



**ORDINANCE #3009
ADOPTING THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES
2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, according to North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) §160D-501(a), as a condition of adopting and applying zoning requirements a local government shall adopt and reasonably maintain a Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Pines last updated the town's Comprehensive Long Range Plan in 2016 and the pace and nature of growth has changed since that time; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2022 the Town of Southern Pines entered into a contract for consulting services with City Explained, Inc. of Marvin, North Carolina (Consultant) to assist the town with the preparation of a new comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2022 the Southern Pines Town Council did approve Ordinance #2021 creating a Community Advisory Committee to act as a sounding board for the comprehensive plan authors; and

WHEREAS, from August of 2022 to June of 2023 the Consultant did work extensively with the public, town staff, the Community Advisory Committee and members of the Planning Board to prepare a Comprehensive Plan that reflects the community's goals, policies and programs to guide future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2023 a Public Review Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan was made available online to the public and comments were collected and reviewed by the Consultant and revisions were made to the draft document; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2023 a Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan was made available to the public online for review prior to public hearings before the Planning Board and the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NCGS §160D-301(b) and 160D-501(c) the Planning Board did review the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan and on August 24, 2023 did hold a public hearing to listen to community comments before adopting a Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan with 13 recommended modifications, a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after notice being duly given according to law, a public hearing was held before the Town Council of Southern Pines, North Carolina, during its regular meeting on September 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM for the purpose of considering adoption of the Town of Southern Pines 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, after the completion of said public hearing, and upon consideration of the Planning Board's recommendation and all comments received at the public hearing, the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines deems it in the best interest of the Town of Southern Pines that the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines, North Carolina at its Regular Business Meeting assembled on the 12th day of September, 2023:

Section 1. That the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan be modified in the following manner, based on the 13 modifications set forth in the Planning Board's Resolution to Recommend Approval of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

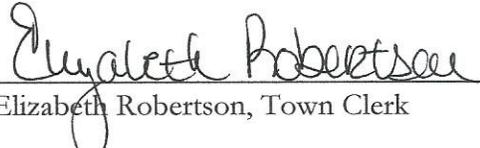
- That recommended modifications 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 13 as set forth in the Planning Board's Resolution to Recommend Approval of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan be made to the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- That modification 7 as set forth in the Planning Board's Resolution to Recommend Approval of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan be made to the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan, but that the word "mass" be stricken.
- That modifications 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12 as set forth in the Planning Board's Resolution to Recommend Approval of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan not be made to the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan at this time, but that those recommended modifications be brought back to the Town Council at an appropriate time for further research, discussion and engagement with the Southern Pines community.

Section 2. That the Public Hearing Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan, with the modifications listed in Section 1 above, is hereby adopted as the Town of Southern Pines 2040 Comprehensive Plan and a final copy of the plan shall be available to the public on the Town of Southern Pines' website.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2023.

I certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Pines at its meeting on September 12, 2023 as shown in the Minutes of the Town Council meeting for that date.


Elizabeth Robertson, Town Clerk

