ORDINANCE 2022/44

AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF **ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-619 TO REQUIRE A PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

WHEREAS the correct identification of real property, for which deeds and other instruments are recorded to prove ownership or other interest in such property, is critical for the maintenance of accurate land ownership records to protect the rights and interests of our citizens, for taxation and for other governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, Property Identification Number ("PIN") assigned by the Tax Assessor's Office is the currently accepted standard for such real property identification; and

WHEREAS, to correctly identify the real property in a deed the text needs to be amended to require all deeds to include a PIN, whereby the deleted text is struck through and the added text is underlined, as follows:

Sec. 2-619. Property identification number required on deeds.

All deeds, except including quit claim deeds, which are submitted for (a) recording to the register of deeds for the county shall have included in the property description section thereof the current county property identification number (PIN) of the subject property, which shall include the district, map, and parcel numbers as assigned by the county tax assessor. It shall be the responsibility of the deed preparer, as indicated in the preparation clause, to obtain the proper PIN prior to recording.

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council finds it is appropriate to amend the text as provided for herein in order to protect the rights and interests of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in a meeting duly assembled, hereby approves a text amendment to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 2, Section 2-619 as described herein.

Adopted this 24th day of October 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: Joseph Passiment, Charman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

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