



**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ETHICS
FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LANDIS**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of North Carolina, Article I, Section 35, provides that a "frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty"; and

WHEREAS, a spirit of honesty and forthrightness is reflected in North Carolina's state motto, *Esse Quam Videri*, "To be rather than to seem"; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 160A-86 requires local governing boards to adopt a code of ethics; and

WHEREAS, as public officials, the members of the Board of Aldermen are charged with upholding the trust of the citizens of the Town of Landis and with obeying the law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen that in recognition of the obligations assumed by Board Members as public officials representing the citizens of the Town of Landis, and acting pursuant to the requirements of G.S. § 160A-86, that:

1. The attached Code of Ethics titled *Code of Ethics of the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen* is hereby adopted.
2. All provisions of any Town ordinance or resolution in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.
3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 9th day of February 2026.

Meredith Bare Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Madison Stegall, Town Clerk