



Resolution in Opposition to HB 765, Changes to Local Planning and Zoning and Related Bills by the North Carolina General Assembly

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 has been introduced in the 2025-2026 session of the North Carolina General Assembly that changes many aspects of local planning and zoning and affect the ability of the Town of Robbins Board of Commissioners 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 and planning decisions, thereby allowing the residents of Town of Robbins to participate in matters that directly 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 the Town or Robbins Board of commissioners through the public participation and open meetings process and circumvent the local community's authority to uphold public health, safety and welfare instead require the decisions be made in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of development regulations that involve the determination of fact and the application of objective standards as set forth in House Bill 765 applying a "one size fits all" standard to all of North Carolina; 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 the passage of House Bill 765 by eliminating the input and trust of the citizens, including those who voluntarily serve on the Town's Board of Commissioners and Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, local governments with the input of their citizens can best recognize and enforce the need for planning and zoning ordinances. The Town of Robbins strongly feels that local governments are best suited to represent their citizens on local municipal matters and should decide planning and zoning issues with the advice of their citizens who want to participate in such critical and long lasting decisions;

WHEREAS, multiple bills have been authored, submitted for consideration and voted into law without any input from municipal representatives to provide input on house these enactments would lead to negative, costly and potentially dangerous situations for a community, its citizens, businesses, and property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Board of Commissioners of the Town of Robbins, North Carolina in a regular meeting assembled this ___ day of June 2026 as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Robbins opposes the section of House Bill 765 and urges the North Carolina General Assembly to leave planning and zoning decisions to the locally elected Board and their Citizens.

Section 2. The town of Robbins encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to immediately TERMINATE House Bill 765 as well as any other related or similar bills which severely undermine the rights of local citizens and their elected government officials to make the zoning rules for their communities as they see fit.

This the _____ day of June, 2026.

Cameron Dockery, Mayor

Jessica Coltrane, Town Clerk, CMC