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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT AND REQUESTING CONCURRENCE FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A 35 MPH SPEED ZONE ON SR 1294 (LITHIA INN ROAD)

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 20-141(f), local authorities may, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, determine and declare safe and reasonable speed limits on state highway system streets within municipal corporate limits, subject to concurrence by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT); and

WHEREAS, the current state traffic ordinance establishes a speed limit of 45 miles per hour (MPH) on State Road 1294, locally known as Lithia Inn Road, between NC Highway 27 and US Highway 321; and

WHEREAS, based upon local safety reviews, increased residential development, and community input, the City Council of the City of Lincolnton has determined that the existing 45 MPH speed limit is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon this segment of roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to lower the speed limit to 35 MPH to enhance motorist and pedestrian safety, reduce speed variances, and protect the welfare of the public along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has provided a "Certification of Municipal Declaration to Repeal Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence" to formally strike the existing 45 MPH state traffic ordinance from the official registry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, that:

1. **The City Council hereby approves and authorizes** the execution of the NCDOT *Certification of Municipal Declaration to Repeal Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence* to officially repeal the existing 45 MPH speed limit on SR 1294 (Lithia Inn Road) from NC Highway 27 to US Highway 321.
2. **The City Council formally requests** that the North Carolina Department of Transportation concurrently approve and enact a new state traffic ordinance

establishing a safe and reasonable speed limit of **35 MPH** along this identical segment of SR 1294.

3. **The City Council hereby declares its intent** to amend the City of Lincolnton Code of Ordinances to reflect a matching municipal speed zone of 35 MPH on Lithia Inn Road, to become effective immediately upon the state's installation of the appropriate physical speed limit signs.

4. **The City Clerk is directed** to attach a certified copy of this Resolution to the NCDOT Repeal Certification form and transmit the completed legislative package to the NCDOT Division 12 Engineer for final execution.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Ed Hatley, Mayor
City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

ATTEST:

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Daphne Ingram, City Clerk

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