ORDINANCE # _____

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Article 46 Sales Tax Capital Fund Project Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 19, 2025

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2025-2026 Article 46 Sales Tax Capital Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

1. That the FY2025-2026 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August, 2025

Project Name:	FY26 WNC Futures Factory Grant Match

Description:

A-B Technical Community College is seeking approximately $30M in federal grant funding from the Economic Development Administration (US Department of Commerce) for the Western North Carolina (WNC) Futures Factory. This project will create a 70,000 square foot advanced manufacturing innovation hub on a 13-acre site donated by Biltmore Farms. The WNC Futures Factory will be a regional center for economic recovery, workforce development, and industry modernization, involving collaboration between 5 universities and 5 community colleges. The project is expected to finish in 2029.

A-B Technical Community College will contribute $5,000,000 towards the project match by re-purposing $4,955,670 from the A-B Tech Workforce Training Center project budget and allocating $44,330 in Article 46 funds. Additionally, the college will use $5,000,000 from the State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) for an extra match, bringing the total match to $10,000,000. The total WNC Futures Factory budget will be approximately $40,000,000.

This amendment establishes the $5,000,000 budget for the WNC Futures Factory Grant Match by reallocating $4,955,670 from the previously approved A-B Tech Workforce Training Center project budget and appropriating an additional $44,330 of Article 46 funds.

Funding Source:	Article 46 Sales Tax

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
FY26 WNC Futures Factory Grant Match	$ 5,000,000	$ 5,000,000
AB Tech Workforce Training Center	$ (4,955,670)	$ (4,955,670)
TOTAL	$ 44,330	$ 44,330

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: _____

Chair of the Board