

**JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CONSOLIDATED
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Henderson County (County) and The City of Hendersonville (City) are committed to promoting the public health, safety, and welfare of all Citizens in their respective and joint jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville owns and operates the largest publicly owned water and sewer system in Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, the system is currently governed by the Hendersonville City Council; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County and Hendersonville both exist for the benefit of the citizens of their respective and joint jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County and Hendersonville both maintain land use regulation in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, control of water and sewer dictates growth and land use decisions in a given jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, both governing bodies believe that responsible growth of Henderson County and Hendersonville should be maintained and protected; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that a water and sewer utility commission managed in a businesslike manner is in the best interest of both citizens and business interests; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the water and sewer systems in the county should be jointly managed among the County and City and maintained for the public good.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOVLED BY HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL, in consideration of these and other relevant matters, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and Hendersonville City Council hereby jointly resolve to enter into negotiations to establish an urban growth strategy and a joint water and sewer utility commission.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Attest:

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

Jill Murray, City Clerk

Approved as to form: _____ Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney