RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TCTDA) DESTINATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DAVIDSON RIVER BRIDGE CONNECTOR PATH AND COMMITTING THE CITY TO PAY THE REMAINING

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard recognizes the importance of safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle connections linking Pisgah National Forest to the surrounding commercial and tourism areas; and

WHEREAS, the recently completed Davidson River pedestrian bridge provides a vital non-vehicular crossing over the Davidson River, yet a short gap remains between the bridge's existing path and the future sidewalk to be constructed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as part of the U.S. 276 roundabout project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Davidson River Pedestrian Bridge Connector Path Project will fill this critical missing link through construction of a 42-foot-long flagstone-paved trail section and 35-foot-long aggregate trail section with seating boulder creating a continuous, durable, and visually appealing route for pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority (TCTDA) Destination Infrastructure Fund supports projects that enhance the visitor experience and strengthen gateways to public lands; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard desires to submit a grant application requesting $25,000 in TCTDA funding toward the total estimated project cost of $48,411.82, with the remaining $23,411.82 to be provided as the City of Brevard's obligation; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, The Pisgah Conservancy (TPC) will serve as the lead partner on the project, coordinating with the U.S. Forest Service, NCDOT, and the City to ensure project completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD:

1. City Council hereby authorizes City staff to submit the Destination Infrastructure Fund grant application to the Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority for the Davidson River Pedestrian Bridge Connector Path Project.

2. The City Council commits to providing the remaining $23,411.82 match from available City funds if the grant is awarded.

3. The City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary agreements, contracts, and related documents to implement the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 20th day of October, 2025.

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Maureen Copelof, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk