ORDINANCE # _____

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Housing/Open Space Bond Projects Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 15, 2026

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2026-2027 Housing/Open Space Bond Projects Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2026-2027 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2026

Project Name:	Camp Sequoyah, Slocumb Farm, Morgan Branch A, Agricultural Growth Zone Match, and Agricultural Growth Zone Match Phase 2

Description:

This amendment allocates a total of $2,288,000 from the Open Space Bond Fund for the following conservation easement activities:

The Buncombe County Land Conservation Advisory Board recommends the following new conservation easement project for easement purchase costs:

• **Camp Sequoyah** - $288,000 for an 80 acre conservation easement project in Weaverville

Additionally, the following two existing conservation easement projects require supplemental funding from the Agricultural Growth Zone Match project:

• **Slocumb Farm** - $15,000 for additional acreage
• **Morgan Branch A** - $8,000 for an updated environmental assessment

Lastly, the County will be applying for an additional round of Agricultural Growth Zone Grants requiring a 1:1 match from the County in the amount of $2,000,000.

Funding Source:	FY27 Conservation Easements Allocation. No new funding required.

Exhibit A:	Increase (Decrease)	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Camp Sequoyah	$ 288,000	$ 288,000
Slocumb Farm	$ 15,000	$ 15,000
Morgan Branch A	$ 8,000	$ 8,000
Agricultural Growth Zone Match	$ (23,000)	$ (23,000)
Agricultural Growth Zone Match Phase 2	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000
TOTAL	$ 2,288,000	$ 2,288,000

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By:

Chair of the Board