

**FRANCHISE
FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**

THIS FRANCHISE (the “Franchise”) is granted effective as of the 1st day of April, 2026, 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”).

W I T N E S S E T H:

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 effective April 1, 2025, for a term of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, inclusive;

WHEREAS, Franchisee desires 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, the County desires to 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 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance, as amended, (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 Solid Waste Ordinance duly adopted by the County;

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 Franchisee, intending to be legally bound hereby, does hereby accept and agree to this Franchise, as follows: