

**FRANCHISE
FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**

THIS FRANCHISE (the “Franchise”) is granted effective as of the 1st day of April, 2025 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 which franchise expired March 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, with its residential solid waste collection franchise expiring March 31, 2025, Franchisee desires to renew such franchise and 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;

WHEREAS, with Franchisee’s residential solid waste collection franchise expiring March 31, 2025, the County desires to renew, issue and grant to Franchisee, and Franchisee desires to accept and agree to, the right and privilege to offer and to provide such residential solid waste collection services serving residents of the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County, in each case pursuant and subject to the conditions, terms, provisions, requirements, and obligations of the Solid Waste Ordinance and this Franchise; and

WHEREAS, the granting of this Franchise to authorize and to permit Franchisee to provide residential solid waste collection services is authorized by the 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance as amended duly adopted by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners (the “Solid Waste Ordinance”);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the respective representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements of Franchisee set forth herein, the sum of Ten and no/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are each hereby acknowledged, Lowndes County does hereby issue and grant to Franchisee, and