

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL )

**RESOLUTION #04 (04-22-25)**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGES TO LOCAL PLANNING AND ZONING  
IN HOUSE BILL 765 AND RELATED BILLS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 has been introduced in the 2025 session of the North Carolina General Assembly that changes many aspects of local planning and zoning and dramatically affect the ability of local governments to reflect the will of their citizenry; and

WHEREAS, local governments have historically been the final guardian of the rights of the people, and local government zoning has made in-person attendance and comment easier for proponents and opponents of zoning decisions, thereby allowing citizens to participate in matters that affect them through the Public Hearing Process; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 now pending in the General Assembly will effectively mandate many planning and zoning decisions that are now made by local governments through the public participation process and will drastically change the process and destroy the local community's authority to uphold public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes mandates comprehensive planning and zoning, and this Chapter of the Statutes would be severely eroded by passage of House Bill 765 by diminishing the input and trust of the citizens, including those who voluntarily serve on the Town's advisory boards; and

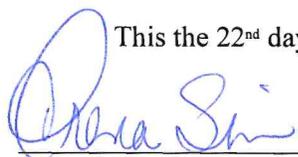
WHEREAS, House Bill 765 creates an unnecessary paperwork burden which will increase the cost of providing Planning and Zoning services with no real benefit to the citizens who pay the taxes to support government services; and

WHEREAS, local governments with input of their citizens can best recognize and enforce the need for planning and zoning ordinances; and

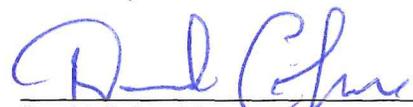
WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Trail strongly feels that local governments are best suited to represent their citizens on local matters; and

WHEREAS, local governments should decide planning and zoning issues with the advice and help of their citizens who want to participate in such important decisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Indian Trail Town Council urges the North Carolina General Assembly to leave planning and zoning decisions to the locally elected Boards and their citizens, and that the North Carolina General Assembly immediately terminate House Bill 765 and other related or similar bills which severely undermine the rights of the local citizens and their elected local government officials to make the zoning rules for their communities as they see fit.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.  
  
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Trena Sims, Town Clerk



  
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David Cohn, Mayor