duties.** The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) Be charged with the duties of establishing goals, policies and procedures for the implementation of revitalization efforts in West Ashley on behalf of the City.

(ii) Initiate a major study of needs of West Ashley and aid in the procurement of the necessary funds for such study.

(iii) Study and recommend financial and organizational techniques to effectuate the revitalization of West Ashley by the joint efforts of public and private entities.

(iv) Seek out and recommend early action improvements for West Ashley.

(v) Assist private businesses in improvements in conjunction with the West Ashley revitalization efforts.

(vi) Assist the business community and the City to work together in the most cooperative and supportive manner possible.

(vii) Seek funds and resources from private and public sources to promote and market West Ashley.

(viii) In its discretion, create committees to participate in the planning or effectuation of the West Ashley revitalization efforts; provided, however, that any such councils or committees shall require the approval of the Mayor and the Commission.

(f) **Meetings.** The Commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting. For purposes of Commission action, a quorum of the West Ashley Revitalization Commission shall consist of 10 voting members of the Commission in attendance.

(g) **Records.** The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings.
Section 3. Ordinance No. 2016-64, ratified on May 10, 2016, is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratified in City Council this 16th day of August in the Year of Our Lord, 2016, and in the 241st Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By: John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST: Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council