**ORDINANCE NO. 3002**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL (THE "COUNCIL") OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER CITY OF SALISBURY (THE "CITY") TO ISSUE AND SELL FROM TIME TO TIME, UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $4,874,910 FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REIMBURSING COSTS OF A PROJECT THAT THE CITY GENERALLY REFERS TO AS THE "NAYLOR MILL WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT", TOGETHER WITH RELATED COSTS AS PROVIDED HEREIN; DETERMINING THAT ANY SUCH SERIES OF BONDS BE SOLD TO THE MARYLAND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION (THE "ADMINISTRATION") BY PRIVATE SALE, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION OF THE FINAL OR SUBSTANTIALLY FINAL FORM OF ANY LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND, WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT, ACKNOWLEDGING THE ADMINISTRATION'S RIGHTS THEREUNDER; MAKING A PLEDGE OF CERTAIN REVENUES RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND ACKNOWLEDGING CERTAIN PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION SHALL DETERMINE OR PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DETAILS OF ANY SUCH SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; PLEDGING THE CITY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND UNLIMITED TAXING POWER TO PAYMENT OF ANY SUCH ISSUED BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT FOR UNLIMITED MUNICIPAL TAXATION TO PAY ANY SUCH ISSUED BONDS; PROVIDING THAT BY RESOLUTION THE COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE FOR OR IDENTIFY OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE TO BE PLEDGED TO PAYMENT OF ANY ISSUED BONDS OR FROM WHICH ANY ISSUED BONDS WILL BE PAYABLE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE; AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR POST-CLOSING MODIFICATIONS AFFECTING ANY ISSUED SERIES OF BONDS; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ISSUED BONDS, INCLUDING AS MAY BE DELEGATED BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION; DESIGNATING IN ORDER OF PRIORITY THE CITY OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO ATTEST TO THE CITY SEAL; PROVIDING THAT THIS TITLE SHALL BE DEEMED A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR ALL PURPOSES; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED; AND OTHERWISE GENERALLY RELATING TO THE SALE, ISSUANCE, DELIVERY AND PAYMENT OF AND FOR ANY ISSUED SERIES OF BONDS.**

## RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, City of Salisbury, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland and a municipality within the meaning of the Enabling Act identified below (the "City"), is authorized and empowered by Sections 19-301 to 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Enabling Act"), and Sections SC7-45 and SC7-46 of the Charter of the City of Salisbury (the "Charter"), to borrow money for any proper public purpose and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is undertaking a project generally referred to by it as the "Naylor Mill Water Main Extension Project" (or by similar names) (the "Project") that involves the extension of the City's water service to the Naylor Mill Mobile Home Park (the "MHP"), including (without limitation) the design, construction and installation of water mains and associated fittings, valves and appurtenances, including along Naylor Mill Road and within the MHP, and the removal and reconstruction of existing pavement in connection with the installation of water mains, and in connection with the Project, the City has undertaken or paid for or will undertake or pay for, as applicable, related study, architectural, engineering, planning, design, document development, bidding, demolition, razing, removal, acquisition, construction, improvement, installation, modification, renovation, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, improvement, equipping, inspection, and construction management activities, including with respect to related improvements and appurtenances; to the extent applicable, the acquisition of necessary property rights and equipment; related site and utility improvements; site restoration; contingencies; related financial, legal and administrative expenses; and costs of issuance of any borrowing therefor (collectively, "Costs of the Project" or "Costs"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined to borrow money for the public purpose of financing or reimbursing all or a portion of the costs of one or more components of the Costs of the Project by issuing one or more series of its general obligation bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") to award grants to qualifying states to establish and capitalize drinking water treatment revolving loan funds ("SRFs") for the purpose of providing loans and certain other forms of financial assistance to finance, among other things, the construction and improvement of publicly-owned and privately-owned water supply systems; and

**WHEREAS**, as contemplated by the Safe Drinking Water Act, the General Assembly of Maryland has amended the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration Act (previously known as the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Act), codified at Sections 9-1601 through 9-1622, inclusive, of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as replaced, supplemented or amended, the "MWIFA Act"), establishing an SRF designated the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (the "Fund") to be maintained and administered by the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration (previously known as the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration, and referred to in this Ordinance as the "Administration," including with respect to any successors thereto); and

