



DRAFT - Resolution 2019-XX
REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEGISLATION TO ENACT
A LOCAL BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON TO REGULATE THE
DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Whereas, the Town of Davidson's core values state that the we will preserve our historic resources; and

Whereas, the Town of Davidson's comprehensive plan states that we will enable faithful stewardship of natural and historic resources, including the preservation of our historic neighborhoods; and

Whereas, two of the priorities of the Davidson Board of Commissioners' strategic plan are historic preservation and revising our land use regulations to preserve our architectural heritage; and

Whereas, Davidson citizens believe that maintaining our unique qualities, embodied in our historic homes and neighborhoods, is fundamental to our sustainability and economic success as a viable and vibrant small town; and

Whereas, the demolition of homes in historic Davidson neighborhoods has eroded the fabric and distinctive qualities of the town that our citizens cherish; and

Whereas, state law allows demolition of homes in historic neighborhoods that have been designated as a National Register Historic District, regardless of the importance of those homes to the community; and

Whereas, a solution to the loss of our historical resources lies in adopting legislation that numerous municipalities currently use to protect their historic structures; and

Whereas, the Davidson Board of Commissioners approved a legislative agenda which includes a request for local enabling legislation to promote conservation of historical resources; and

Whereas, Davidson citizens have requested that the board of commissioners address this problem and have had opportunities to comment on the legislative agenda; and

Whereas, Senator Marcus plans to introduce a Senate Bill which will implement the same legislation currently applicable to other municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved that the 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 their 2019 legislative session.

Adopted on the XXth day of _____, 2019

Attest:

Rusty Knox, Mayor

Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk