**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE**
**HARPER AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to providing its citizens with a safe community in which to live, work, and play that includes the improvement of multi-modal transportation connectivity and enhanced future efforts to provide for greater mobility choice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted the Downtown Lenoir Master Plan (2024), Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2025), and Living Lenoir Comprehensive Plan (2025) which includes project priority for improved accommodations for pedestrian transportation corridors throughout the City, and beautification of corridors into Downtown Lenoir; and

**WHEREAS**, the City understands the importance of planning for projects that expand pedestrian transportation connectivity and incorporate streetscape elements such as sidewalks, street trees, and stormwater improvements to support public health, economic development, social interaction, and enhanced environmental quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the eastern segment of Harper Avenue is a corridor within the City which requires targeted streetscape improvements to create safer pedestrian environments, strengthen connections between neighborhoods, businesses, and employment centers, and reduce localized flooding through modernized stormwater infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 25, 2026, the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) issued a call for projects to agencies in its jurisdiction for Surface Transportation Program - Direct Appointment Funding (STBG-DA). A total of approximately $3,500,000 is available to award among four transportation modal buckets: bicycle and pedestrian, intersections, roadway, and transit; and

**WHEREAS**, STBG-DA is comprised of a collection of discretionary programs including 50% of funding allocated to bicycle & pedestrian and 15% to intersection projects consistent with the Harper Avenue Streetscape Project, including: sidewalk construction, stormwater drainage improvement, intersection improvement, and safe pedestrian crossings which each require a minimum 20% local cash match; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends at this time to apply only for Phase 1 (Preconstruction) of the Harper Avenue Streetscape Project in the total amount of $2,042,106 and anticipates submitting additional applications in future funding cycles for subsequent phases of the project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenoir City Council hereby authorizes the City Planning Department to submit up to 3 applications to the GHMPO for STDG-DA Funds for Harper Avenue Streetscape Project, with the first application to be for the design phase, in the amount of $9,532,809 and will commit up to $1,906,562 as a cash match for the streetscape project by this Resolution.

Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2026.

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lauren Hartley, City Clerk