**WHEREAS**, the MWIFA Act authorizes the Administration, among other things, to make a loan from the Fund to a "local government" (as defined in the MWIFA Act) for the purpose of financing or refinancing all or a portion of the cost of a "water supply system" project (as defined in the MWIFA Act); and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a "local government" within the meaning of the MWIFA Act, the Project is a "water supply system" project within the meaning of the MWIFA Act, and the City has applied to the Administration for a loan or loans from the Fund for purposes of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the MWIFA Act authorizes a local government to issue one or more bonds, notes or other evidences of obligation (each, a "loan obligation" as defined in the MWIFA Act) to evidence its indebtedness under a loan agreement with respect to a loan from the Administration, to sell any such bond, note or other evidence of obligation to the Administration at private sale, without public bidding, and may require a local government to establish a dedicated source of revenues for repayment of such loan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority of the MWIFA Act, the Enabling Act, Sections SC7-45 and SC7-46 of the Charter and any other applicable law, the City has determined to borrow money from the Administration for the public purpose of financing or reimbursing Costs of the Project or such components of Costs of the Project as the Administration shall approve; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the issuance and sale of any series of the general obligation bonds authorized hereby, and pursuant to the MWIFA Act, the City will enter into one or more loan agreements with the Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration's Intended Use Plan Funding notification to the City provides for loan funding approved in two different federal fiscal years in the respective maximum original principal amounts of $2,762,822 and $2,112,088 (for an aggregate maximum original principal amount of $4,874,910) for the purpose of financing or reimbursing Costs of the Project, with such loan funding being characterized as "principal forgiveness" within the meaning of the Administration's loan programs; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2026, the Maryland Board of Public Works approved the Administration providing loan funding to the City for purposes of the Project in the maximum original principal amount of $4,874,910; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of introduction of this Ordinance, the City and the Administration anticipate that such approved principal forgiveness loan funding will be evidenced by the issuance by the City to the Administration of a single series of bonds in the form of a single general obligation bond the payment of which is subject to forgiveness as described herein and the interest on which (if any) is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes; provided that, the final structure of any such financing (including, without limitation, whether more than one series of general obligation bonds will be issued by the City to the Administration and the final original principal amount of any such series of bonds) shall be determined by the Council of the City (the "Council") by resolution as provided for in applicable State law, the Charter and this Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined to pledge its full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power to the prompt payment of debt service on any issued series of bonds authorized hereby; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, as authorized by the MWIFA Act, may pledge any moneys that the City is entitled to receive from the State of Maryland, including the City's share of the State income tax, to secure its obligations under any loan agreement with the Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, as authorized by Section SC7-46.A of the Charter, the City may provide by resolution for the pledge of any additional security for the contemplated bond(s); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority of the Charter, the City shall issue any series of general obligation bonds authorized hereby in accordance with the terms and conditions provided for in a resolution or resolutions to be adopted by the Council.

<u>SECTION 1</u>. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND** that:

(a) The Recitals to this Ordinance are deemed a substantive part of this Ordinance and incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used in this Ordinance and not otherwise defined in the Sections of this Ordinance shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Recitals.

(b) References in this Ordinance to any official by title shall be deemed to refer (i) to any official authorized under the Charter, the code of ordinances of the City (the "City Code") or other applicable law or authority to act in such titled official's stead in the event of a vacancy in such position or during the absence, disability or unavailability of such titled official, (ii) to any person who has been elected, appointed or designated to fill such position in an acting or interim capacity under the Charter, the City Code or other applicable law or authority, (iii) to any person who serves in a "deputy," "associate" or "assistant" capacity as such an official, provided that the applicable responsibilities, rights or duties referred to herein have been delegated to such deputy, associate or assistant in accordance with the Charter, the City Code or other applicable law or authority, and/or (iv) to the extent an identified official commonly uses another title not provided for in the Charter or the City Code, the official, however known, who is charged under the Charter, the City Code or other applicable law or authority (including this Ordinance) with the applicable responsibilities, rights or duties referred to herein.

(c) References in this Ordinance to the "Project," "Costs of the Project" and "Costs" are intended to include any modifications or amendments to components of the Project as provided for in City budgetary materials or made by other appropriate actions and that are acceptable to the Administration.

(d) References in this Ordinance to any statutory or legislative authority shall be deemed to refer to such statutory or legislative authority as replaced, supplemented or amended, to the extent applicable.

(e) References in this Ordinance to "officials" of the City shall be construed to also refer to employees of the City where applicable.

(f) To the extent that applicable laws, orders, regulations or other authority allow for signatures of City officials to be made by digital, facsimile, electronic or other means, the provisions of such applicable laws, orders, regulations or other authority allowing signatures to be made in a manner other than manually shall apply to any signatures of City officials provided for in or contemplated by this Ordinance, including on this Ordinance. In addition, this Ordinance may be executed in counterparts.

(g) As of the date of introduction of this Ordinance, the Administration generally refers to the Project by the following name: "Naylor Mill MHP Water System Extension and PFAS Remediation." That is the name under which the loan to the City for Costs of the Project was approved by the Maryland Board of Public Works. The City and the Administration may use different names to identify the same Project.

**SECTION 2**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that pursuant to the authority of the Enabling Act, the MWIFA Act, Sections SC7-45 and SC7-46 of the Charter and any other applicable law, the City hereby determines to borrow money and incur indebtedness for the public purpose of financing or reimbursing any one or more components of Costs of the Project in whole or in part, all to the extent permitted by the Administration. The total Costs of the Project not otherwise payable from other sources is not expected to exceed Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars ($4,874,910).

**SECTION 3**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that:

(a) To evidence the borrowing and indebtedness authorized in Section 2 of this Ordinance, the City, acting pursuant to the authority of the Enabling Act, the MWIFA Act, Sections SC7-45 and SC7-46 of the Charter and any other applicable law, hereby determines to issue and sell from time to time, upon its full faith and credit, one or more series of its general obligation bonds in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars ($4,874,910) (individually, a "series" of the Bonds and, collectively, the "Bonds"). Each such series may consist of one or more bonds and any bond may be issued in installment form and/or draw-down form. Any such series of the Bonds may be issued in fiscal year 2026 of the City or any future fiscal year. The proceeds of each series of any issued Bonds are hereby appropriated for the purposes outlined or provided for in this Ordinance.

(b) As of the date of introduction of this Ordinance, based on communications between the City and the Administration, the approval of the Maryland Board of Public Works, and preliminary approvals given by the Administration to date, it is anticipated that the City will issue to the Administration one series of the Bonds consisting of a single general obligation bond the interest on which (if any) is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes in the maximum original principal amount not to exceed $4,874,910. Notwithstanding such current expectation, and with the Administration's consent, the Council may determine by resolution to issue to the Administration more than one series of the Bonds in order to finance or reimburse Costs of the Project as long as the original aggregate principal amount of all such issued Bonds does not exceed $4,874,910.

**SECTION 4**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that pursuant to the authority of the Enabling Act, the MWIFA Act, Sections SC7-45 and SC7-46 of the Charter and any other applicable law, the City hereby determines to sell any series of the Bonds to the Administration by private sale, without public bidding, in a direct purchase transaction due, in part, to the ability to issue any series of the Bonds as draw-down obligations, the ability to negotiate certain terms with the Administration, the principal forgiveness structure of the Bonds, the beneficial formulas by which the Administration establishes interest rates on bonds purchased by the Administration, and the lower costs of issuance typically incurred with a private sale to the Administration as compared to a public sale at competitive bid or a negotiated underwriting.

**SECTION 5**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that the proceeds of any series of the Bonds shall be used and applied by the City exclusively and solely for the public purposes described in Section 2 of this Ordinance, unless, with the approval of the Administration, a supplemental ordinance is enacted by the Council to provide for the use and application of such proceeds for some other proper public purpose authorized by the MWIFA Act, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that:

(a) As required by the MWIFA Act, the City is hereby authorized to enter into one or more loan agreements with the Administration (each, a "Loan Agreement" and collectively, the "Loan Agreements") in connection with any series of the Bonds. The final or substantially final form of each Loan Agreement shall be approved by the Council by resolution and the completion, execution and delivery of each Loan Agreement shall be authorized by the Council by resolution.

