



City of King City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM Monday, August 04, 2025

City of King City Hall Council Chambers
229 S. Main St., King, NC 27021

MINUTES

The King City Council convened for its regular meeting at the King City Hall, Council Chambers, 229 S. Main St, King, on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and make decisions on various city matters. Present at the meeting were Councilman Tyler Bowles, Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole, Mayor Rick McCraw, Councilwoman Terri Fowler, Councilman Michael Lane, City Manager Scott Barrow, City Clerk Nicole Branshaw, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Assistant Police Chief Ian Tedder, Police Lt. K. Gallimore, Police Lt. M Perdue, Police Officer J. Marion, , Senior Center Director Paula Hall, Water Plant Superintendent Mark Danley, Supervisor of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Superintendent of Public Utilities Chuck Moser, Interim Planning/Zoning Officer Todd Cox, Intern City Planner Emerson Wright, Chaplain Rick Hughes, City Attorney Brad Friesen, and Chaplain Paul Norman.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor McCraw called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 4, 2025.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with all remaining standing for the invocation given by Chaplain Paul Norman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McCraw noted the announcements listed on the agenda and thanked everyone for attending, including those watching online.

Mayor McCraw also made mention of:

- Purple Heart Day, August 7, 2025.
- 9th Annual King Pow Wow, August 9-10, 2025, at the King American Legion, Post 290.
- World Senior Citizens' Day, August 21, 2025.

He asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the announcements. There were none, so the announcements were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McCraw opened the public comment section at 6:04 PM. He explained the rules for public comment, including the 3-minute time limit per speaker.

1. Randy Griffin, 310 Highland Cir., King, addressed the Council regarding the city's tax rate. He shared that his small 900-square-foot house on Lake Street had doubled in appraised value, resulting in a \$1,500 annual tax bill. He expressed concern about citizens' ability to afford such taxes, especially those without pensions or retirement income. Griffin suggested that the Council consider reducing the tax rate, particularly since new houses on White Road would generate additional tax revenue. He also mentioned that Timmy's Lane was for sale and recommended that the Council consider purchasing it for right-of-way purposes.

2. Tommi Tuttle, 1246 Keiger Farm Rd., Tobaccoville, spoke on behalf of a local mission, operated out of Place of Prayer Church (formerly the Country Corral), that serves homeless individuals in the area. She

reported that they had assisted over 60 homeless individuals in the past year, ranging in age from 18 to 76 years old. The mission provides shower facilities, laundry services, mail service, and counseling resources. They also operate a winter warming station when temperatures drop below 32 degrees, accommodating an average of about seven people per night. Tuttle emphasized the importance of these services in reducing unnecessary calls to law enforcement, paramedics, and the 911 system.

3. Gaynelle Martin, 750 Meadowbrook Dr., King, the Outreach Pastor for the Place of Prayer/Matthew 25 Outreach Mission, shared specific stories of homeless individuals they have helped, including two women aged 75 and 76 who have been living in their cars at the King Food Lion for nearly a year. She expressed particular concern about the increasing number of seniors experiencing homelessness, noting that in her 20 years of working with homeless populations, she had never seen so many elderly people living in their cars.

4. Cheryl Penn provided an update on the Moving Wall project scheduled for April 30-May 4, 2026, at American Legion Post 290. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica will be open to the public free of charge, 24 hours a day, throughout its stay. Penn invited everyone to attend the opening ceremony on April 30 at 7:00 PM and mentioned that anyone wishing to lay a wreath would be welcome to do so. The next fundraiser meal for the project will be held on October 3, serving Sloppy Joes from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Penn also requested that the city put up flags along Main Street during the Moving Wall's visit.

5. Kevin Kendall signed up on behalf of Troop 450, which was attending and had no public comment.

6. Dane Heath from Downtown King Partnership provided an update on the organization's recent activities. In June, they held a community meeting with approximately 30 attendees, including Council members. Led by Lizzie Morrison, the group conducted a SWOT analysis and worked on developing a vision statement for downtown King. Three common themes emerged from the exercise: Downtown King offers crafted southern culinary experiences, has opportunities for specialty shops, and provides convenient access to outdoor adventures. Heath shared their draft economic positioning statement and indicated that the group will next work on developing specific goals and projects for each strategy, with plans to return to Council with ideas and potential grant funding opportunities.

There being no one else to give written or verbal requests wishing to speak. Mayor McCraw closed the meeting's public comment portion at 6:19 p.m. ****SEE DOCUMENT #1****

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor McCraw proposed moving Item 5A to Action Items.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve moving to **ACTION ITEMS**, agenda item 5A. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Set a New Date for Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 32, Article IV, Sec. 32-196 and Sec. 32-198; Chapter 32, Article V, Add Sec. 32-248.1. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

No other adjustments were made.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor McCraw explained that the consent agenda items were believed to be non-controversial and administrative in nature. He asked if any council members wanted to remove items from the consent agenda for separate discussion. The following consent items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes

- a. July 7, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Resolution to Adopt the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Fowler seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #2****

3. NEW EMPLOYEES

A. Introduction to New Employee:

- a. Joseph Marion – Police Officer

4. ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

A. Eagle Scout Project Update- William Maser

William Maser reported that his scout troop had completed the Eagle Scout project, which involved installing five plaques honoring city workers who passed away while serving the community. Maser thanked his troop, Jamie Wilkes, and Ben Marion for their assistance with the project. He also presented the Council with a framed collage of the installations.

