RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSSEMBLY REPEAL THE RECENT AMENDMENT TO G.S. 160D-601(d) THROUGH SENATE BILL 382 REGARDING DOWNZONING

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted during the 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 General Assembly ("Short Session") Senate Bill 382 Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes ("Senate Bill 382"); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 382 added new language to section G.S. 160D-601(d), without the opportunity for public input; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 382 effectively eliminates the ability of cities, for nonresidential zoning areas, to implement procedures for addressing what is allowed and what needs to change as redevelopment occurs, regardless of whether or not the city provides a reasonable amortization period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 382 effectively allows property owners to stop development that might be beneficial for the growth of cities; and

WHEREAS, it is arguable that Senate Bill 382 effectively comes close to removing any future zoning authority in such nonresidential zoning districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby petition the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal the language recently added to G.S. 160D-601(d) regarding downzoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to forward a copy of this resolution to the Forsyth County Delegation and the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.