(b) The City hereby acknowledges that the provisions of each Loan Agreement may allow for, among other remedies, all payments on any series of the Bonds subject to such Loan Agreement to be declared immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default provided for in such Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 7**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that as authorized by Section 9-1606(d) of the MWIFA Act, and contingent upon the issuance of any Bonds, the City hereby pledges any moneys that the City is entitled to receive from the State of Maryland, including the City's share of the State income tax, to secure its obligations under any Loan Agreement. Any such pledge may be evidenced and detailed in any applicable Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 8**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that pursuant to the authority of the Enabling Act, Sections SC7-45 and SC7-46 of the Charter, and any other applicable law, the Council, prior to the issuance, sale and delivery to the Administration of any series of the Bonds, shall adopt a resolution or resolutions specifying, prescribing, determining or providing for the determination of, providing for, or approving or providing for the approval of, the types of matters, details, forms (including, without limitation, the form or substantially final form of the Bonds of such series), documents or procedures as may be required by the Enabling Act, the MWIFA Act, the Charter, other applicable law or this Ordinance or as the Council may deem appropriate for the authorization, sale, security, issuance, delivery, payment or prepayment of or for such series of the Bonds. A resolution shall or may set forth, determine or provide for the determination of, provide for, or approve or provide for the approval of, among other things, as applicable, the original aggregate principal amount of such series of the Bonds; the designation of such series of the Bonds; the denomination or denominations of such series of the Bonds; the maturity or maturities of such series of the Bonds; the principal installment or installments, or the method of determining the principal installment or installments, payable on such series of the Bonds (if any); the rate or rates of interest, or the method of determining the rate or rates of interest, which may be fixed or variable (and which may include a rate of zero percent (0.0%)), payable on such series of the Bonds; provisions relating to the payment of any late fees or penalties with respect to such series of the Bonds; the components of the Costs of the Project on which proceeds of such series will be expended, if limited in any way; provisions for the further appropriation and disposal of such proceeds; provisions relating to the prepayment of such series of the Bonds, if applicable; provisions for the application of unexpended proceeds of or investment earnings on such series of the Bonds; provisions relating to the sale to the Administration of such series of the Bonds by private sale, without public bidding; provisions relating to the principal forgiveness of such series of the Bonds; and all other terms and conditions upon which such series of the Bonds will be issued, sold and delivered. By resolution the Council may delegate to one or more City officials the authority to make any determinations, approvals or decisions contemplated by this Section 8 with respect to a series of the Bonds. Any resolution may specify, prescribe, determine or provide for the determination of, or approve or provide for the approval of, the details required or authorized by this Section 8 for more than one series of the Bonds.

**SECTION 9**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that the City is hereby authorized and directed to pay any fees or costs provided for in any Loan Agreement that are not payable from proceeds of the Bonds, including, without limitation, any administrative fees and any ongoing fees or costs. The obligation of the City to pay such amounts shall be absolute and unconditional as further provided in any Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 10**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Ordinance, the City shall use and apply proceeds of each issued series of the Bonds only as permitted by the related Loan Agreement, the Safe Drinking Water Act (as defined in such Loan Agreement) and the MWIFA Act (which may be referred to in each Loan Agreement as the "Act").

**SECTION 11**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that:

(a) The full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the City are hereby pledged to the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on each series of the Bonds actually issued by the City as and when the same are payable and to the imposition of the taxes hereinbelow described as and when such taxes may become necessary in order to provide sufficient funds to meet the debt service requirements of each issued series of the Bonds. Subject to the further provisions of this Section 11, the City hereby covenants with the registered owners of each series of the issued Bonds to impose ad valorem taxes on all real and tangible personal property in the City that is subject to assessment for unlimited municipal taxation at a rate and in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds due in each fiscal year in which any of the Bonds are outstanding and to take any further action that may be lawfully appropriate from time to time during the period that the Bonds of such series remain outstanding and unpaid to provide the funds necessary to pay promptly the principal thereof and the interest due thereon. If the proceeds from the taxes so imposed in any such fiscal year are inadequate for such payment, additional taxes shall be imposed in the succeeding fiscal year to make up such deficiency.

(b) Pursuant to the authority of Section SC7-46.A of the Charter, by resolution the Council may provide for any additional sources of revenue to be pledged to payment of the Bonds or from which the Bonds will be payable in the first instance, including any source of dedicated revenues that may be required by the MWIFA Act. To the extent of any funds received or receivable as described in this subsection (b) in any fiscal year, the taxes required to be imposed in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section 11 may be reduced proportionately.

(c) The foregoing provisions shall not be construed so as to prohibit the City from paying the principal of and interest on any series of the Bonds from the proceeds of the sale of any other obligations of the City. Within any applicable limitations of Maryland or federal law, the City may apply to the payment of the principal of or interest on any series of the Bonds any funds received by it from the State of Maryland or the United States of America, or any governmental agency or instrumentality, or from any other source, if the funds are granted or paid to the City for the purpose of assisting the City in accomplishing the type of project which such series of the Bonds are issued to finance or reimburse or are otherwise available for such purpose, and to the extent of any such funds received or receivable in any fiscal year, the taxes hereby required to be imposed may be reduced proportionately.

**SECTION 12**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that subsequent to the sale, issuance and delivery of any series of the Bonds to the Administration, the Council by resolution may specify, prescribe, determine or provide for the determination of, or approve or provide for the approval of, any amendments or modifications to such series of the Bonds and/or the related Loan Agreement or Loan Agreements and any other documents, agreements or instruments executed and delivered in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery of such series of the Bonds, and/or provide for the execution and delivery of additional or replacement documents, agreements, certificates or instruments relating to such amendments or modifications (including, without limitation, any bond or bonds to be issued and exchanged for one or more of such series of the Bonds originally issued and delivered and any new or restated Loan Agreement).

**SECTION 13**. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that with respect to any series of the Bonds and any Loan Agreement, by resolution the Council shall delegate to one or more specified officials the authority to finally approve (to the extent the final form thereof is not approved by resolution), execute and deliver the same, and by resolution the Council may delegate to one or more specified officials the authority to negotiate, approve, execute and deliver, as applicable, any other documents, certificates or instruments relating to any of the Bonds or any Loan Agreement. The following City officials: the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Deputy City Administrator, any Assistant City Administrator, the Director of Finance, any Assistant Director of Finance, the City Clerk and all other appropriate officials of the City, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to (i) take any and all action necessary to complete and close the sale, issuance and delivery of any of the Bonds authorized hereby, (ii) negotiate, approve, execute and deliver all documents, certificates and instruments necessary or appropriate in connection with any such sale, issuance and delivery, to the extent authority with respect to the same has not been delegated by the Council to any specified official(s) in accordance with the preceding sentence, and (iii) carry out the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance, any ordinance supplementing or amending this Ordinance, any resolution adopted in furtherance of this Ordinance (as the same may be further supplemented or amended), and any such documents, certificates or instruments executed and delivered in connection with a series of the

Bonds, to the extent such action is within the scope of such official's authority and such action has not been specifically delegated to one or more officials by ordinance or resolution of the Council.

**SECTION 14. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that in the event that, to the extent not prohibited by the Charter, at the time the City seal needs to be or may be impressed or affixed on any of series of the Bonds or any Loan Agreement, or any related documents, certificates or instruments, the position of the City Clerk is vacant, or in the absence, disability or unavailability of any incumbent City Clerk, if no other City official has the authority to attest to the impression or affixing of the City seal under the Charter, the City Code or other applicable law or authority, such attestation may be made by any of the following in the following order of priority: any Deputy City Clerk, any Assistant City Clerk, the City Administrator, the Deputy City Administrator, any Assistant City Administrator, the Director of Finance or any other official designated by the Council by resolution, motion or other appropriate action; provided that, the same official may not both execute any such document or agreement on behalf of the City and attest to the impression or affixing of the City seal on the same, but any such official may both certify to the impression or affixing of the City seal on and make other certifications in any closing certificate.

**SECTION 15. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be, and is, a statement of the substance of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

**SECTION 16. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the transactions authorized or contemplated by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 17. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective following approval by the Mayor or subsequent passage by the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section SC2-12 of the Charter. Pursuant to Section SC2-16 of the Charter, this Ordinance shall not be subject to petition for referendum.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 11 day of May, 2026, and thereafter, a statement of the substance of this Ordinance having been posted or published as required by law, was finally passed by the Council _____X_____ [as introduced] ____________ [as amended] [CHECK APPLICABLE LINE] on the 26 day of May, 2026.

**ATTEST:**

Julie A. English

**Julie A. English, City Clerk**

April R. Jackson

**April R. Jackson, City Council President**

**APPROVED BY ME** THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2026:

**Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor**