



Resolution #R-23-72

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
HONORING LEE SMITH, UTILITIES DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, Lee Smith has announced his intention to retire as City of Hendersonville as the Director of the City's Water and Sewer Department, effective July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith will depart leaving behind an impressive legacy of public service to Hendersonville and surrounding Henderson County, organizing, directing, and managing the day-to-day operations of the utility; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith has had several noteworthy accomplishments during his tenure as City of Hendersonville Utilities Director and oversaw the growth and expansion of the utility from 2005 to the present; and

WHEREAS, the number of businesses and homes connected to the water system increased from approximately 22,000 to over 31,000 and the water system grew from approximately 500 miles of pipe to over 680 miles of pipe; and

WHEREAS, the number of businesses and homes connected to the sewer system increased from approximately 6,800 to over 10,000 and the sewer system grew from approximately 135 miles of pipe to over 180 miles of pipe; and

WHEREAS, full-time personnel supporting the utility grew from 66 employees to 96 employees and the annual operating budget increased from \$14.2 million to \$24.2 million; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith ensured the provision of a high-level of water and sewer service to the community in an operationally and financially efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith led the utility through several notable improvement projects including but not limited to: water treatment facility renovation, advanced metering infrastructure implementation, French Broad River water intake, Etowah and Fletcher area water improvements, sewer treatment facility equipment replacements/upgrades, Jackson Park sewer interceptor; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith developed and oversaw the implementation of utility policies, long-range plans, procedures and standards and prepared and administered many years of annual utility operating budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, on behalf of the citizens and employees of Hendersonville, that the Mayor and City Council extend to Lee Smith, their sincere appreciation for all of his loyal and dedicated service to the betterment of the City of Hendersonville for the past 18 years.

ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2023.

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest: _____
Jill Murray, City Clerk