Maser noted that his project came in under budget by 64 cents, and according to Eagle Scout rules, he needed to return the unused funds to the beneficiary or have them directed to charity. The Council directed him to return the funds to his scout troop.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Mayor McCraw both commended Maser and his troop for their outstanding work on the project, with the Mayor noting that the benches at the park look fantastic.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Set a New Date for Continued Public Hearing Proposing Text Amendments to Chapter 32, Article III, Section 32-163 and Section 32-164, Proposing Text Addition to Chapter 32, Article V, Division 1, Section 32-261

***This item was moved to **ACTION ITEMS - 7E** at the beginning of the meeting during the adjustment of the agenda.*

B. Public Hearing on Financing Agreement of PD and FD Radios - Resolution 2025-06

Finance Director O'Brien explained that the Police Department has an agreement for 30 new Motorola radios, and the Fire Department has an agreement for seven radios. Previously, these were structured as lease agreements, but staff determined that a loan would save approximately \$4,000. Additionally, a police vehicle that was approved the previous week would be included in the financing, bringing the total loan amount to \$336,165.90 for 37 radios and one replacement police vehicle. The loan payments would be in arrears, with the first payment due in the next budget year.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked why this item had not been included in the budget process. Assistant Police Chief Tedder explained that this was due to an unfunded mandate from the FCC related to changes in radio requirements, which came as a surprise after the budget was finalized.

Councilman Bowles inquired about the expected service life of the new radios. Assistant Police Chief Tedder noted that while their current Motorola radios are still functioning, they can no longer be programmed to meet FCC requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked if the funds could be taken from the fund balance rather than financing. Finance Director O'Brien clarified that since the first payment wouldn't be due until the next budget year, the Council would have the option to pay it off at that time if sufficient funding was available.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve First Horizon Bank to finance the radios for the Police Department and the Fire Department, as well as the replacement of the Police Department car, and approve Resolution 2025-06. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #3****

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Appointments to the Planning Board

Interim Planning & Zoning Officer Todd Cox requested permission to advertise for Planning Board vacancies, noting that there was one regular seat and two alternate positions to fill.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole questioned why Council approval was needed for advertising positions, noting that in her experience, the Clerk typically handles this administrative function. Cox explained that historically, they had come to the Council for permission to advertise for board positions. Clerk Branshaw confirmed that she currently had one application on file but hadn't advertised it in the newspaper.

After discussing advertising methods and costs, the Council agreed that advertising through the city website, social media, the electronic signboard, and contacting Stokes News for a potential free news item would be the most cost-effective approach. Mayor McCraw mentioned that he had spoken with a possible applicant who was in attendance and would be picking up an application that evening.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole made a motion to approve instructing the Clerk to contact Stokes News about a possible article regarding the vacancies and to advertise the positions on all social media outlets, the city website, and the electronic signboard. Councilman Bowles seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Surplus Property Resolution for PD – Resolution 2025-07

Assistant Police Chief Tedder presented a resolution for the disposition of surplus property, including an old SRTB box truck, a Dodge Charger that had recently been taken out of service, and the radios that would be replaced. He explained that the resolution aligns with the city's disposition of personal property policy, which permits the City Manager to approve the sale of items valued at less than \$30,000 through GovDeals or another bidding process.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole requested that surplus property lists be made available to the public to increase awareness and potentially attract more bidders. Mayor McCraw commended the Police Department for their recent work in apprehending a suspect, noting that some seized items might eventually be available as surplus property.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve the Surplus Property Resolution for the PD 2025-07. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

****SEE DOCUMENT #4****

B. A Resolution 2025-08 To Request Our Local Legislators to Add the City of King to the List of Municipalities Found in NCGS 160A-58.1 (b)(5), Giving Us Exemption Status from the 10% Satellite Area Rule.

Interim Planning & Zoning Officer Todd Cox explained that state law currently limits the city to having no more than 10% of its total acreage in satellite annexations (areas not contiguous to the main city limits). The city is currently at 8.5% with approximately 59 acres remaining before reaching the limit. Barrow noted that a single development, such as the 45-acre tract across from Kings Crossing, would consume most of the remaining capacity. He emphasized that many developments want city services, particularly sewer, and being unable to annex them would either prevent development or force them to pay higher outside rates.

Cox recommended that Council approve a resolution requesting that local legislators add King to the list of municipalities exempt from the 10% rule. He noted that approximately 40 other cities across the state have already received this exemption.

Councilman Bowles requested clarification on what qualifies as a satellite annexation, and Cox explained that it refers to areas not physically adjacent to the main city limits. Mayor Pro Tem Cole mentioned the recently approved over-55 apartments on Goth Road as an example of a development that would likely request annexation to receive city sewer service.

Councilman Lane asked if the exemption would be permanent, and Cox confirmed it would be unless the legislature changed the general statutes. Mayor Pro Tem Cole emphasized that all annexations must be voluntary, as the city cannot mandate annexation.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve Resolution 2025-08 to request our local legislators to add the City of King to the list of municipalities found in NCGS 160A-58.1(b)(5), giving us exemption status from the 10% satellite area rule. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #5****

C. Special Events Permit

City Engineer Ben Marion presented a revised special events permit for applicants hosting events within the city. The updated permit includes language and guidelines from the Fire Marshal's office, a better flow for department sign-offs, and updates to insurance certificate requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole expressed her support for the permit, noting that it would bring revenue to the city.

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to approve the Special Events Permit. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

D. Change to City Ordinance to allow Alcohol at Central Park

Ben Marion reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had requested changes to City Ordinance Chapter 20-10 to permit alcohol in Central Park, specifically in the amphitheater area, to encourage outside organizations to utilize the facility.

Per the request of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation at the April 11th, 2025 meeting, the board would like to change the City of King's Park and Recreation Ordinance, Chapter 20-10, subsection 11 to allow alcohol at Central Park only with a special events permit as well as supporting documentation required by the special events permit to include meeting ABC boards guidelines to sell and consume alcohol at public events. A revision to the city's special events permit will be brought before the council in August 2025. Following the recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, city staff have made changes to the ordinance throughout Chapter 20, specifically Section 6, to clarify the contact information for the Parks and Recreation Department within the ordinance.

With liquor by the drink and mixed beverages now permitted inside the City of King, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board believes that revising this ordinance, along with the special events permit, will encourage outside organizations to utilize Central Park, particularly the Amphitheater location, for more events on a more frequent schedule. This item's Public Hearing was done at the June 2nd, 2025, meeting to allow input on changes to the city's code of ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked whether the ordinance would specify beer and wine only, with a two-ticket limit, similar to what the Downtown King Partnership had implemented for their events. There was discussion about whether this limitation should be included in the ordinance or left to individual event organizers to implement.

City Attorney Brad Friesen suggested adding language before subsection 12 that would limit alcohol service

to beer and wine only, excluding liquor. Mayor McCraw expressed support for this limitation, noting that the park is a family area with children present.

City Engineer Marion clarified that state ABC permits would require event organizers to designate and control specific areas where alcohol would be served, and they would not be permitted to serve alcohol throughout the entire park.

Councilman Bowles confirmed that the roped-off areas were a requirement of the state ABC permit process, not a city requirement.

Mayor McCraw emphasized that this change was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, not initiated by the City Council.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve the changes to the city's code of ordinance related to only allowing beer and wine in Central Park with the addition of the sentence suggested by the City Attorney. Councilman Bowles seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of 3-1. (Cole - Yea, Bowles - Yea, Fowler - Yea, Lane - Nay) ****SEE DOCUMENT #6****

E. Set a New Date for Continued Public Hearing Proposing Text Amendments to Chapter 32, Article III, Section 32-163 and Section 32-164, Proposing Text Addition to Chapter 32, Article V, Division 1, Section 32-261

Interim Planning & Zoning Officer Todd Cox explained that the Planning Board had reviewed a requested text amendment to add a mixed-use district to the zoning ordinance. While some aspects of the proposal could be beneficial, the Planning Board identified several concerning elements and voted unanimously to table the item. The applicant agreed to participate in a workshop to address these concerns. Cox requested that the Council continue the public hearing to the September 2, 2025, meeting, allowing time for the Planning Board to review any revised proposals at their August meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole expressed surprise that an applicant (potential purchaser) rather than a property owner had initiated the text amendment. Cox confirmed that this practice was common, particularly in larger jurisdictions. Councilman Lane noted that while he was interested in updating the ordinance, he was growing increasingly impatient with the applicant's repeated delays.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve setting a new date for September 2, 2025, for continuing the public hearing on the text amendment. Councilman Bowles seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council reviewed the departmental reports included in the agenda packet. Mayor Pro Tem Cole inquired about the general fund as shown on page 46 of the budget vs. actual report, to which Finance Director O'Brien responded.

Council members reviewed the departmental reports.

MOTION: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the departmental reports: Moved by Councilwoman Fowler, Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilwoman Fowler expressed appreciation for all the information provided in the departmental reports, noting that they give Council a clear picture of city operations.

Councilman Lane addressed public comments about tax rates, emphasizing that the Council had not raised the tax rate during their tenure. He explained that the increased tax bills resulted from county property revaluations based on market values, not city actions. Lane noted that the city provides numerous services, such as yard waste and leaf pickup, that justify the tax rate, and that the budget contains no excess spending.

Councilman Bowles reinforced Lane's comments, adding that Council members are also residents who pay the same taxes and are affected by the same decisions they make. He praised city staff for running a lean operation and maintaining a tight budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole highlighted the importance of public safety in the city, expressing appreciation for the police and Fire Departments' reliability and responsiveness. She thanked city employees and fellow Council members for their work in ensuring residents feel safe.

Mayor McCraw thanked City Manager Barrow and Finance Director O'Brien for their careful management of city finances. He commended Clerk Branshaw for the improved format of the departmental reports and Paula Hall for the Senior Center's active calendar of events. The Mayor also praised the Police Department for their foresight in acquiring new equipment to enhance public safety, noting that the recently purchased vehicle was manufactured in North Carolina. He emphasized that while tax dollars must be spent judiciously, the safety of residents and first responders is of paramount importance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilwoman Fowler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

***** Clerk's Note: See Document 1-6 for supporting documents. *****

{Seal}



Approved by:

Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



Date: August 4, 2025



PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

All persons who wish to speak MUST sign up for the Public Comment period unless you wish to speak during a public hearing, in which case you must sign up for the Public Hearing. ALL SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME	ORGANIZATION (If Any)	ADDRESS	PHONE	SUBJECT	City Resident?
1. <u>DANDY GRIFFIN</u>		<u>301 HIGHLAND</u>	<u>336-914-1389</u>	<u>TAXES</u>	☐ yes ☒ no
2. <u>DAVID GRIFFIN</u>		<u>Prayer/Matthew 25 Outreach</u>		<u>Homeless population</u>	☐ yes ☒ no
3. <u>Gaynelle Martin</u>		<u>750 Meadowbrook Drive, King, NC</u>	<u>336-325-1043</u>	<u>"</u>	☐ yes ☒ no
4. <u>Tommi Tuttle</u>		<u>1240 Keiger Farm Road, Tobagoville</u>	<u>(336) 830-3510</u>	<u>"</u>	☐ yes ☒ no
5. <u>Cheryl Penn</u>		<u>American Legion Unit 290 - 5130 Lamilie Park Ws</u>	<u>336-816-0502</u>	<u>Mary Mall</u>	☐ yes ☒ no
6. <u>Hannah Givens</u>		<u>Frederick 124 Mary Mall - She-Rae</u>	<u>TRUMP 4520</u>		☐ yes ☒ no
7. <u>Dane Heath</u>		<u>DKP 1187 Coy Hawk Rd</u>	<u>336-416-1713</u>	<u>DKP</u>	☐ yes ☒ no
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In many cases, the City Council will receive your comments but take no action at the meeting.

A staff member will contact you to follow up on your concerns.



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**RESOLUTION 2025 - 09
ADOPTING NORTHERN PIEDMONT
REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within City of King are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the City of King desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of King has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations and at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, and that the plans have been updated in accordance with federal laws including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201, and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of King to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of King hereby:

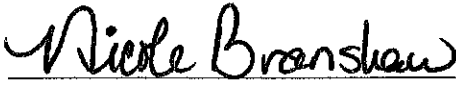
1. Adopts the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this on the 4th day of August 2025.

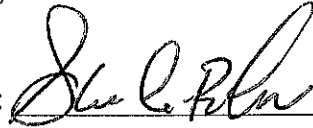


Richard E. McCraw, Mayor
City of King

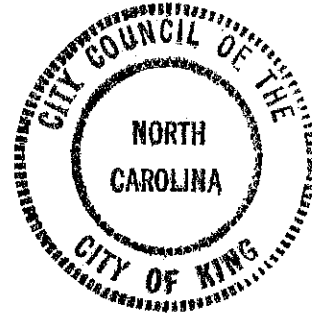
Attest:



Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk
City of King

Certified by:  (SEAL)

Date: August 4, 2025



CITY OF KING
RESOLUTION 2025-06

A Resolution Approving Financing Terms for Radios for Police and Fire Departments and Vehicle for Police Department

WHEREAS, the City of King "City" has previously determined to undertake a project for 37 Motorola Radios and Equipment and one Vehicle, "the Project" and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

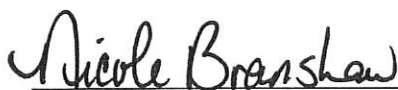
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

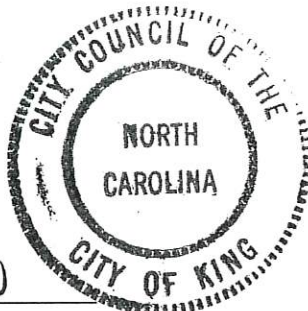
1. The City hereby determines to finance the Project through First Horizon Bank ("Lender"), in accordance with the proposal dated July 24, 2025. The amount financed shall not exceed \$336,165.90, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 4.98%, and the financing term shall not exceed five years (5) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing "the Financing Documents" shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the City ("Borrower") are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.
3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by Borrower officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.
4. The Borrower shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The Borrower hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).
5. The Borrower intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the Borrower's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the Lender financing described above. The Borrower intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the Borrower's general fund, or any other Borrower fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.
6. All prior actions of Borrower officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was adopted this the 4th day August 2025.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



CITY OF KING


Richard E. McCraw, Mayor



PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-UP SHEET

PUBLIC HEARING Financing Terms for Police and Fire Departments

All persons who wish to speak MUST sign up for the Public Hearing. ALL SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES.

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**CITY OF KING
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC AUCTION
AND DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of King has accumulated personal property that is no longer necessary to meet the operational needs of the City. Traditionally, the City has declared such property to be surplus and disposed of such property by public auction in accordance with the requirements of NCGS. 160A-270, to dispose of surplus property with no value in accordance with NCGS. 160A-266, and to change the use of surplus property per NCGS 160A-265.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the city council of the city of King, North Carolina, that the sale/disposal of all surplus property shall be made in accordance with the requirements of NCGS. 160A-266 is hereby authorized, and the City Manager, or other staff designated by him, is authorized to give appropriate notice and conduct the sale/disposal in accordance with the requirements of all applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is authorized to declare surplus any personal property valued at less than \$30,000 for any one item or group of items and keep a record of all property sold with a description, to whom it was sold, and the amount of money received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is authorized to discard any personal property that is determined to have no value, remains unsold or unclaimed after the city has exhausted efforts to sell the property, or poses a potential threat to public health or safety in accordance with NCGS 160A-266.

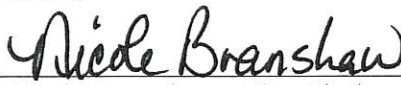
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Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

Attest:


Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



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City of King

Resolution of Consideration No. 2025-08

A Resolution of Consideration requesting the City of King's local House and Senate representatives amend 160A-58.1 (b)(5) to include the City in the exempt list.

Whereas, NC General Statutes 160A-58.1 (b)(5) states that no municipality may satellite annex more than 10% of its primary corporate limits; and

Whereas, the City of King is close to this 10% rule and would like to be able to continue to be able to accommodate those who wish, by petition, to be annexed into the city by satellite annexation; and

Whereas, the NC General Statutes have made a way to be exempt from this rule found in 160A-58.1 subsection (b)(5) by having their jurisdiction added to the list of other exempt municipalities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of King:

The City of King is requesting that one or both of its local House and Senate representatives add the city to this exempt list found in 160A-58.1 subsection (b)(5).

Adopted on this 4th day of August 2025.

{SEAL}



Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

Nicole Branshaw

From: Nicole Branshaw
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 4:22 PM
To: kyle.hall@ncleg.gov; dana.jones@ncleg.gov
Subject: Request from King City Council Regarding NCGS 160A-58.1 (b)(5)
Attachments: Resolution of Consideration No. 2025-08 & cover letter for representatives.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Senator Dana Jones and House Representative Kyle Hall,

The attached communication concerns a request from the King City Council regarding a Resolution of Consideration No. 2025-08, asking for your help in amending North Carolina General Statute 160A-58.1 (b)(5). The City of King Council has formally adopted Resolution No. 2025-08, which explains the support requested.

The City Council respectfully asks that you, our local Senate and/or House representatives, introduce and advocate for an amendment to G.S. 160A-58.1 subsection (b)(5) that would include the City of King among the exempted municipalities. Consideration of this matter and the needs of the community are appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Respectfully,

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Dear Senator Dana Jones and Representative Kyle Hall,

We are writing to you today, representing the City Council and the citizens of King, North Carolina, regarding a critical matter concerning the City's ability to manage its growth and development through annexation. The City of King has formally adopted a Resolution of Consideration requesting your assistance in amending North Carolina General Statute 160A-58.1 (b)(5). Currently, this statute limits satellite annexations by municipalities to a maximum of 10% of their primary corporate limits.

The City of King is approaching this 10% threshold, and we are concerned that this limitation will hinder our ability to respond to future requests from residents who wish to be annexed into the city via satellite annexation. Allowing for this continued growth is essential for the prosperity and planned development of our community. Recognizing that the General Assembly has previously provided exemptions from this 10% rule for other municipalities in North Carolina, we believe that the City of King should also be considered for inclusion on this exempt list.

The City Council respectfully requests that you, our local House and/or Senate representatives, introduce and advocate for an amendment to G.S. 160A-58.1 subsection (b)(5) that would include the City of King among the exempted municipalities. We believe this amendment is vital to ensure the continued orderly growth and expansion of the City of King in alignment with the wishes of its citizens. We are available to provide further information or discuss this matter in more detail at your convenience.

On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, thank you for considering this urgent request.

Respectfully,



Nicole Branshaw
City Clerk, NCCMC

Attachment:

*The City Council of the City of King
Adopted: Resolution 2025-08
August 4, 2025*

COUNCILMEN

Michael Lane – Tyler Bowles – Terri Fowler – Jane Cole, Mayor Pro Tempore



BOARD: City Council

DATE: 8/4/2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

**AN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE CITY'S ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF KING'S CODE OF ORDINANCES:
CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE I, SEC. 6 (a)-(i) & SEC. 10 (11)**

WHEREAS, the growth of the City of King's Parks and Recreation Department has facilitated the need for a text amendment change to update contact information throughout Chapter 20 of the City of King's Code of Ordinances and to make changes to allow alcohol within Central Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of King's Code of Codified Ordinances, more specifically, Chapter 20, Articles 6 and 10 texts need to be amended; and

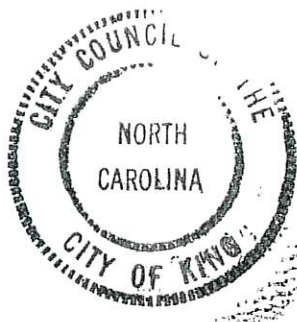
WHEREAS, the City of King has taken steps to amend the current ordinance to include the corrected contact information for the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as to permit the consumption of alcohol within Central Park during special events, provided that proper approved paperwork and permissions are obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the King City Council of the City of King, North Carolina, that:

SECTION 01. The following sections of the city's codified code of ordinances shall be amended as follows: See attached exhibit "A".

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of King, NC,
on the 4th day of August, 2025.

{Seal}



Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Branshaw, NCCMC, City Clerk

Sec. 20-6. Park event permit applications.

- (a) *Application.* An application for a park event permit must be completed and submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department not less than 45 days prior to the date of the proposed activity, and not more than 12 months prior to the proposed activity. The application is online and can be accessed via the city's website at www.ci.king.nc.us ~~www.ci.king.nc.us/parksrecreation~~ or by calling the parks and recreation department at ~~336-985-1115~~. The application must be approved by the applicable city departments as prescribed in the application. Upon application approval, the applicant will pay the required fees to the collections department located in City Hall, 229 S. Main St.
- (b) *Permit requirements.* The person or organization applying for the permit shall agree to comply with all policies, procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the use of public parks within the city ordinances. A fee shall be assessed by the parks and recreation director based on the schedule of fees and charges as adopted by the city council and as amended from time to time. Proof of liability insurance indemnifying the city and the applicant against any perils, suits, claims, and losses, which may arise in connection with the proposed activities, is required to be submitted prior to permit approval. Exceptions may be allowed, based on and in accordance with the city's current liability insurance policy. Permittees are responsible for cleaning and restoring the site after the event. The cost of any employee overtime incurred because of a permittee's failure to clean and/or restore the site following the event will be borne by the permittee.
- (c) *Permit approval process.* ~~The parks and recreation director and police chief~~ Staff, as noted on the application, shall have the authority to grant or deny park event permits. The following criteria shall be considered for permit approval:
- (1) Activity will not generate excessive or unreasonable traffic, noise, or will not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of participants or citizens not associated with the event.
 - (2) Activity will not interfere unduly with the primary use or uses for which such park is designed or intended, including previously or regularly scheduled activities at the park or recreational area.
 - (3) The permittee will be required to pay for adequate police and/or EMS personnel as required in the special events application and in accordance with the city's policies and procedures pertaining to the use of public parks.
 - (4) Parking options are adequate.
 - (5) Designated area is compatible with anticipated crowd size and proposed activities.
 - (6) All special events that necessitate a state road closure, lane closure, or the repurposing of travel lanes or shoulders on state roads shall be subject to relevant provisions of North Carolina General Statutes and special event guidelines set forth by the North Carolina General Statutes.
 - (7) Other criteria deemed relevant to the public safety by the police chief and fire chief.
- (d) *Prior violation.* If within the preceding two years, the applicant has been granted a permit and did, on that prior occasion, knowingly violate a material term or condition of the permit, or any law, ordinance, statute or regulation relating to the use of the parks, ~~the parks and recreation director or police chief may deny~~ the permit may be denied.
- (e) *Application review.* ~~The parks and recreation director or police chief~~ Designated staff on the application shall approve or deny an application within a reasonable time frame after receipt of application. If denied, a notice of denial shall be provided to the applicant(s), which notice shall include: (i) the grounds upon which the permit was denied; (ii) a summary of the application appeals process, and may include: (iii) suggested measures for remedying any defects in the application. For example, if an application is denied because of a conflict with another event, an alternative time may be suggested ~~by the parks and recreation director~~.
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- (f) *Notifications required.* ~~The parks and recreation director shall provide~~ a copy of the application, including any approval or denial decision, shall be provided to the applicant and to relevant city personnel as soon as practical. Notice of all event application approvals shall be sent to the city manager, mayor, and city council, before the event occurs.
- (g) *Appeals.* If an application is denied, an applicant may: (i) resubmit an application with the appropriate changes and/or corrections; or (ii) appeal the denial of an application, but the appeal must be made in writing to designated staff ~~the parks and recreation director~~, within five business days after the denial has been received. ~~The parks and recreation director will forward~~ the appeal will be forwarded to the city manager or designee. Within five business days (not including city holidays) of receipt of the appeal, the city manager or designee will schedule a conference with the applicant to review the appeal. The appeal must be filed with the city clerk's office at City Hall within the aforementioned time. The applicant shall have the right to present evidence at said hearing. Within five business days (not including city holidays) following the hearing, the city manager or designee will make a decision regarding approval of the permit application and notify the applicant of that decision. The decision to approve the application or to uphold the denial shall be based solely on the approval criteria set forth by City Code. Further requests for appeal following the city manager's decision may be made to the city council at a regular council meeting.
- (h) *Cancellations.* ~~The parks and recreation director, police chief~~ Designated staff or city manager, in his or her good judgment and discretion and in consideration of the safety of any member(s) of the public, may cancel any event previously approved when good and compelling causes are presented. If such a cancellation is made, ~~the police chief or city manager cancelling the event~~ staff will notify the permit applicant as soon as is practical.
- (i) *Vending at special events.* All vendors shall preregister with the events coordinator/applicant at least five days prior to the event. The event coordinator/applicant shall collect all required information from each vendor and submit a copy to designated staff ~~the parks and recreation director~~ at least three business days, excluding city holidays, prior to the event. ~~The parks and recreation director~~ Staff shall then provide a vending permit to the coordinator/applicant for each vendor to display during the entire duration of the event. Vendors for events at Recreation Acres shall not sell items that are being offered at the park's concessions building.
- (1) *Fees.* Each vendor shall pay a registration fee per the city's schedule of fees and charges as adopted by the city council and as amended from time to time. The events coordinator/applicant is responsible for obtaining these fees and remitting them to the city prior to the event.
 - (2) *Location.* Each event coordinator/applicant shall provide a sketch map/plan showing the location of each vendor in the park as appropriate. The city shall decide whether such vendor locations are appropriate prior to the event.
 - (3) *City-sponsored special events.* Events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the city shall be excluded from the above-listed requirements.
 - (4) *Fire inspection.* In addition to the above, a fire inspection by the King Fire Department may be required.

