



**TOWN OF LANDIS RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INCREASE THE EAST LANDIS WATER DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION TAX RATE TO \$.0825 CENTS PER \$100 VALUATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen held a public hearing during their regular scheduled meeting on April 14, 2025 beginning at 6:00pm to receive citizen input regarding a proposed \$0.04-cent tax increase for East Landis Water District Fire Protection, from 0.0425 to 0.0825, per one-hundred-dollar valuation, and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Rowan County Tax Assessor's Office, the East Landis Water District Fire Protection Tax began in 1997 with a \$.05 cent per \$100 valuation. In 2003, this fire tax was lowered to .042 cents per \$100 valuation, and in 2015 the tax was increased to .0425 per \$100 valuation., and

**WHEREAS,** the operational costs of the Fire Department have increased significantly over the last 28 years, and

**WHEREAS,** Town Staff have determined the call volume in the East Landis Water District Fire Service Area to be approximately 7% of the total call volume. The total actual operational costs for the Fire Department this fiscal year from July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, has been \$1,193,047.65, therefore, 7% of the total operational costs through March 31, 2025, are \$83,513.34.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LANDIS** recommend that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners increase the East Landis Water District Fire Protection tax rate to \$.0825 Cents Per \$100 Valuation.

**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**