

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1109-23

**RESOLUTION TO RENAME
LYNCH STREET**

WHEREAS, Lynch Street is a public right-of-way maintained by the Town of Apex and is located entirely within Town of Apex corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Street extends approximately 2,640 feet (0.50 miles) northwestward from South Salem Street (N.C.S.R. 1011) to its terminus at Wake County Parcel # 0741092405; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Street was evidently named after the William Lynch family, which was granted 100 acres by Governor Thomas Bragg in the same vicinity on April 10, 1855; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal records show no evidence of the Lynch family remaining in the area after the remainder of the family land was acquired by the T.A. Bullock and Abraham Justice families in 1935; and

WHEREAS, the street was annexed by the Town of Apex in 1960 and the namesake of said street has obscurity; and

WHEREAS, the namesake of “Lynch” remains obscure among residents and has become a negative reminder of a time of intimidation and oppression of Black and African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Apex Address Policy* states, “The Town shall have the authority to rename streets within its corporate limits as needed for reasons related to public safety or inappropriateness”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex notified Lynch Street property owners of discussion to change the street name, requested feedback and suggested names from aforesaid property owners, and posted public notice of a public hearing before the Town Council to discuss the matter; and

WHEREAS, input from the public was reviewed by Town Council and matters regarding the street renaming were discussed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Apex does hereby declare the full extent of Lynch Street to be renamed _____ effective the 1st day of February, 2022 and that all administrative processes, including mailing notifications to affected property owners and ordering street sign replacements, commence immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Adopted and effective the ____ day of _____, 2021.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF APEX, NORTH CAROLINA

BY: _____
Jacques Gilbert
Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna B. Hosch, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk