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**CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY COMMITMENT TO HOUSING  
AVAILABILITY, HOUSING CHOICE, AND THE ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO  
HOUSING**

**WHEREAS**, the *Carolina Core Housing Study* commissioned by the North Carolina Realtors Association in 2024 for the 21 counties comprising the study area identified that Forsyth County will need 25,350 units by the year 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carolina Core region, as well as the Piedmont Triad region, are experiencing tremendous job growth, further leading to additional housing needs and housing pressure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County have both adopted eleven (11) separate text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) aimed at removing barriers to various types of housing, such as revising platting requirements, amending bufferyard standards, permitting multifamily housing in additional nonresidential districts, and reducing minimum lot sizes for single-family housing in multifamily zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County have both adopted a new comprehensive plan, *Forward 2045*, with a specific vision theme aimed at addressing attainable housing through making housing abundant, using resources to create and preserve affordable housing for low-to moderate-income families, creating well-designed neighborhoods, and minimizing factors leading to housing insecurity and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, both the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County have adopted Strategic Plans with priorities centered around housing affordability, housing partnerships, and addressing housing insecurity over the next three (3) to five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County have both demonstrated a commitment to thoughtfully reviewing and analyzing existing regulations and ordinances to potentially remove unnecessary barriers to housing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are committed to analyzing UDO provisions related to housing choice, missing middle housing, broader use and support of ADUs, and increased density in

appropriate locations, such as in Activity Centers and along Growth Corridors in anticipation of preparing text amendments to address any identified issues.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are committed to approving and permitting an additional 25,000 housing units through the year 2045.

Adopted this the   1   of   December  , 2025.