



**TOWN OF LANDIS RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGES TO LOCAL PLANNING AND ZONING IN HOUSE BILL 765 AND RELATED BILLS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS,** House Bill 765 has been introduced in the 2025 session of the North Carolina General Assembly that changes many aspects of local planning and zoning and dramatically affects the ability of local governments to reflect the will of their citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** 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, thereby allowing citizens to participate in matters that affect them through the Public Hearing Process; and

**WHEREAS,** House Bill 765 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 drastically change the process and destroy the local community's authority to uphold public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes mandates comprehensive planning and zoning, and this Chapter of the Statutes would be severely eroded by passage of House Bill 765 by diminishing the input and trust of the citizens, including those who voluntarily serve on the Town's advisory boards; and

**WHEREAS,** House Bill 765 creates an unnecessary paperwork burden which will increase the cost of providing Planning and Zoning services with no real benefit to the citizens who pay the taxes to support government services; and

**WHEREAS,** local governments with the input of their citizens can best recognize and enforce the need for planning and zoning ordinances; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Landis strongly feels that local governments are best suited to represent their citizens on local matters; and

**WHEREAS,** local governments should decide planning and zoning issues with the advice and help of their citizens who want to participate in such important decisions;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen urges the North Carolina General Assembly to leave planning and zoning decisions to the locally elected Boards and their citizens, and that the North Carolina General Assembly immediately terminate House Bill 765 and other related or similar bills which severely undermine the rights of the local citizens and their elected local government officials to make the zoning rules for their communities as they see fit.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Meredith Bare Smith, Mayor**

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**Madison Stegall, Town Clerk**