ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2026 FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING BUILDING PERMIT AND PLANNING FEES FOR REPAIRS CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM HELENE.

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WHEREAS, on May 6, 2025, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners reduced the building permit and planning fees 50% through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina general statutes, this Board approved the FY2026 Fee Schedule as part of the Annual Funds Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, starting January 1, 2026, Buncombe County is wishing to extend the fee waiver program for building permit and planning and development fees for persons and businesses needing a permit to repair storm damage occurred from Tropical Storm Helene.

WHEREAS, the fee waiver necessitates an amendment to the Fee Schedule.

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

Section 1. FY2026 Fee Schedule as part of the Annual Funds Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

All building and planning and development permit fees related to repairs and renovations to residential structures from damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene are hereby reduced by 100% through June 30, 2026.

Section 2. FY2026 Fee Schedule as part of the Annual Funds Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

All building and planning and development permit fees set as it pertains to the North Carolina Private Road and Bridge Program from damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene are hereby reduced by 100% through June 30, 2026.

Section 3. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of any competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December 2025.

ATTEST

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Sarah Gross, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Interim County Attorney

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____
Amanda Edwards, Chair