

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15.2-6400 ET SEQ. OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (the "Act")**

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors recognizes that providing a mechanism for localities in the local region to cooperate in the development of economic development projects and facilities is needed and desired in the Region (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the purpose of a regional industrial facility authority is to enhance the economic base for its member localities by developing, owning and operating one or more facilities on a cooperative basis involving its member localities; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors finds that economic growth and development of the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia (the "County"), and the comfort, convenience and welfare of the citizens of the County require the development of facilities, and that the collaborative and collective action through a regional industrial facility authority by the City of Colonial Heights, the County of Dinwiddie, the City of Hopewell, the City of Petersburg, the County of Prince George, the County of Surry, and the County of Sussex will facilitate the development of the needed facilities within the region that comprises said geographic areas (the "Region").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia (the "Board of Supervisors"), that:

1. The name of the Regional Industrial Facility Authority shall be the "Virginia's Gateway Region Industrial Facilities Authority" (the "Authority").

2. The initial member localities shall be the City of Colonial Heights, the County of Dinwiddie, the City of Hopewell, the City of Petersburg, the County of Prince George, the County of Surry, and the County of Sussex (each, a "Member Locality" and collectively, the "Member Localities"). Each Member Locality's participation shall become effective on the date their respective governing body enacts an ordinance substantially similar to this ordinance authorizing the creation of the Authority. At any time subsequent to the creation of the Authority, the membership of the Authority may, with the approval of the Authority Board (as hereinafter defined and as more fully described in the Bylaws of the Authority), be expanded to include any locality within the region that would have been eligible to be an initial member. The governing body of a locality seeking to become a member shall evidence its intent to become a member by adopting an ordinance substantially similar to this ordinance (and otherwise in conformance with Section 15.2-6402 of the Act). The admission of such member shall be completed upon the Authority Board approving the admission, after being presented with the requisite ordinance adopted by such locality.

3. The Authority shall be governed by an initial board (the "Authority Board") consisting of two (2) board members from each Member Locality. Authority Board members shall be appointed by their respective Member Locality's governing body.

Each governing body of each Member Locality may appoint up to two (2) alternate Authority Board members. Alternates shall be appointed for terms that coincide with one or more of the Authority Board members from the Member Locality that appoints the alternate. If either Authority Board member for a Member Locality is not present at a meeting of the Authority, an alternate shall have all the voting and other rights of the Board member not present and shall be counted for purpose of determining a

quorum and all other purposes of that meeting.

In the event that additional Member Localities shall enact an ordinance to join the Authority and are admitted upon the Authority Board approving the admission, the number of members of the Authority Board shall be increased by two (2) members for each additional Member Locality, with Authority Board members to be appointed in accordance with the criteria set forth above for initial Authority Board Members and alternates.

Each member of the Authority Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed for as many terms as the governing body from said Authority Board member's Member Locality desires.

4. The Authority Board shall have such authority and exercise such powers as are permitted by the Code of Virginia, the Agreement Creating Authority (as defined below), and in the Bylaws of the Authority Board (a draft copy of which is attached hereto and which shall be approved by the Authority in substantially the same form as said draft).

5. The Authority Board shall elect from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for each calendar year. The Authority Board may also appoint an Executive Director and staff who shall discharge such functions as may be directed by the Authority Board. The Executive Director and staff may be paid from funds received by the Authority.

6. This Board of Supervisors authorizes approval, by appropriate execution by the designated representative of the County, an agreement (the "Agreement Creating Authority") among the Member Localities whereby the Authority shall be established and further whereby the respective rights and obligations of the Member Localities with respect to the Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, shall be set forth (a draft copy of which is attached hereto and which shall be approved by the Authority in substantially the same form as said draft). The Agreement Creating Authority shall (i) establish the terms for participation in the Authority by Member Localities and (ii) further describe the participation agreements (the "Participation Agreements") that the Authority may enter into with one or more Member Localities by which any facilities allowed by the Act may be constructed and developed. This authorization includes, but is not limited to, authority for this Board of Supervisors to approve, by ordinance, Participation Agreements by which Authority projects shall be constructed and developed and which may be funded from this Board of Supervisors' commitment of loans or grants and in the event that a facility will be located within the County, future tax revenue derived from the Authority's project facilities located within the County, pursuant to Section 15.2-6406 of the Act.

7. If and to the extent one or more of the Member Localities named herein does not pass an ordinance substantially similar to this ordinance, this ordinance shall be deemed to automatically remove said Member Locality without further action or vote of this Board of Supervisors; it being the intent of this ordinance that it shall be adopted with any number and composition of the Member Localities named herein so long as said ordinance, and the Authority created herein, shall be in compliance with all applicable statutes.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF DINWIDDIE \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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County Administrator

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County Clerk