



**TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 14, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council Member Rich Luhrs

**Staff:** Town Manager/Fire Chief Jason Hord; Town Clerk Aubrey Smith; Town Attorney Zachary Moretz; Finance Director Shelly Shockley; Police Chief Todd Taylor; Public Works Director Colton Fries; Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Richard Flowe

**Call to Order:** Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Barnhardt led a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Barnhardt.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**ACTION:** Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve the agenda with items F. Budget Amendment FY 2425 #9 and G. Resolution 2025-03 opposing HB765 added to the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of the Minutes**

- 1) Regular Meeting March 10, 2025
- 2) Budget Retreat March 27, 2025

**B. Departmental Reports**

**C. Financial Reports**

**D. Community Appearance Commission Rules of Procedure**

**E. Community Appearance Commission Appointment Recommendation**

**F. Budget Amendment FY2425 #9 Public Works Truck**

**G. Resolution 2025-03 Opposing HB765**

During discussion on the motion Council Member Linker asked for clarification on wording in Part II (7) of the Community Appearance Commission's proposed Rules of Procedure. After discussion there was consensus to leave the wording as it was written. Council Member Linker also stated that he was in favor of the CAC members receiving stipends.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the consent agenda subject to discussion. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### 3. Public Comments

- Frank Merrell of the Sons of the American Revolution presented a certificate of commendation to the Town in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America on the Legion Building grounds.

### 4. Town Manager's Update

Manager Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager's report in the agenda packet including an update on the pre-application meeting with the Cannon Foundation regarding funds for Civic Park improvements. Manager Hord spoke with a Woodson Foundation board member regarding a grant request for \$50,000. Chief Taylor created online forms to request police reports or residence checks that have been added to the town website. An RFQ for on-call engineering firms has been put out for bids. Planning staff had several pre-application meetings for potential industrial growth. Garbage carts being left at the street after trash pickup continue to be an issue. Code enforcement is working on awareness and correction of the issue. The Circle K at Rowan Summit opened at the end of March. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled towards the end of April.

### 5. Public Hearing

#### Zoning Text Amendment 2025-04-14 Stormwater

#### A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe introduced the Zoning Text Amendment to make updates to the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance regarding stormwater. Mr. Flowe explained the reasoning behind the amendment and provided background on why the State first started to allow local stormwater review. He shared that the State now has adequate personnel and can complete the review more quickly than the Town. The amendment would repeal and replace Article 19 and would make changes to Article 16 sections 16.2-12, 16.2-14, 16.2-17, and 16.2-20. The amendment would also reduce the setback from the right-of-way of I-85 in the C-85 District from twenty-four feet to eight feet as recommended by the Planning Board at its March 3, 2025 meeting.

#### B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.
  - There were no comments from the public.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:21p.m.

#### C. Council Discussion and Decision

Council Member Linker expressed concern with water/sewer connections for infill development and asked where the decision-making power would lie. Mr. Flowe stated the decision would be made at the town level. Manager Hord has spoken with SRU regarding the approval process. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton questioned a reference in Part 4 of Article 16.2-17 (A) to part (B). Mr. Flowe suggested the motion to adopt the ordinance include removal of the phrase "as defined in (B) below". There was discussion regarding testing old pipes. Attorney Moretz suggested there may be a need to look again at revising the SRU agreement.

**ACTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZTA 2025-04-14 with removal of the phrase discussed (*"as defined in (B) below"* from Part 4 (A)). Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

None

## New Business

### 6. Budget Amendment Special Projects

The Budget Amendment for special projects was presented as a result of discussion at the March 27, 2025 Budget retreat regarding moving funds from the Special Projects line to complete cosmetic upgrades in the front office.

**ACTION:** Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve Budget Amendment FY24-25 #8 as presented. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### 7. Discussion and Possible Action Police Department Salary Adjustments

At the March 27, 2025 Budget retreat the Council requested that staff review ways to make some of the items proposed for the next budget year work within the existing budget. The proposed adjustments to Police Department salaries were provided.

