



## AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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**PREPARED BY:** Lynn Barbee, Mayor

**DEPARTMENT:** Council

**MEETING:** Town Council 5/13/2025

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Opposing Legislative Preemption of Local Government Planning and Zoning – House Bill 765

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Several bills have been introduced in the 2025 session of the North Carolina General Assembly (SB495, SB497, SB 498, SB 688, and HB765) that change many aspects of local planning and zoning and dramatically affect the ability of local governments to reflect the will of their citizens. Local governments have historically been the final guardian of the rights of the people and local government zoning has made in-person attendance and comment easier for proponents and opponents of zoning decisions, allowing citizens to participate in matters that affect them through the Public Hearing process. The Bills now pending in the General Assembly will effectively mandate many planning and zoning decisions that are now made by local governments through the public participation process and will change the process, thereby eroding the community's authority to uphold public health, safety and welfare.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the consent agenda which includes a Resolution opposing these House Bills.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Motion to approve Resolution 25-2331.