



TOWN RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NAME: **RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LEGISLATIVE DE-ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD**

RESOLUTION #: RES-2024-001

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 3-22-24

ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 3-22-24

WHEREAS, the Town of Summerfield ("Town") has been threatened by the North Carolina General Assembly in House Bill 5 with the contested de-annexation of an approximately 1,000-acre area of land situated in the heart of the Town's corporate limits, including non-contiguous land; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Summerfield Town Council, on behalf of its citizens, opposes all such contested de-annexations, and in particular the effort instigated by the developer and his representatives to de-annex this or any portion of this property within the corporate limits of the Town of Summerfield; and,

WHEREAS, the contested de-annexation of this property would be contrary to the will of the vast majority of Summerfield's citizens and would result in the usurpation of the rights and authority previously granted to Summerfield residents by the General Assembly to have a voice in the conditions in which they live and work; and,

WHEREAS, the Summerfield Town Council previously passed a text amendment allowing for a villages type district to accommodate said developer that has been met with no rezoning application, thus hindering the town from working towards a local solution; and,

WHEREAS, if the General Assembly were to follow through on the contested de-annexation of this property such action would destroy the Town's ability to preserve its historic fabric and threaten the Town's natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the contested de-annexation of such a substantial area of land from the heart of Summerfield is certain to result in unintended, negative fiscal impacts on current and future taxpayers in Summerfield; and,

WHEREAS, the contested de-annexation of said property from the Town of Summerfield would set a harmful precedent diminishing the role of local government granted to municipalities by the State of North Carolina and would be contrary to democratic principles and to the notion that land use decisions should be local decisions and not dictated by the State; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Summerfield Town Council opposes the contested de-annexation of nearly 1000 acres of land, or any portion of it, from the Town's corporate limits; and,

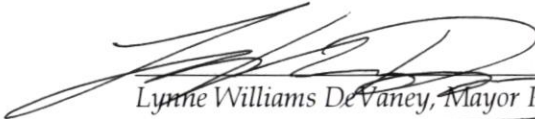


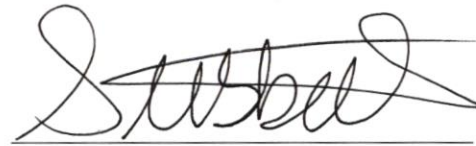
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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Summerfield welcomes the support of other local governments in opposing House Bill 5, or any other legislation that would result in the contested de-annexation of the property from the Town's corporate limits by either signing this resolution or adopting a similar resolution and delivering such resolution to your local State Legislative delegation as soon as possible.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Town of Summerfield Town Council on March 22, 2024.


Lynne Williams DeVaney, Mayor Pro-tem


Sarah Tibbetts, Town Clerk