Police Chief	15%	11,507.40	2,212.96
Police Investigator	10%	5,192.50	
Police Sergeant	10%	6,082.99	1,169.81
Police Sergeant	10%	5,916.02	1,137.70
Police Officer	7%	3,634.14	698.87
Police Officer	7%	3,789.79	728.81
Police Officer	7%	3,296.77	633.99
Police Officer	7%	3,390.95	652.11
Police Officer	7%	2,355.35	452.95
Police Officer	7%	2,355.35	452.95
Potential Police Officer	7%	2,355.35	452.95
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		52,231.96	8,140.15

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion to approve Police Department Salary Adjustments effective April 27, 2025. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

### 8. Discussion and Possible Action Police Vehicle

Manager Hord presented the figures to purchase additional police vehicles within the current fiscal year. There was Council consensus to purchase two new police vehicles to replace two of the older vehicles and make repairs to others with funds in the existing budget.

### 9. Proclamations

Mayor Barnhardt recognized the proclamations below.

- A. Health-First Municipality
- B. National Child Abuse Prevention April
- C. Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 4-10
- D. National Nurses Week May 6-12

### 10. Council Comments

- Council Member Linker gave kudos to Finance Director Shelly Shockley and called attention to the earned interest on the Town's investments.
- Council Member Luhrs stated he would like to discuss the Byrd property and Faith Road property at future meetings. Mayor Barnhardt suggested the next strategic planning session.

- Mayor Barnhardt stated she and Manager Hord spoke with the lobbyist this morning and that the group would be visiting Raleigh this Wednesday. She stated the visit was coming at a great time after the passing of the budget and asked if another council member would like to attend in Mayor Pro Tem Shelton's place.

#### 11. Announcements and Date Reminders

A. Thursday	April 17	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast
B. Thursday	April 17	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop
C. Friday	April 18		Good Friday – Town Offices Closed
D. Wednesday	April 23	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
E. Saturday	April 26	1:00 p.m.	Arts in the Park
F. Monday	May 5	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
G. Monday	May 5	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
H. Tuesday	May 6	5:30 p.m.	Events Committee

#### Recess

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion for a short recess. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

*The meeting was recessed at 6:55 p.m.*

*Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting back into session at 7:09 p.m.*

#### 12. Closed Session

##### Acquisition of Real Property & Attorney-Client Privilege

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion to go into closed session (*pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(5) to instruct the public body's negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease and N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body*). Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

*The Council entered into closed session at 7:09 p.m.*

**ACTION:** Council Member Linker made a motion to come out of closed session. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

*The Council returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.*

No action was taken during the closed session.

#### Adjournment

**ACTION:** Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith  
Town Clerk



**FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025  
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #9**

April 14, 2025

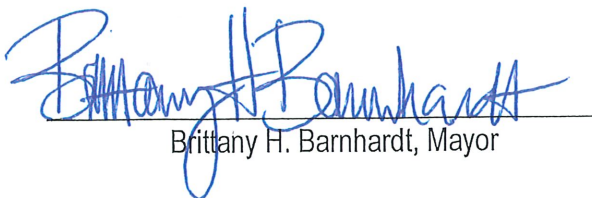
**PURPOSE:** To increase Public Works – Cap Outlay Vehicles (01-4190-54) and decrease Public Works – Salaries Regular (01-4190-00), Public Works – Salaries PT (01-4190-02), Public Works – Retirement Expense (01-4190-10), Fire – Salaries Regular (01-4340-00), Fire – 401K Expense (01-4340-07), Fire – FICA Expense (01-4340-09), Fire – Retirement Expense (01-4340-10), Fire – Group Insurance (01-4340-11), and Sanitation – Contracted Services (01-4710-44) as detailed below for the purchase of a Public Works Truck.

**General Fund – Fund 01**

**Expenses:**

<b><u>GL Acct #</u></b>	<b><u>Account Description</u></b>	<b><u>Increase (Decrease):</u></b>
01-4190-54	Public Works – Cap Outlay Vehicles	\$ 47,000
01-4190-00	Public Works – Salaries Regular (FT)	(\$ 9,500)
01-4190-02	Public Works – Salaries PT	(\$ 4,000)
01-4190-10	Public Works – Retirement Expense	(\$ 3,500)
01-4340-00	Fire – Salaries – Regular (FT)	(\$10,000)
01-4340-07	Fire – 401K Expense	(\$ 1,000)
01-4340-09	Fire – FICA Expense	(\$ 2,000)
01-4340-10	Fire – Retirement Expense	(\$ 4,000)
01-4340-11	Fire – Group Insurance	(\$ 3,000)
01-4710-44	Sanitation – Contracted Services	(\$10,000)
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 0

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 4/14/25.

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

  
Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer



## **RESOLUTION 2025-03**

### **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND ZONING**

**WHEREAS**, multiple bills have been introduced in the 2025 session of the North Carolina General Assembly that undermine the fundamental authority for local planning and zoning and the ability of local elected officials to manage community growth as expressed by Granite Quarry's Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills have been introduced without consultation with Granite Quarry's municipal elected officials, planning staff, or local constituents regarding the negative impact they will have on community growth, property values, preserving community character, and sound community planning; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills usurp current town planning and zoning ordinances that promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Granite Quarry through its thoughtful and deliberate approach to manage growth as expressed in a number of our local planning documents including the town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Parks Master Plan, and other adopted plans; 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 comments 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**, this legislation would largely undo years of thoughtful and consistent local land-use planning and regulation, remove necessary local regulatory standards, and in many cases, allow unregulated development inconsistent with current local planning and zoning ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Granite Quarry and all municipalities and counties provide essential services when growth is predictable and well managed to avoid increases in property taxes, utility rates, and cost associated with strong insurance ratings and some planning and development standards must be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, while workforce housing and overall affordability is a priority among many towns, cities, and counties across our great state, true affordability must be viewed to include all aspects of housing costs through planning and development standards; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation imposes inflexible rules statewide without regard to the differences between North Carolina's small towns and larger cities and how these rules will affect each community differently, often with negative consequences; and

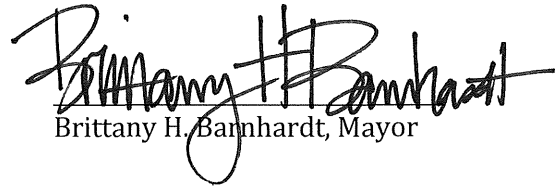
**WHEREAS**, proposed changes in the local planning and zoning approval process will severely restrict or destroy the ability for residents to participate in the planning and zoning process; and

**WHEREAS**, provisions in this legislation will subject local elected and appointed officials to the threat of legal retribution, having the chilling effect of discouraging well-intentioned individuals from serving in public office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Granite Quarry Town Council urges the sponsors of this legislation to reconsider HB765 and Granite Quarry's local legislators to oppose HB765 and consult with local municipalities to develop meaningful and appropriate solutions that do not usurp local authority and to respect the interest of the residents they represent.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Granite Quarry Town Council calls upon local elected officials and residents across the state to voice their concerns to the North Carolina General Assembly and advocate for the preservation of local planning and zoning authority that aligns with local community values and sound long-term development goals.

**Adopted this 14th day of April 2025.**

  
Brittany H. Bannhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:  [SEAL]  
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE “GRANITE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE”  
OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance Number ZTA-2025-04-14

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2023, the Town Council’s newly adopted Granite Quarry Development Ordinance, also known as the GQDO, became fully effective; and,

WHEREAS, the amendment of the GQDO to periodically update administrative procedures and from time to time refine certain policies is both consistent with the adopted *Town Plan 2040* by continuing to meet the adopted goals of *Town Plan 2040* emphasizing *Goal 1: Maintain Small-Town Character*, and *Goal 4: Foster Managed Growth* while striving to create a balanced economic environment for local businesses, and civic entities; then,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council that the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance be amended as follows:

**PART 1.      Article 19 – Stormwater” is hereby repealed and replaced to read:**

**“STORMWATER PROTECTION**

**19.1    Purpose and Authority, Adoption of State & Federal Standards by Reference**

The purpose of this Article is to protect, maintain and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by incorporating the applicable requirements of the State of North Carolina and United States Army Corps of Engineers rules establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of issues related to increased stormwater runoff and nonpoint and point source pollution, buffer protection, and illicit discharges into municipal stormwater systems. It has been determined that proper management of construction-related and post-Development stormwater runoff, illicit discharges, and buffer protection will minimize damage to public and private property and infrastructure; safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare; and protect water and aquatic resources. This Article applies to all properties within the Town of Granite Quarry and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, regardless of whether the property is currently being “developed” or not.

The Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry is authorized to adopt this Article pursuant to North Carolina law, including but not limited to Article 14, Section 5 of the Constitution of North Carolina; North Carolina General Statutes §143-214.7 and rules promulgated by the Environmental Management Commission thereunder; Session Law



2004-163; Chapter §160A, §§ 174, 185; as well as Chapter §113A, Article 4 (Sedimentation Pollution Control); Article 21, Part 6 (Floodway Regulation); Chapter §160D (Local Planning and Development Regulation).

## **19.2 Findings**

It is hereby determined that:

19.2-1 Development and Re-Development alter the hydrologic response of local watersheds and increase stormwater runoff rates and volumes, flooding, soil erosion, stream channel erosion, nonpoint and point source pollution, and sediment transport and deposition, as well as reducing groundwater recharge;

19.2-2 These changes in stormwater runoff contribute to increased quantities of water-borne pollutants and alterations in hydrology that are harmful to public health and safety as well as to the natural environment; and

19.2-3 These effects can be managed and minimized by applying proper design and well-planned controls to manage stormwater runoff from Development sites.

19.2-4 Therefore, the Town of Granite Quarry Town Council adopts the aforementioned water quality and quantity regulations of state and federal law regarding control of stormwater runoff and discharge making violation of said regulations and/or provisions of any agreement, permits, etc. issued by the state for any development within the Town a violation of this Ordinance subject to the enforcement provisions of Article 23 herein.”

**PART 2. Article 16 – Subdivisions, Section 16.2-12 is hereby repealed and replaced to read:**

“Storm-water management.

(A.) Design of the stormwater management system shall be consistent with the Town of Granite Quarry’s storm-water regulations, as contained Article 19 of this Ordinance.

(B.) The stormwater management system design shall comply with the specifications set forth NCDEQ and the Town of Granite Quarry Technical Standards & Specifications Manual.”

**PART 3. Article 16 – Subdivisions, Section 16.2-14 is hereby repealed and replaced to read:**

“Buffer Strips – Streams. Buffer strips shall be provided along perennial streams as required by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.”



**PART 4      Article 16 – Subdivisions, Section 16.2-17 is hereby repealed and replaced to read:**

“Utilities - Water and Sewer Systems.

- (A) Connection to System Required. Any development which has Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (SRU) or other public water and/or sewer system lines available shall be required to extend the public water and/or sewer system throughout the development to each lot located therein. All required line extensions shall include appropriate valves, hydrants, taps, service, manholes, lift stations, pumps and clean outs to the property line of each lot as required by SRU.

In any case where a public water and/or sewer system intended to serve more than two (2) lots is proposed to be installed in a development as part of the plan approval process, such system shall be considered to be a required improvement within the context of the Section regardless of whether such a system is an extension of the Town system or not and such system shall be required to be installed by the developer. This requirement includes both facilities within the development and off-site facilities which are essential to providing the service to the property.

Where public sanitary water and sewer are not available, structures shall be connected to an approved private water supply and sewage disposal system.

(B) RESERVED.

- (C) Exemption from Extension of Lines. In the event the Town, for whatever reason, elects not to allow water and/or sewer service extension to a development, then the developer is not required to extend such services.

- (D) Oversized Water and Sewer Facilities. The Town may, in order to serve future development, require the developer to install certain oversized water and sewer improvements and/or to increase such improvements to a size and/or extent beyond that necessary for the needs created by the subdivision. In such cases, the Town shall enter into a Development Agreement to reimburse the developer for the oversizing and/or extension based upon rates as agreed to by the Town.

- (E) Annexation Required. In any case where a new development connects to the SRU water and/or sewer system, such development shall be voluntarily annexed into the Town prior to the approval of a final plat, for a subdivision, or the issuance of a Zoning Permit, where the subdivision of land is not involved.



- (F) Installation Requirements. All water and sewer extensions for new development inside or outside the corporate limits will be made by licensed contractors. No water or sewer line may be connected to the system of the SRU unless such line properly designed and constructed to service the properties intended to be served directly by such line and of a size and design sufficient to accommodate any necessary expansion of the water and sewer system to serve other properties, including fire protection.

SRU shall own and control any and all water and sewer lines and related facilities connected to and serviced by its water or sewer system.

Because the extension of water or sewer lines to certain properties benefits the owners of such properties by raising property values, the cost of such extension shall be borne by the developers of such properties as provided in this article except in instances when the Town Council makes a determination that the Town is obligated to extend such utilities when it determines that it is the best interest of the Town to do so. In making such a conclusion, it must be demonstrated by the developer to the Town Council that ad valorem taxes to be gained by the Town from the properties which will be served by the proposed utilities will over a five (5) year period exceed the cost incurred by the Town for making such utility extensions.

Additional requirements regarding sizes and installation methods are available from the SRU, Public Works Department and/or the Town Engineer.

- (G) Extensions Required by State Law and Emergency Situations. To comply with municipal obligations by state statutes, or in cases of emergency where it is found to be in the public interest or necessary to protect the public health, the Town may authorize extensions of water or sanitary sewer into specific areas.”

(H) RESERVED.

(I) RESERVED.

- (J) Extensions to New Development. Any person desiring to install any water or sewer line for new developments within the Town’s service area to be connected to and served by the water and sewer system of the SRU shall make application on forms provided by the SRU and shall furnish such information or exhibits as are required by such application forms.

Such application for extension, whenever possible, shall be made simultaneously with the appropriate Development Review Process for the type of development proposed.



The applicant shall submit engineering plans, profiles and specifications for such water main or sewer line, including those for any required fire hydrants, valves, manholes, sewer lift stations, force mains or other appurtenances necessary in connection therewith, to the SRU and the Town. All plans shall bear the seal of a registered professional engineer. See Article 7.

(K) Denial of Extension. The SRU may independently choose not to approve any contract for the installation of any water main or sewer line to be connected to and served by its water or sewer system if in its judgement, the projected volume of water that would be used by any properties to be serviced thereby would unduly burden the available water supply or sewage treatment capacity of the SRU, or it would not be feasible or otherwise suitable for the SRU to commit itself to such cost.”

**PART 5. Article 16 – Subdivisions, Section 16.2-20 is hereby repealed and replaced to read:**

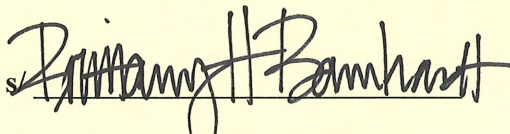
“Buffering Requirements. Proposed residential subdivisions adjacent to established non-residential development shall establish, along its entire contiguous boundary a Type “B” buffer as defined in Article 11.”

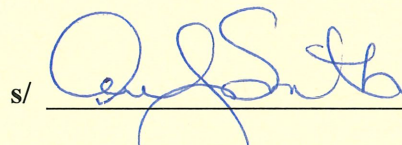
**PART 6. Article 3 – Definitions is hereby amended to insert the abbreviation and meaning of such abbreviation to read “SRU – Salisbury-Rowan Utilities”**

**PART 7. Article 8 – Districts, Section 8.4-8(E)(2) is hereby amended to revise the “Minimum Street Setback from r/w of Interstate Hwy 85” from “24” to “8”.**

**PART 8. This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 AM EST on April 15, 2025.**

**ADOPTED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.**

s/   
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

s/   
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





Town of Granite Quarry

**FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025  
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #8**

April 14, 2025


**PURPOSE:** To increase Public Works – Maint & Repair – Bldgs/Grounds (01-4190-24) and decrease Governing Body – Special Projects (01-4110-60) in the amount of \$8,472 for cosmetic upgrades to hallway and front office walls.

**General Fund – Fund 01**

**Expenses:**

<u>GL Acct #</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease):</u>
01-4190-24	Public Works – Maint & Repair – Bldgs/Grounds	\$ 8,472
01-4110-60	Governing Body – Special Projects	(\$ 8,472)
Total Increase/Decrease:		\$ 0

The above Budget Amendment was approved / denied by the Manager or Board on 4/14/25.

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

  
Shelly Shockley, Finance Officer

**Health-First Municipality Proclamation**  
**Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granite Quarry is committed to fostering a community where health and well-being are at the forefront of our mission, ensuring that all who live, work, and play here have access to opportunities that promote a vibrant, healthy lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that a proactive approach to health—one that prioritizes prevention, education, and access to healthy choices—can reduce the burden of chronic diseases, improve quality of life, and create a thriving community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granite Quarry commits to being a Health-First Municipality by advocating for policies and initiatives that support:

- Active living through walkable neighborhoods, recreational spaces, and wellness programs;
- Access to nutritious foods by supporting local farmers, markets, and nutrition education;
- Mental well-being through community outreach, support networks, and stress reduction initiatives;
- Preventive healthcare and routine screenings for early detection and improved health outcomes;
- Environmental health efforts that ensure clean air, water, and sustainable practices;
- A culture of health equity, ensuring all residents have the resources needed to lead healthy lives;
- Workplace wellness programs that encourage employees to prioritize their health and well-being;
- Educational initiatives that promote lifelong healthy habits for children and families;
- Community partnerships to support access to healthcare, fitness opportunities, and health education;
- Tobacco cessation, prevention, and policy initiatives to reduce smoking and vaping, protect public health, and promote a tobacco-free community; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that investing in public health infrastructure and wellness initiatives strengthens our community and enhances the overall quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that a collective effort from individuals, businesses, and government is essential to building a healthier future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Brittany H. Barnhardt, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Town of Granite Quarry as a Health-First Municipality, ensuring that health and wellness remain a priority for generations to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of April, two thousand twenty-five.

