

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RURAL LAND USE PLAN AND
AMENDING THE UNION COUNTY LAND USE MAP**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160D-501, a local government may adopt a comprehensive plan as described therein; and

WHEREAS, Union County adopted the Union County 2050 Comprehensive Plan, including the Union County Land Use Map, on August 16, 2021 (the “Comprehensive Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan identifies protecting open space in rural areas as a focus area to address in Union County; and

WHEREAS, an implementation committee appointed by the Union County Board of Commissioners created a list of recommendations to address this issue, which included the creation of a rural land use plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a comprehensive plan, N.C.G.S. § 160D-501 provides a local government may prepare and adopt other plans as deemed appropriate, which would include a rural land use plan; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2024, the Union County Board of Commissioners established a Rural Land Use Plan Stakeholders Committee (the “Committee”) to assist in overseeing the development of a rural land use plan for the County, in addition to reviewing the implementation of other approved recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has completed development of a recommended rural land use plan (“Rural Land Use Plan”); and

WHEREAS, part of the Rural Land Use Plan recommendation includes certain proposed amendments to the Union County Land Use Map; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Land Use Board considered and recommended adoption of the Rural Land Use Plan, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 160D-501; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was noticed and held concerning the Rural Land Use Plan on November 17, 2025, in accordance with N.C.G.S. §§ 160D-501 and 160D-601; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Rural Land Use Plan, including amendment to the Union County Land Use Map, and has determined that adoption of the Rural Land Use Plan, including amendment to the Union County Land Use Map, is reasonable and in the best interest of Union County and its residents to ensure coordinated, efficient, and orderly development within the rural areas of Union County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Union County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Rural Land Use Plan, including amendments to the Land Use Map, as set forth on Attachment A hereto, which is incorporated into this Resolution by reference.
2. The Union County Land Use Map shall be amended to reflect the revisions as shown on Attachment A.
3. This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Attest:

Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board

Melissa Merrell, Chair