

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No.

## RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE THE WARRENTON COMMISSION ON OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Warrenton established the Warrenton Commission on Open and Transparent Government (“the Commission”) on January 14, 2025, to review development application processes and facilitate the public’s timely awareness of such applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission was tasked with investigating specific projects, including the Amazon Web Services data center (SUP 22-03), the Warrenton Village project, and the Arrington Voluntary Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, at the November 12, 2025, meeting, the Town Council paused the Commission’s operations due to the resignation of the Town Attorney’s office; and

**WHEREAS**, with the appointment of a new Town Attorney, the Council finds that the administrative and legal conditions required for the Commission to discharge its duties effectively have been restored; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s mission is guided by comprehensive documents, including a Mission Statement, Discovery Plan, and Town Records Review Plan, which detail the procedures for broad investigatory access to Town records; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of Warrenton:

### I. Reinstatement and Organizational Review

The Warrenton Commission on Open and Transparent Government is hereby reinstated. The Commission is directed to immediately conduct a thorough review of its governing and guidance documents—including the Discovery Plan and Town Records Review Plan—to ensure they are sufficient to fulfill the Commission’s objectives.

### II. Strategic Roadmap for March Meeting

The Commission shall prepare a formal presentation for consideration and adoption by the Town Council at the March 2026 meeting.

This presentation must outline:

- Refined Charter and Purpose: A review of the Commission’s role in ensuring accountability and trust.
- Operational Plans: Updated procedures for discovery and the review of Town records.
- Actionable Items and Deliverables: A list of key initiatives, including transparency audits and the preparation of the final report to Council.
- Necessary Resources: An itemized request for the funding and expertise required to conduct a thorough and credible internal review.

### III. Commitment to Action

Upon the Town Council’s adoption of the presented goals, deliverables, and resource allocations at the March meeting, the Commission is authorized and directed to immediately resume its investigation and execute all approved actionable items.

**IV. Composition**

The Commission shall continue to consist of two members of the Town Council, one of whom shall be the Vice Mayor, and three town residents selected by them and confirmed by the Council with legal advise and oversight provided by the Town Attorney.

**V. Timeline**

The Commission is directed to present a report for the Council within 1 year of final adoption of the approved plans.

ATTACHMENT: None

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

**For Information:**

Town Attorney

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Recorder