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





# Proclamation

## Child Abuse Prevention Month 2025

**WHEREAS**, children are vital to our Town and State's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

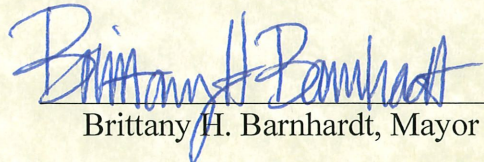
**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

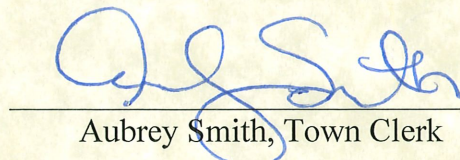
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Granite Quarry do hereby proclaim, **April 2025** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all Granite Quarry citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

**ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2025.**



ATTEST:

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

  
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk



**Proclamation**  
**56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week**  
**May 4 – 10, 2025**

**Whereas**, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is a time-honored and essential part of local government, serving communities throughout the world; and

**Whereas**, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is one of the oldest public service positions, integral to the foundation and continuity of local governance; and

**Whereas**, Professional Municipal Clerks provide a vital link between citizens, local governing bodies, and various agencies at all levels of government; and

**Whereas**, Professional Municipal Clerks are committed to upholding principles of neutrality, impartiality, and equal service to all members of the community; and

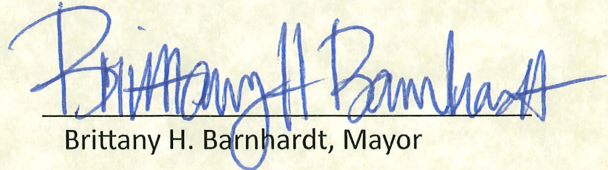
**Whereas**, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information hub for local government operations and community affairs; and

**Whereas**, Professional Municipal Clerks continuously strive to enhance the administration of their office by actively participating in educational programs, professional development opportunities, and the annual conferences of their state, provincial, county, and international associations; and

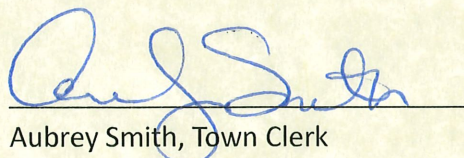
**Whereas**, it is fitting to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions and accomplishments of Professional Municipal Clerks;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of Granite Quarry, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through May 10, 2025, as **Professional Municipal Clerks Week** and extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Aubrey Smith, along with all Professional Municipal Clerks, for their invaluable service and steadfast dedication to the communities they serve.

Proclaimed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk





# Proclamation

## NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2025

**WHEREAS**, registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession, and as of January 2025, North Carolina is home to 161,630 licensed RNs; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing is an indispensable component of patient safety and the quality of care in both hospital and community settings; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for registered nursing services is projected to grow due to an aging population, emerging health challenges, advancements in medical technologies, and the expansion of home health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the health and well-being of nurses is crucial, as a healthy nursing workforce strengthens our economy, improves health systems, and ensures better outcomes for our communities; and

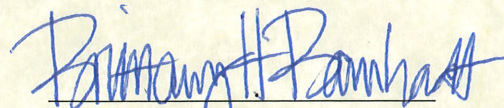
**WHEREAS**, the American Nurses Association has designated May 6–12, 2025, as National Nurses Week, with the theme "The Power of Nurses," recognizing the invaluable contributions and resilience of nurses worldwide.

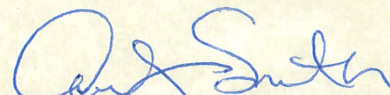
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Granite Quarry do hereby proclaim May 6 through May 12, 2025 as **Nurses Week** in Granite Quarry and encourage all citizens to join in honoring the dedicated nurses who enhance the health and well-being of our community.

**ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2025.**



ATTEST:

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

  
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk