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## RESOLUTION OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ABOLISHING EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the County of Johnston has a total area of approximately 791 square miles and has seen tremendous population growth over the years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Johnston is currently divided into twenty-six fire protection service districts created pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 153A-301, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners, decided, by general consensus, to proceed with a proposal to abolish the twenty-six existing fire protection service districts within the County of Johnston and to create a new single county fire protection service district that comprises the entire unincorporated territory of the County of Johnston; and

WHEREAS, territory lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Wilson's Mills is currently included in the existing Wilson's Mills Fire Service District and may be included in the new single county fire protection service district upon receipt of a resolution from the Town of Wilson's Mills agreeing to be included in the new single county fire protection service district; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Emergency Services Director, the Johnston County Fire Marshal, and other appropriate representatives and employees of the County of Johnston were authorized to take such steps as might be required or necessary to pursue the statutory and administrative processes relative to the proposal to abolish the existing fire protection service districts and create a new single county fire protection service district; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 153A-306 provides that the Board of Commissioners may, by resolution, abolish a particular service district upon finding that there is no longer a need for a particular service district and that there are no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance projects in the districts; and

WHEREAS, the existing fire protection service districts to be abolished are as follows:

- a. Banner and Benson Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and
- b. Bentonville Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B; and
- c. Beulah and Kenly Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit C; and
- d. Blackman's Crossroads Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit D; and

- e. Boon Hill and Princeton Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit E; and
- f. Brogden Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit F; and
- g. Claytex and Clayton Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit G; and
- h. Corinth-Holder Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit H; and
- i. Elevation Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I; and
- j. 50-210 Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit J; and
- k. McLemore Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit K; and
- 1. Meadow Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit L; and
- m. Micro Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit M; and
- n. Nahunta Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit N; and
- o. Newton Grove Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit O; and
- p. North Side Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit P; and
- q. O'Neal Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit Q; and
- r. Oakland Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit R; and
- s. Pi-Le and Pine Level Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit S; and
- t. Selma and Selma Rural Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit T; and
- u. Shoe Heel Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit U; and
- v. Smithfield and Smithfield Rural Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit V; and
- w. Strickland Crossroads Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit W; and
- x. West Johnston Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit X; and
- y. Wilson's Mills Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit Y; and
- z. Wynn and Four Oaks Fire Service District as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit Z.

WHEREAS, the current service districts, as they exist today, would no longer be needed as the Johnston County Board of Commissioners will create a new single county fire protection service district proposed to be established to fund the full cost of fire protection services, delivered on an equitable basis

to all residents of the single county fire protection service district, with the cost burden carried equitably by all service district property owners through the service district tax; and

WHEREAS, the County of Johnston has no outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance fire protection projects in the existing fire protection service districts which are proposed to be abolished; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners conducted a duly noticed public hearing on April 1, 2024, providing an opportunity for citizens to appear and be heard concerning the proposal; and

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Johnston County Board of Commissioners that such a proposal enjoys support within the respective communities involved and within the subject districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, meeting in regular session on April 15, 2024, that the following fire protection service districts are hereby abolished, effective June 30, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.:

- a. Banner and Benson Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and
- b. Bentonville Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B; and
- c. Beulah and Kenly Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit C; and
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- w. Strickland Crossroads Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit W; and
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- y. Wilson's Mills Fire Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit Y; and
- z. Wynn and Four Oaks Fire Service District as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit Z.

Adopted this the 15th day of April, 2

Attest:

Dana G. Cuddington Clerk to the Board

R.S. "Butch" Lawter, Jr., Chairman Johnston County Board of Commissioners

 $\leq$ Exhibits A – Z follow on next pages $\geq$ 



















































