Council Member _____ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of ___.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TO APPLY FOR NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE STORMWATER CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-XX

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain Town Council has indicated its desire to assist in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts within the Town of Black Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Stormwater Master Plan calls for replacement of the downtown stormwater system to reduce flooding risks, support small business resiliency, and protect economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Council fully supports the proposed project titled Stormwater Capacity Improvement Project, which will improve the stormwater system along Sutton Avenue between NC Hwy 9 and S Ridgeway Ave. and continuing East to where the Swannanoa River passes under the railroad tracks, an area critical to the long-term viability of downtown businesses; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce administers the Small Business Infrastructure (SmBiz) program to support infrastructure improvements that directly benefit existing small businesses and downtown investment; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to pursue a formal application in the amount of $1,000,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program (SmBIZ) Rural Engagement & Investment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Infrastructure program does not require a local match for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN:

1. That the Town of Black Mountain is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Engagement & Investment Program, in order to provide assistance to benefit the Stormwater Capacity Improvement Project.
2. That the Town Manager (or designee) is authorized to execute and file the application, including all assurances and agreements required, on behalf of the Town of Black Mountain.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 8th day of December 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk