December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town Council Public Hearing Ordinance 2024-17

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT INTO THE TOWN OF WARRENTON OF APPROXIMATELY 243.87295 ACRES OF LAND BELONGING TO ALWINGTON FARM, LLC, ALWINGTON ESTATES, LLC, HD DEVELOPMENT OF MARYLAND, INC., PADMAJA AND SRINIVAS DASARI, THE FAUQUIER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND VABFT, LLC, AND CERTAIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, (the "Town"), and the County of Fauquier, Virginia, ("the County") filed a Notice with the Virginia Commission on Local Government of their intention to effect a Boundary Line Adjustment ("BLA") by and between the Town and the County to incorporate into the Town approximately 243.87295 acres of land presently subject only to County jurisdiction (the Adjusted Property") belonging to Alwington Farm, LLC, Alwington Estates, LLC, HD Development of Maryland, Inc., Padmaja and Srinivas Dasari, the Fauquier County School Board, and VABFT, LLC, together with such road right-of-way as may lie within the proposed BLA area; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the County have mutually agreed upon terms and conditions for a boundary adjustment in a Voluntary Settlement Agreement (the "VSA") pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §15.2-3400, as an alternative to a fully contested litigation to adjust jurisdictional boundaries, and submitted that VSA to the Virginia Commission on Local Government (the Commission) for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the VSA and has recommended its approval of the said BLA and Agreement in its report dated November 2024, all according to law, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to approve and present the VSA to the Circuit Court for further action thereon;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, as follows:

- 1. The aforesaid Whereas clauses are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. The Town Council hereby consents to the adjustment of the Adjusted Property into the Town's corporate limits consistently with the VSA.
- The Town Council hereby agrees to the terms and conditions as set forth in the VSA, a copy of which is separately attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A, and authorizes the execution thereof by the Mayor or his designee.
- 4. The Town Council hereby directs the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney, together with the Fauquier County Attorney, to forward the VSA, and any necessary exhibits thereto, to the Circuit Court of Fauquier County, and by a

proper petition to that Court request it to have the Supreme Court of Virginia appoint a Special Court pursuant to the provisions of Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-3400(5), to hear and decide this matter in accordance with law.

5. The Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Attorney, shall take such other and further steps as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance and the incorporation of the Adjusted Land into the Town's boundaries.

Votes:

Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James

Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire

Nays:

Mr. Eric Gagnon

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

**Town Attorney** 

ATTEST:

**Town Recorder**