

STATEMENT of CONSISTENCY and REASONABLENESS

for the

ADOPTION of the TOWN of RUTHERFORDTON DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Rutherfordton Town Council adopted the Town Plan 2040 Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan on December 2, 2020, hereafter referred to as the “Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the Town 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 Town 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 Town Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, the Town Council hereby finds the adoption of the Rutherfordton Development Ordinance consistent with the Plan adopted December 2, 2020, 2020, in that standards, specifications and policies set forth in the new Rutherfordton Development Ordinance (RDO) will support the expansion of the Town of Rutherfordton economy, preserve the character of the Town 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 RDO 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 Rutherfordton,
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 Town’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 Rutherfordton.

Recommended this the 12th day of November 2020

Planning Board Chair per G.S 160D-604(d)

Adopted this the ____— day of _____ 2021

Jimmy G. Dancy, Mayor per G.S. 160D-605

Attest:

Mara Short, Town Clerk