

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE WAKE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - PLANWAKE

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopted the General Development Plan as Wake County's first growth plan; and

WHEREAS, the County has continued to guide long term growth and land use through a series of subsequently enacted Plans and Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, these Plans have provided a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives including how to guide decision-making on growth and land development proposals; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the County initiated a process to update and replace the current Land Use Plan with a new Comprehensive Plan through a process called PLANWake, and

WHEREAS, the process engaged the public, municipalities, and community stakeholders, to help determine the community's preferences for how the County manages growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the new Comprehensive Plan - PLANWake is focused on the following community preferences: significant change is needed to plan for growth; protect open space and natural areas; direct growth to the towns; and create walkable environments; and

WHEREAS, the new Comprehensive Plan - PLANWake establishes three key vision outcomes for Wake County's future, as follows: Inclusive and Equitable; Healthy and Active; and Sustainable and Vibrant; which articulate the intended future for growth and land development in Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the new Comprehensive Plan - PLANWake creates a Development Framework Map that identifies the future land use and character vision for Wake County, and sets a cohesive county-wide framework to guide decision-making in unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, after adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan - PLANWake, staff will engage the public and community stakeholders on several critical actions toward implementing the policies and directions of the plan, and begin tracking performance metrics; and

WHEREAS on March 3, 2021, the Wake County Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Comprehensive Plan – PLANWake as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners held a duly noticed public hearing on March 15, 2021, to consider adopting the Comprehensive Plan – PLANWake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

The Wake County Comprehensive Plan – PLANWake, represents a long-term vision for the future of Wake County and is hereby adopted. The plan will guide land use and other policy decisions for Wake County over at least the next decade. The Wake County community will likely undergo

growth and change throughout this period, and in order for the plan to remain relevant, it will be reviewed and updated as new conditions arise.

Adopted this 15th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF WAKE

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Matthew M. Calabria, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Warren, County Attorney