

TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brittany Barnhardt, Council Member John Linker, Council Member Laurie Mack, Council

Member Rich Luhrs

Not Present: Mayor Pro Tem Doug Shelton

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; Assistant Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator Kevin Kormanek; Public Works Technician Connor Yon; Police Sergeant Richard Tester; Police Sergeant Greg McKinney; Police Investigator Jzanese Weekes; Police Officer Joshua Atkins; Police Officer DaMere Henry-Milligan; Police Officer Eric Earnhardt; Police Officer Ken Honeycutt; Police Officer Colby Richardson

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 Scout Troops 324 and 4324.

1. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Council Member Mack made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to move the Proclamation from item 13 to right after the Town Manager's update. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes

- 1) Regular Meeting July 14, 2025
- 2) Closed Session July 14, 2025 (handout)
- **B.** Departmental Reports
- C. Financial Reports

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

3. Public Comments

• Troop Leader Ann Barber stated Scout Troops 324 and 4324 were attending the meeting to observe the Council and community interactions in order to work towards their Communications and Citizenship & Community badges.

4. Guest Presentation

2025 Community Health Needs Assessment

Healthy Rowan Executive Director Courtney Meece presented the results of the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment with a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Meece took questions from the Council and let them know she could get back to them with more information on how to improve healthy outcomes. She commended the Council for passing the policy against tobacco in town parks. Council Member Mack was interested in ways to improve walkability and Ms. Meece stated they could help by conducting a walkability audit. She will be in touch with Manager Hord for details.

5. Town Manager's Update

Manager Hord shared highlights from the Town Manager's report in the agenda packet including that the CAC is working to get block projects started. He shared there is potential growth of the industrial park with possible investment by Duke Energy. Jabil is creating 1100 new jobs in the area, The Town is actively working on a website rebuild, and the Centennial Park survey has been completed-which is the first step to update nature trails. The sidewalk connectivity TAP project design phase is concluding; there has been an updated construction cost estimate. A Firehouse Subs granted application was submitted.

Manager Hord invited Public Works Director Colton Fries to introduce his newest full-time employee, Connor Yon. Connor was promoted from part-time technician and has been with the Town for a little over a year.

Manager Hord invited Chief Taylor to introduce some of his newest officers. Chief Taylor attributed the recent influx of applications in part to the Council's support. Mayor Barnhardt swore in newly promoted Investigator Jzanese Weekes, full-time Police Officer DaMere Henry-Milligan, and part-time Police Officers Ken Honeycutt, Eric Earnhardt, and Colby Richardson. Chief Taylor spoke about the significance of the untarnished badge and administered the oath for the new officers.

Proclamation

Mrs. Crowther was not in attendance so the item was postponed.

6. Employee Recognition GQ SOLID

Mayor Barnhardt shared that the GQ SOLID award is a quarterly recognition program developed to honor employees who go above and beyond in their roles. These outstanding individuals consistently demonstrate exceptional work ethic, initiative, teamwork, and a positive attitude that uplifts their department and the entire organization. To be selected, an employee must show consistent dependability, initiative beyond their regular duties, and serve as a role model for others. Winners are chosen by an Employee Committee based on nominations submitted by fellow staff members. As part of the recognition, the recipient receives a \$100 award, a choice of Town apparel, and is featured in the Town's newsletter, *The Quarrier*. Mayor Barnhardt announced that this quarter's winner is Police Officer Joshua Atkins.

Recess

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion for a short recess. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Council recessed at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor Barnhardt called the meeting back to order at 6:53 p.m.

7. Public Hearing

Annexation 2740 & 2620 Faith Road

A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe presented the petition for a voluntary contiguous annexation of properties located at 2740 and 2620 Faith Road. The properties consist of approximately 2.57 acres. Mr. Flowe used the plat for illustration and pointed out the property's location and flood plain.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.
 - There were no comments from the public.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

C. Council Discussion and Decision

Mayor Barnhardt stated she could attest to the flooding and difficulty with emergency vehicles accessing the property with the current entrance. Council Member Luhrs had questions about why all the property owned by the applicants was not included in the annexation request. Mr. Flowe described the situation regarding existing structures and future plans for the property.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance Annex 2025-08-11 to annex 2740 & 2620 Faith Road. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8. Public Hearing

Amendment to CLUP & Master Plan

A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe introduced Ordinance CLUP 2025-08-11 to amend the Comprehensive Land Use and Master Plan. He showed the drafted updates to the FLUM and pointed out areas of change from the current map. In anticipation of a future bypass, eastward expansion is being revisited. The revision to the Town Plan is only to update the Future Land Use Map to identify more area for tax base, employment, etc. The changes don't rezone any property, just identify the Town's goals.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 7:12p.m.
 - There were no comments from the public.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

C. Council Discussion and Decision

Council Member Luhrs asked if there was urgency associated with the request; there was not. The update was presented proactively.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance CLUP 2025-08-11 to amend the Comprehensive Land Use and Master Plan. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

9. Public Hearing

Text Amendment Request ZTA 2025-08-11-1

A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe introduced ZTA 2025-08-11-1 to amend Article 12 of the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance regarding standards for parking in Residential districts. The current ordinance requires the standards for lots of record established after January 1, 2018. The text amendment would change the date in the ordinance to January 1, 2026.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.
 - There were no comments from the public.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

C. Council Discussion and Decision

Council Member Linker stated that the change wouldn't really affect any other subdivision based on the timing. Council Member Luhrs stated that he was hesitant based on the ordinance affecting public safety issues and dropping standards for the convenience of one developer. Mayor Barnhardt asked about the timeline for the plats to be recorded and about the process for reversing the amendment if that was something the Council wanted to do.

Public Hearing

- 3) Reopened: Mayor Barnhardt reopened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. to hear from the applicant.
 - Sloan Sweigart, 788 Arbor Street, Concord, NC addressed the Council regarding the application and reasoning behind the request.
- 4) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZTA 2025-08-11-1 to amend the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance. Council Member Luhrs seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1 with Council Member Linker and Council Member Mack in favor and Council Member Luhrs opposed.

10. Public Hearing

Text Amendment Request ZTA 2025-08-11-2

A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe introduced ZTA 2025-08-11-2 to amend Article 12 of the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance regarding off-street parking requirements. This request for amendment came from the same applicant. Table 12-1, with the changes stricken out for illustration, was reviewed by the Council. The setback requirements will not change.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.
 - Sloan Sweigart, 788 Arbor Street, Concord, NC addressed the Council as the applicant to clarify the spirit of the requested text amendment and shared specific details of the development requirements and challenges.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

C. Council Discussion and Decision

Council Member Luhrs stated he felt the original requirements were created after careful consideration with public safety in mind. Questions were asked for clarification regarding how parking spaces were counted and what the setback requirements and lot size requirements were for lots in SFR-3. There was general discussion regarding parking requirements.

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZTA 2025-08-11-2 to amend the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion failed 0-3.

11. Public Hearing

Text Amendment Request ZTA 2025-08-11-3 PB

A. Staff Summary

Mr. Flowe introduced ZTA 2025-08-11-3 to amend Article 4 of the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance regarding Planning Board membership. The amendment would adjust the Planning Board seats to change one of the ETJ seats to a Town seat to more accurately reflect proportional representation of the population of the Town and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

B. Public Hearing

- 1) Opened: Mayor Barnhardt opened the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.
 - There were no comments from the public.
- 2) Closed: Mayor Barnhardt closed the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

C. Council Discussion and Decision

Council members didn't have any questions regarding the request.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to adopt Ordinance ZTA 2025-08-11-3 to amend the Granite Quarry Development Ordinance. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business None

New Business

12. Resolution

Supporting STBGP Application

Manager Hord introduced the resolution supporting the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program application and the associated match of no less than 20% of the requested \$450,000.

ACTION: Council Member Mack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07 supporting the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program application and the associated match of no less than 20% of the requested \$450,000. Council Member Linker seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

13. Proclamation

Louise Crowther 102nd Birthday

Mayor Barnhardt recognized Mrs. Louise Crowther's 102nd birthday and shared the Town's appreciation for Mrs. Crowther. Mayor Barnhardt will deliver the proclamation in-person.

14. Council Comments

• There were no Council comments.

15. Announcements and Date Reminders

A.	Wednesday	August 13	5:00 p.m.	Centralina Board of Delegates
B.	Wednesday	August 13	5:30 p.m.	Community Appearance Commission
C.	Wednesday	August 13	6:00 p.m.	Events Committee
D.	Thursday	August 14	10:00 a.m.	Amrep Grand Opening
E.	Thursday	August 21	6:00 p.m.	RMA
F.	Wednesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	CRMPO TAC
G.	Friday	August 28	10:00 a.m.	GQ/Faith PD Meeting
Н.	Monday	September 1		Labor Day – Town Offices Closed
I.	Tuesday	September 2	6:00 p.m.	Planning Board
J.	Tuesday	September 2	6:15 p.m.	Board of Adjustment
K.	Thursday	September 4	9:00 a.m.	Strategic Planning Meeting

16. Closed Session

Town Manager Eval

ACTION: Council Member Luhrs made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Section 143-318.11(a)(6) & (3) to consider the performance of an individual public officer or employee and for attorney-client privilege. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Council entered into closed session at 8:34 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 9:07 p.m.

ACTION: Council Member Linker made a motion to give the Town Manager a 5% increase on the Town Manager salary based on a "clearly exceeds" rating on his performance evaluation. Council Member Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aubrey Smith
Town Clerk

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY and INCORPORATE BY ANNEXATION A CONTIGUOUS AREA INTO THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance #ANNEX 2025-08-11

WHEREAS, a Petition signed by the owner, Brandt and Cherie Ronzello, of properties located at 2740 and 2620 Faith Road, (Rowan County Parcel ID 403 198 and 403 037) submitted a petition for voluntary contiguous annexation into the town limits of the Town of Granite Quarry. The petition received for the properties when taken together consist of approximately 2.57 acres, as shown on the map exhibit and plat appearing in Attachment "A" and a plat of said parcel(s) being that areas labeled "NEW LOT 1A" and "0.40 ACRES TO BE ANNEXED" appearing in Attachment "B" attached hereto, was received by the Town of Granite Quarry on June 4, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the owner Petitioned that said area be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, as authorized by Part 1, Article 4A, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Petition was presented to the Mayor and Town Council during the regular meeting of July 14, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2025, the Mayor and Town Council directed, by Resolution duly adopted, the Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, to investigate the sufficiency of said Petition and to certify the results to the Mayor and Town Council; and,

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council held on July 14, 2025, a Certificate of Sufficiency from the Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry was presented to the Mayor and Town Council wherein the Town Clerk certified that upon due investigation found the above individual(s) who signed the aforementioned Petition constitute the owner(s) of the land within the boundaries described in said Petition and, as hereinafter described, that said boundaries are contiguous to the present Town limit primary boundaries, and are eligible to be annexed pursuant to G.S. 160A-31, et seq. of the General Statutes of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, following the receipt by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, of a Certificate of Sufficiency from the Town Clerk of the Town of Granite Quarry, said information and due consideration thereof by the Mayor and Town Council, passed a motion to adopt a Resolution whereby a public

hearing upon the question of such annexation was called to be had before the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th day of August 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk was duly authorized and did so cause notice of such public hearing to be published in the Salisbury Post, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such public hearing, such notice contained Rowan County property identification numbers of the areas proposed to be annexed as set forth in the Petition; and,

WHEREAS, it appears to the Mayor and Town Council from the publisher's Affidavit with clipping attached thereto, duly filed with the Town Clerk, that a notice of such public hearing as directed by the Mayor and Town Council was duly published in the Salisbury Post in its issue of the 20th day and 27th day of July, 2025, which date of publication was at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for such public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry on the 11th day of August 2025 at the stated time and place where the petitioners and any other residents of the Town of Granite Quarry were given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the question of the sufficiency of the Petition and the desirability of the annexation; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council, after due deliberation and consideration during the regular Mayor and Town Council meeting held on August 11, 2025, now finds that the Petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31, et seq. of the General Statutes of North Carolina, that the Petition contained the signatures of the owners of the real property within the area proposed for annexation, that the Petitions are otherwise valid and that the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town and of the area proposed for annexation will be best served by the annexation through the expansion, now or in the future, of essential public services provided by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, in regular meeting assembled the 11th day of August 2025, hereby adopts this ordinance as follows:

SECTION 1: That the area described in the Petition for contiguous annexation be and the same is hereby annexed to and is made a part of the corporate limits of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, the areas being described in Attachment "A" and a plat of said parcel(s) being that areas labeled "NEW LOT 1A" and "0.40 ACRES TO BE ANNEXED" appearing in Attachment "B" attached hereto.

SECTION 2: From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the territory so annexed and the property therein located shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, and shall be entitled to the privileges and benefits available to other parts of the municipality. The newly annexed territory shall be subject to municipal taxes levied as provided in Section 160A-58.10 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

It shall be the duty of the Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry to cause an accurate map of such annexed territory, together with a copy of this Ordinance duly certified, to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, and in the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina. GRANITE QUILLIAND

SECTION 4: This Annexation shall become effective upon adoption.

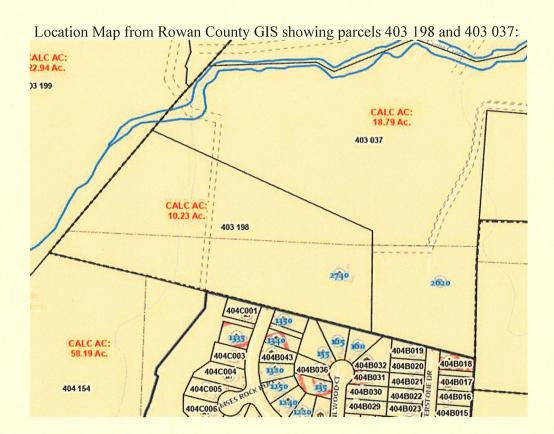
Adopted this 11th day of August 2025.

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

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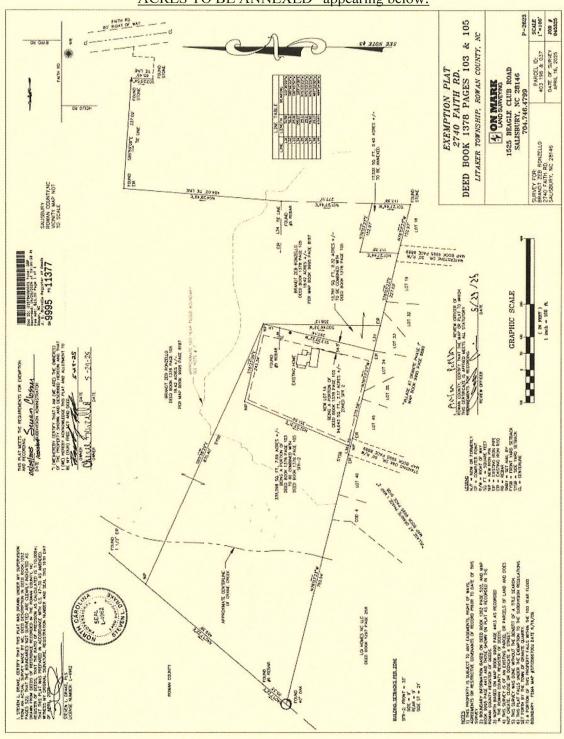
Attachment "A"



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Attachment "B"

Portion of Parcel 403 198 and Parcel 403 037 being the areas labeled "NEW LOT 1A" and "0.40 ACRES TO BE ANNEXED" appearing below:



An Ordinance to Amend

Town Plan 2040 - Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan

Ordinance #CLUP 2025-08-11

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Granite Quarry has called for the development of a comprehensive land use plan in accordance with G.S. 160D-501; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Granite Quarry procured a consultant and directed the Planning Board to undertake such a planning process; *and*

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2023 the Town of Granite Quarry Planning Board, by unanimous vote, recommended the adoption of *Town Plan 2040 Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan* in accordance with the procedures of G.S. 160D-501(c) and Article 6 of G.S. 160D; *and*

WHEREAS, a public legislative hearing was held on the 19th day of June, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Granite Quarry continues in its commitment to the futured Granite Quarry, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Granite Quarry adopted the Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan on the 19th day of June, 2023, *and*

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Granite Quarry is committed to increase economic development opportunities in eastern portions of Granite Quarry's sphere of influence shown on the current Future Land Use Map appearing in the Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan as amended by Ordinance #2024-04.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of Granite Quarry to amend the *Town Plan 2040 Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan* as the requisite plan for the Town and to implement the foundational principles of the plan through strategic initiatives as deemed responsible and fiscally sound by this and future Councils.

Adopted this the 11th day of August, 2025.

Brittany H. Banhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

OFFILITION SEAL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

THE "GRANITE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE" OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance Number ZTA-2025-08-11-1

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 transition from prior policies to modern adopted policies; then,

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

PART 1. The text of Article 12, Section "12.3-1 – Medium and Low-Density Lots." is hereby revised to read:

"Medium and Low-Density Lots. To enable emergency access to occupant area on Lots of Record equal to or greater than sixty (60) feet in width, but less than 120 feet in width, established after January 1, 2026, minimum required off-street parking space(s), whether enclosed or not, shall be recessed at least 3.5 feet behind the primary front plane of the Conditioned Space of a residential structure."

PART 2. This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 AM EST on August 12, 2025. OFF OFF

ADOPTED on this the 11th day of August 2025.

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

MARY NORTH CREATER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

THE "GRANITE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE" OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance Number ZTA-2025-08-11-3

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 transition from prior policies to modern adopted policies in compliance with state law; then,

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

- PART 1. Article 4, Section 4.2-2, "Membership by Appointment" is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 4.2-2 Membership by Appointment. The *Planning Board* shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) members who shall reside within the Town Limits, and two (2) members who shall reside within the Town's area of extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) in accordance with G.S. 160D-307. Members residing within the Town Limits shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with G.S.160D-310. Members residing outside the Town Limits within the area of Granite Quarry ETJ shall be appointed by the Rowan County Commission. All members shall have equal rights, privileges and duties; except as defined for officers by adopted Rules of Procedure. All members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms except in making the original appointments.
 - (A.) <u>Seating Members</u>. In making the original appointment three (3) members shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, one of which shall be an ETJ member; two (2) members shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, one of which shall be an ETJ member; and two (2) members shall be appointed for a one (1) year term.

(B.) Alternates. The Council may, in its discretion, appoint alternate members to serve on the *Planning Board* in the absence or temporary disqualification of any regular member or to fill a vacancy pending appointment of a member. Alternate members shall be appointed for the same term, at the same time, and in the same manner as regular members. Each alternate member, while attending any regular or special meeting of the board and serving on behalf of any regular member, shall have and may exercise all the powers and duties of a regular member. (G.S. 160D-301(a))

OFFICAL SEAL PART 2. This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 AM EST on August 12, 2025.

ADOPTED on this the 11th day of August 2025.

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA, IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds have been made available for transportation improvements in our area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry selected a project to submit to the Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO) for consideration and funding; and

WHEREAS, the selected project includes 2,150 linear feet of 5-foot sidewalk to connect the Granite Lake Park, the Granite Civic Park, and the Centennial Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry hereby requests Federal STBGP funding from the CRMPO in the amount of \$450,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Granite Quarry acknowledges the required local match of no less than 20% and the availability of funds to pay all upfronts costs, since the program is a cost reimbursement program; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Granite Quarry agrees to pay any costs that exceed the project amount if the application is selected for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Council of the Town of Granite Quarry acknowledges if said project is selected for funding through the CRMPO selection process, said project is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations regarding STBGP funding, as well as subject to the rules and procedures established by the CRMPO regarding approved TAP projects.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE QUARRY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF August 2025.

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THE RAY NORTH CHARLES

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk



PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE 102nd BIRTHDAY OF MRS Louise Crowther

WHEREAS, Mrs. Louise Crowther holds the distinction of being a Granite Quarry, NC Centenarian; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center less than 0.03% of the overall U.S. population is over 100, and Mrs. Crowther is one of those remarkable few; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowther is a proud 7th-generation descendant of the Brown family, who are the founders of the historic Old Stone House; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowther has spent her life in Granite Quarry, and today continues to reside just a few blocks from the very place where she was born; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowther has long been admired for her remarkable vitality, vibrant energy, and optimistic spirit, qualities that defy her years and inspire all who meet her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowther will celebrate the momentous occasion of her 102nd birthday on August 25, 2025, marking over a century of life, wisdom, and devotion to her family and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim and celebrate the life of distinguished citizen, Mrs. Louise Crowther.

On this the 11th Day of August, 2025.

Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

Aubrey Smith. Town Clerk