ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST TO AMEND
THE OFFICIAL STREET NAME, STREET ADDRESS, AND ADDRESS DISPLAY OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
ZPH2026-00016

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-239.1 the County may have an ordinance that regulates the naming of roads and assigning of addresses;

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has utilized the E-911 addressing system since the Ordinance was adopted in 1994 to establish and maintain standardized physical addresses for the purpose of supporting emergency response and public safety.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board for Buncombe County has reviewed and discussed a proposed text amendment (ZPH2026-00016) and held a public hearing for an amendment to The Official Street Name, Street Address, and Address Display of the Ordinance of the Buncombe County Code of Ordinances to clarify and modernize the ordinance and align it with current policy. This includes removing outdated references and definitions, adding new definitions, and aligning roadway naming procedures with current policy and practice. The ordinance text is attached as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board met to consider the proposed amendment on June 16, 2026, at which meeting a motion to **approve** the proposed text amendment passed by a vote of **7 to 0**; and,

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed these written recommendations of the Buncombe County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes and with the provisions set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-239.1 of the Buncombe County Code of Ordinances, the Board of Commissioners duly advertised and held a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

Section 1. This Board has considered whether this proposed amendment is consistent with the Buncombe County 2043 Comprehensive Plan, and hereby finds the following:

1) The proposed text amendment is consistent with the Buncombe County 2043 Comprehensive Plan in that the text amendment:

- **Hazards and Resilience Policy 2:** Align emergency response with the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Hazard Vulnerability Assessment.
- **Infrastructure and Energy Policy 2:** Plan for the long-term sustainability of public services.

Therefore, the requested text amendment would be **reasonable and in the public interest**.

Section 2. This Board does hereby **approve** and adopts the Plan Consistency Statement and amendment to The Official Street Name, Street Address, and Address Display of the Ordinance of the Buncombe County Code of Ordinances to clarify and modernize the ordinance and align it with current policy. This includes removing outdated references and definitions, adding new definitions, and aligning roadway naming procedures with current policy and practice.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance;

Section 4. All ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict herewith be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

Section 5. This ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 21st day of July 2026.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Sarah Gross, Clerk

BY_____

Amanda Edwards, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney