

STATEMENT of CONSISTENCY and REASONABLENESS

for the

ADOPTION of the CITY of LOWELL DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Lowell City Council adopted the **City of Lowell Comprehensive Land Use Plan** on April 13, 2021, hereafter referred to as the “Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to adopt a new land development ordinance to maintain consistency with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting or rejecting any zoning ordinance or amendment thereto, the City Council must, in accordance with G.S. 160D-605, adopt a statement describing whether its action is consistent with an adopted comprehensive plan and explain why the City Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, the City Council hereby finds the adoption of the Lowell Development Ordinance consistent with the Plan adopted April 13, 2021, in that standards, specifications and policies set forth in the new **Lowell Development Ordinance (LDO)** will support the expansion of the City of Lowell economy, preserve the character of the City through practical standards for land use and development, and support the protection of natural resources as required by both Federal and State of North Carolina statutes. The new LDO is deemed reasonable in the way it will facilitate carrying out the goals of the Plan through each of the following:

1. Establish environmentally responsible yet business oriented common-sense principles aimed to protect both the local environment and property rights,
2. Minimize negative impacts on the natural and fiscal resources of Lowell,
3. Minimize negative impacts on local property tax and utility rate payers,
4. Welcome those future residents and businesses seeking to contribute to the success of the City’s efforts to establish a resilient sustainable and stable local economy,
5. Reinforce the tax base,
6. Expand opportunities for local business success, and
7. Promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, businesses and property owners of Lowell.

Recommended this the 2nd day of March 2021

Vieta Benson, Chair per G.S 160D-604(d)

Adopted this the ____— day of _____ 2021

Sandy Railey, Mayor per G.S. 160D-605

Attest:

Beverly Harris, City Clerk