



CITY OF SOUTHPORT

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB24

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWNZONING
RESOLUTION#25-0213.02

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will be considering House Bill 24, which provides for Section 3K.1 of State Law 2024-57 to be repealed; and

WHEREAS, provisions within this legislation would be supportive of local municipal governments to make their own zoning decisions based on the will of the voters that elected them;

WHEREAS, Session Law 2024-57 "AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERS; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW", became law on the 11th of December 2024, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Subpart III-K, Section 3K.1 of State Law 2024-57 reads "NO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATED DOWN-ZONING WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNER"; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Session Law 2024-57 will severely affect the City's authority to adopt zoning text amendments and regulations related to residential zoning districts. The new law allows an override of the will of a governing board; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolina local governments continue to face challenges presented by growth and development. Each local government's zoning authority has historically provided a means to balance those challenges with the needs of the community based upon the will of the citizens as determined through elections. The downzoning provisions of SL 2024-57 effectively freeze local government zoning and greatly diminish the role of local government granted by the Constitution of the State of North Carolina to manage growth and change consisted with the needs of its jurisdiction

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southport Board of Aldermen requests that the elected representatives for the City of Southport who serve in the North Carolina General Assembly secure the passage of the proposed House Bill 24 To Restore the Authority for Local Governments to Initiate Downzoning.

Adopted this the 13th day of February 2025.

Rich Alt
Mayor

Attest:

Noah Saldo
City Clerk