(Amend. of 5-2-11; Ord. No. 2013-05, 3-4-13; Ord. No. 2016-01, 2-1-16; Ord. No. 2024-01, 1-2-24)

Sec. 20-10. Prohibited acts relating to the use of public parks and recreation facilities.

The city council, with the advice of the parks and recreation committee, is authorized and empowered to adopt rules and regulations governing the use of the city parks and recreation facilities. All persons entering or using any park, playground, greenway trails, recreation or community areas or centers, or facilities (collectively "park") owned or operated by the city shall be obedient to the rules and regulations governing the use of such park. All such rules and regulations and other provisions of this chapter pertaining to a park shall be enforced in the same manner that other ordinances of the city may be enforced pursuant to section 20-14 of this Code. Any person seeking an

exemption from any park rule under section 20-10 shall make a request in writing to the city council. The following acts are specifically prohibited, except such prohibition shall not apply to the servants, employees, or officers of the city actually and necessarily engaged in the duties of their office or employment:

- (1) No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, damage, tamper with or without the authorization of the town, displace or move any structure, equipment, facility, or any other real or personal property that is the property of or under the control of the city.
- (2) No person shall willfully damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree, shrub, bush, or plant within any park.
- (3) No person shall drive, park or ride any motorized vehicle in any park except in areas so marked, signed or designated for motorized vehicular traffic, and except in motorized wheel chairs for the disabled or in a golf cart where the driver and/or passenger is handicapped and holds a valid North Carolina handicapped parking placard or license plate issued in accordance with G.S. 20-37.5 or a valid handicapped parking placard or license plate from another state.
- (4) No person shall dump, deposit, leave, or place trash, garbage, ashes, waste, broken glass, or other rubbish within any park, except in garbage, trash recycling, or other proper receptacles provided for the purpose. No person shall dispose of garbage or rubbish within any park.
- (5) No person shall camp or stay overnight in any park, except with written permission from the city council or its designee.
- (6) No person shall erect or use a tent, camper, canopy, hut, bedding, or portable heater/fireplace, or make use of the city's electricity, in any city park except:
 - a. In conjunction with city-sponsored events;
 - b. When such person has submitted a reservation request and paid a reasonable usage fee in compliance with section 20-7; or
 - c. When such person has obtained a special event permit and paid a reasonable usage fee in compliance with section 20-6. Any usage of city electricity may occur only at the park shelter where a reservation has been made (or at such areas as are designated in a special event permit) and where one or more electrical outlets are located. The use of one or more electrical extension cords more than 20 feet from an outlet is prohibited.
- (7) No person shall enter any park or remain in any park during the hours the park is closed to the public.
- (8) Dogs and horses are allowed within the public parks, subject to the provisions of the city's animal control regulations in chapter 4, except in those areas specifically marked and designated that no dogs or horses shall be allowed, provided, however, that horses are not allowed on public greenways within the city's municipal corporate limits. Service animals are exempt from this section. Dog and horse manure must be removed and placed in an appropriate designated area.
- (9) Reserved.
- (10) No person shall carry, possess, or use any firearms or other dangerous weapons within any park except that a person may carry a concealed handgun provided they possess a concealed handgun permit in accordance with G.S. ch. 14, art. 54B.
- (11) No person shall use, consume, or possess any narcotic drug or hallucinogen or any other controlled substance within any park. No person shall use, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages, beer, or wine within any park unless approved by a special events permit or approval by the city council, and must abide by the following regulations:

It shall be lawful for the city, the operator or a renter, during a special event, to provide or to provide for the serving or selling of beer or wine on city property designated by the city council by resolution, or on city property designated in a special event permit application approved by designated staff either with or without charge being made; therefore, provided:

(a) All applicable health and ABC laws are complied with.

(b) The contents of beer bottles or cans or wine bottles shall be poured into appropriate cups or glasses.

(c) All empty bottles or cans shall be handled and stored in such a manner as not to be broken or left on the city property.

(d) A statement releasing and forever discharging the city, its officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims, demands, expenses, costs and liabilities of any kind or nature directly or indirectly related to any personal injury, including death, and/or property damage arising out of the use of the city's property and the service of alcoholic beverages, beer, or wine, except those claims that were proximately caused by the negligence of the city or of a city employee acting within the scope of his employment with the city.

(e) A statement agreeing to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the city, its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, demands expenses, costs and liabilities of any kind or nature to the extent proximately caused by the intentional, negligent or reckless acts or omissions of the lessee, renter or operator, or their respective agents, officers, employees or guests; and

Permission to sell or serve beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages at any city facility or amenity addressed in this section shall be withdrawn for failure of the renter or operator, or the employees, officers, guests, invites of either to comply with the requirements set forth in this section or any applicable laws.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this subsection does not authorize the sale or consumption of spiritous liquor.

- (12) All persons in any park shall obey all posted traffic regulations, signs, and directions.
- (13) No person shall hit golf balls in park areas except where permitted.
- (14) No person shall engage, either verbally or physically, in any loud, indecent acts, disruptive or offensive conduct, or engage in any activity or sport in a manner which threatens the safety or welfare of other patrons of the park, or which unreasonably impairs the public's opportunity to use and enjoy the park.
- (15) No person shall operate a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or roller blades on a public trail or within a designated park area within the city unless they are wearing a protective helmet on his or her head, with the chin strap fastened under the chin. Said helmet shall be fitted to the size of the operator and shall meet or exceed the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) Z90.4 or subsequent bicycle helmet standards, or the Snell Memorial Foundation's 1984 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling or subsequent standards.
- (16) No person shall or attempt to trap, catch, wound, kill, or cause to be injured, treated cruelly, or tease any form of wildlife in or upon any land owned, leased, or operated by the city. No person shall release any form of wildlife in or upon any land owned, leased, or operated by the city.
- (17) No person shall place, maintain, or erect any sign, poster, notice, or advertising device within any park.
- (18) No person shall fish at the city pond within Central Park unless they comply with the following conditions:
 - a. Fishing is only allowed from the banks of the pond or from the pier;

Exhibit A

- b. Fishing is only allowed between 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., or for such shorter times as the city park may be open;
 - c. The city is not responsible for any fishing license required by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission; and
 - d. Any fish caught from the pond must be returned to the pond in such a manner as not to harm the fish.
- (19) All starting or kindling of fire may be prohibited by the city manager or his designee if weather conditions occur that would make such activity unduly dangerous or risky. No person shall leave a picnic area before the fire is completely extinguished. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes, or cigars, tobacco paper, or other inflammable material within any park area.
- (20) No person shall practice, play, or use horseshoes, spears, javelins, archery, discus, or similar items in park areas except in areas specifically designated or provided for such activities.
- (21) It shall be unlawful to possess or set off, discharge, explode, or burn any firecrackers or other forms of fireworks within park settings unless a special events permit is acquired from the fire chief.
- (22) No person shall conduct or carry on any game of chance at which money, property, or any other thing(s) of value is wagered, whether such money, property, or other thing of value is present in the park (in stake) or located elsewhere.
- (23) No person shall swim, bathe, or wade in any ponds, waterways, or fountains within any park, except in such waters and at such places as are provided for such activity.
- (24) No child or children, 12 years old and under, shall be on any city park property, including the "Skate Park", without being supervised by an adult (over 18 years of age) at all times.
- (Amend. of 5-2-11; Amend. of 7-5-11; Amend. Of 08-05-25; Ord. No. 2013-05, 3-4-13; Ord. No. 2013-06, 5-6-13; Ord. No 2025-05)