



**DRAFT - Resolution 2019-XX**  
**REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEGISLATION TO ENACT**  
**A LOCAL BILL TO EXEMPT DESIGNATED HISTORIC DISTRICTS FROM CERTAIN**  
**RESTRICTIONS ON ZONING IN THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON**

**Whereas**, the Town of Davidson's core values state that the town will work to preserve our historic resources and will encourage people of all means to live in Davidson; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Davidson's comprehensive plan includes recommendations to prevent the demolition of historic structures and the loss of existing affordable homes; and

**Whereas**, preserving affordable housing and historic structures are two priorities in the Davidson Board of Commissioners' strategic plan; and

**Whereas**, the existing housing stock in Davidson's historic neighborhoods enhances the character of our small town, promotes neighborhood economic diversity, and is an irreplaceable resource for those of modest means; and

**Whereas**, there is currently no mechanism to protect historic or affordable homes in Davidson's National Register Historic District from demolition; and

**Whereas**, current state legislation allows the subdivision of land no greater than two acres into not more than three lots, which incentivizes the demolition of existing structures; and

**Whereas**, exempting Davidson's historic district from that legislation will acknowledge the importance of historic architecture and affordable housing in Davidson; and

**Whereas**, the Davidson Board of Commissioners adopted a legislative agenda that includes requests to prevent the demolition of our town's historic fabric and our disappearing affordable housing stock; and

**Whereas**, Davidson citizens have requested action to address this issue and have had opportunities to comment on the state legislative agenda; and

**Whereas**, Senator Marcus plans to introduce a Senate Bill which exempts Davidson's National Register Historic District from the subdivision regulation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Davidson Mayor and Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of Davidson, do hereby support the proposed Senate Bill and ask that the North Carolina legislature approve the bill in the 2019 legislative session.

**Adopted on the XXth day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019**

Attest:

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Rusty Knox, Mayor

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Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk