



City of King City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM Monday, October 06, 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, October 6, 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, Councilman Michael Lane, City Manager Scott Barrow, City Clerk Nicole Branshaw, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Police Chief Jordan Boyette, Senior Center Director Paula Hall, Supervisor of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Superintendent of Public Utilities Chuck Moser, Intern City Planner Emerson Wright, Collections Clerk Tiffany George, WTP Chief Operator Taylor Baskin, Fire Fighter Robert Traynor, Building Inspector Ricky Gordon, City Attorney Brad Friesen, Chaplain Scott Vernon and Chaplain Rick Hughes. Water Plant Superintendent Mark Danley and Councilwoman Terri Fowler were absent from the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 6, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with all remaining standing for the invocation given by Chaplain Paul Norman.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole moved to excuse Councilwoman Fowler from the meeting. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McCraw thanked citizens for attending the meeting and those listening online. No adjustments were made to the announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McCraw opened the public comment section at 6:03 PM. He explained the rules for public comment, including the 3-minute time limit per speaker.

1. George Boan, 212 Pullium St., King, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning speeding issues on Pullium Street. He issued two challenges to the committee: first, to have committee members meet on his porch at certain times to observe and hear what residents are experiencing with speeders; and second, if that wasn't feasible, to conduct "knock and talks" through neighborhoods to speak with residents about the issue.
2. Mindy Alexandra, Habitat for Humanity Stokes Co., 124 Glen Oaks Dr., King, addressed the Mayor and Council about Habitat for Humanity's 21st home dedication scheduled for the following day at 145 Redwood Bend at 6 PM. She invited all Council members and citizens to attend, describing it as Tyler Van Meter's first home with Habitat and calling it "gorgeous." She thanked the city for being partners with Habitat.
3. Kathy Love Day thanked the city for its partnership with the Chamber in helping with King Fest. She reported it was "a great day, great turnout" with "absolutely gorgeous" weather. She specifically thanked Tom, Casey, Kevin, Andrew, Tiffany, Ben, and Susan for their behind-the-scenes work. She noted that the park was beautiful and that she had received wonderful comments about the event.

There being no one else to give written or verbal requests, wishing to speak. Mayor McCraw closed the meeting's public comment portion at 6:12 p.m.

Following the close of the public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked City Manager Barrow about who establishes speed limits on city streets. A discussion ensued about enforcement on Pulliam Street, where the speed limit is 25 mph. Police Chief Boyette explained they conduct enforcement, but "it's just us being at the right place at the right time." He noted they've done numerous traffic enforcement operations there, but social media alerts drivers within minutes when police are present. The discussion included consideration of radar speed signs, with the Chief mentioning various options from permanently mounted signs to temporary units that can be chained to trees. Mayor Pro Tem Cole requested that the Police Chief look into options for speed awareness signs. ****SEE DOCUMENT #1****

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

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. September 2, 2025

MOTION: Councilman Bowles motioned to approve the consent agenda with minor corrections to the minutes. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

3. NEW EMPLOYEE

A. Introduction to New Employee:

A new employee was introduced to the Council:

- a. Robert Traynor - Firefighter

Mayor McCraw and Council welcomed the employee to the city.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Updating Chapter 12 – Environment, Article 2, Division 2, Sec. 12-61-67. Ordinance 2025-10

Mayor McCraw opened a public hearing at 6:20 PM regarding updating Chapter 12 – Environment, Article 2, Division 2, Sec. 12-61-67. Ordinance 2025-10 of the city code. With there being no one that gave written or verbal requests wishing to speak, Mayor McCraw closed the public hearing comment portion at 6:20 p.m.

Emerson Wright, City Planner Intern, explained that in using this chapter to enforce our nuisance & junked vehicle laws in Chapter 12, our attorney has pointed out that this chapter has not been updated since 1998. State laws have undergone significant changes since then, and we need to update our ordinance to reflect these changes, enabling staff to enforce them correctly.

Our attorney has prepared the proposed revisions to this chapter for council's review. Staff recommends that the council adopt the attorney's proposed amendments to Chapter 12 as described in – Ordinance 2025-10 with Exhibit A reflecting revisions.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole expressed she was "really glad to see that you're updating this ordinance" and would be willing to propose a motion. Councilman Lane agreed, stating "anytime we can update something and bring it to modern standards, it makes all of us breathe a little easier." He noted citizens have seen nuisances or junk vehicles and wondered how to address them, but "our hands are kind of tied," so this update would help.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole motioned to approve amendments to Chapter 12 – Environment, Article 2, Division 2, Sec. 12-61-67 as described in – Ordinance 2025-10 with Exhibit A reflecting revisions. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #2****

B. Amendment to Chapter 26, Sec. 26-205 – Sidewalks/Multi-Purpose Trails Ordinance 2025-11

Mayor McCraw opened the public hearing at 6:20 PM regarding amendment to Chapter 26, Sec. 26-205 – Sidewalks/Multi-Purpose Trails Ordinance 2025-11 of the city code. With there being no one that gave written or verbal requests wishing to speak, Mayor McCraw closed the public hearing comment portion at 6:20 p.m.

Emerson Wright, City Planner Intern, explained that City Council had requested staff and the Planning Board review sidewalk standards in the subdivision ordinance to potentially require sidewalks on both sides of subdivision streets, as current ordinance only requires one side. The proposed amendment included language allowing the Planning Board or City Council to require sidewalks or multi-purpose trails on both sides in major subdivisions to promote safe pedestrian traffic. The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments.

Sec. 26-205. - Sidewalks/multipurpose trails.

Sidewalks/multipurpose trails shall be required in all subdivisions, minor or major, when such tract being subdivided and developed would be adjacent to or abut the city's pedestrian and bicycle trails comprehensive plan layout. Tracts that lie outside of this area shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but in no case shall any major subdivision be developed without sidewalks on at least one side of each public street. Sidewalks/multipurpose trails may be required on both sides, if deemed necessary by the planning board, to ensure safe pedestrian travel. All sidewalks/multipurpose trails shall meet or exceed the requirements of the city's construction standards manual and be so designed as to conform to the general layout and design as described in the pedestrian and bicycle trails comprehensive plan. See construction standards manual for the various options for sidewalk/multipurpose trail installations. The following types of sidewalks/multipurpose trails shall be allowed:

(a) *Sidewalks.* A four-foot concrete sidewalk installed along and parallel to the street and located in the right-of-way. The sidewalk shall be installed along at least one side of every street within the subdivision. See construction standards for installation methods.

(b) *Multipurpose trails.* In lieu of sidewalks a developer may install multipurpose trails. Trails must be six-foot paved surfaces and installed within a minimum 20-foot easement. Trails must be able to connect, whether now or in the future, to the city's master plan of trails system. The developer must install the equivalent linear feet of trails that would equal what would have been installed in sidewalks. Subdivisions that are developed adjacent to a proposed master plan trail may opt to install the trail in lieu of sidewalks with planning board approval. See construction standards for installation methods.

(c) *Biking and pedestrian lanes.* In areas outside the corporate limits and where sidewalks would not be feasible the developer may install, with planning board approval, biking and pedestrian lanes. Such lanes shall be an extension of the paved street an additional five feet and shall be installed on one side of each street

within the subdivision. Lanes shall be stripped and stenciled to show that they are for this purpose only. See construction standards for installation methods.

Our city attorney has looked at this and attached is his recommendations for the proposed amendment. We started adding sidewalks to one side (mandatory) back in the early 2000's as a way to introduce safe pedestrian travel within a subdivision and also to get the developers used to installing them. Council feels that it is time to move forward and add sidewalks to both sides of any major subdivision and only to minor subdivisions (staff approved) if they are abutting an area where council has shown, by way of the comp plan, a proposed sidewalk. We are also making a statement regarding major subdivisions found in our E.T.J. and if the developer wants to provide sidewalks what should be done.

Staff recommends that the council adopt the attorney drafted proposed amendments to these sections of the ordinance.

Councilman Lane expressed concern that the proposal gave "a lot more leeway" than requiring sidewalks on both sides, feeling it was "a little looser than what I was hoping it would be." Mayor Pro Tem Cole agreed, stating she "felt that's what we discussed at our last meeting is that we would be requiring sidewalks on both sides of developments."

City Attorney Brad Friesen explained the complexities involved. He initially understood Council wanted sidewalks on both sides in new subdivisions, but City Planner Todd Cox, with knowledge of King's history on this issue, heard it differently. Their compromise resulted in the current draft. Friesen explained that requirements must be the same within corporate limits and the ETJ. In the ETJ, subdivisions on non-city-maintained streets could have sidewalks that fall into disrepair with no mechanism for the city to maintain them.

The definition of major subdivisions (10 or more lots), private roads, HOA maintenance responsibilities, and the need for consistency. Council cited concerns about a recent development where sidewalks appeared to be missing, though staff clarified sidewalks aren't required until houses are built and COs won't be issued without them.

Mayor McCraw noted potential issues with voluntary annexations and HOAs that "come and go," using his own neighborhood as an example where the HOA no longer exists to enforce sidewalk maintenance.

City Attorney Brad Friesen addressed these concerns, explaining how variances in infrastructure and maintenance responsibilities, particularly in the ETJ and on non-city-maintained streets, led to the draft allowing case-by-case flexibility. Discussions continued regarding ensuring consistency, defining major subdivisions, and addressing maintenance via HOAs.

There was agreement among the Council that more clarity and consistency should be pursued, and they would like further clarification from Todd Cox.

MOTION: Councilman Bowles moved to table until the next meeting the amendment to Chapter 26, Sec. 26-205 – Sidewalks/Multi-Purpose Trails Ordinance 2025-11 of the city code for further consideration. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #3****

C. Amendment to Chapter 32. – Zoning; Art. I. – General, Sec. 32-8. – Definitions; Art. II. – Administration and Enforcement, Div. 1. – General, Sec. 32-47. – Enforcement of Chapter; Art. IV. – Uses by Zoning District, Sec. 32-198. – Commercial. Ordinance 2025-12

Mayor McCraw opened the public hearing at 6:39 PM regarding amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning; Article I General, Section 32-8 Definitions; Article II Administration and Enforcement, Division 1 General, Section 32-47 Enforcement of Chapter; Article IV Uses by Zoning District, Section 32-198 Commercial of the city code by

Ordinance 2025-12. With there being no one that gave written or verbal requests wishing to speak, Mayor McCraw closed the public hearing comment portion at 6:39 p.m.

Emerson Wright, City Planner Intern, explained the City had issued a warning citation to an electronic gaming business at Mountain View Shopping Center after receiving a complaint it was too close to a daycare. The business's attorney contacted the City Attorney, and the citation was dropped because the ordinance was unenforceable as worded. Council asked our attorney to review and strengthen the ordinance. Staff recommended adopting our attorney's proposed amendments, which the Planning Board had unanimously approved.

Attorney Brad Friesen walked Council through the changes: Section 32-47 now includes an enforcement procedure aligned with statutory requirements, including specific notice contents and appeal procedures. Section 32-8 adds a definition for electronic gaming operations including related terms like internet cafe and sweepstakes. Section 32-198 refers to new development standards, and new Section 32-261 establishes development standards including the 1,000-foot limit, hours of operation, number of machines, and prohibition of alcohol on premises.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole expressed appreciation for "tightening it up as tight as we can get it." Councilman Lane noted this was "one of the first things that we're able to see passed once we were elected" and appreciated seeing it "tightened up, clarified, well defined" and "most importantly, enforceable."

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Cole moved for approval of Ordinance 2025-12 with Exhibit A reflecting amendments to Chapter 32 Zoning; Article I General, Section 32-8 Definitions; Article II Administration and Enforcement, Division 1 General, Section 32-47 Enforcement of Chapter; Article IV Uses by Zoning District, Section 32-198 Commercial, in keeping with the city comp plan. Councilman Bowles and Councilman Lane simultaneously seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #4 (Exhibit A stated in the ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's office and is incorporated into these minutes by reference.) ****

5. Action Items

A. Appointments to the Community Appearance Commission

Finance Director Susan O'Brien reported four seats were up on the Community Appearance Commission with terms expiring in December. All four members wished to be reappointed, with reappointments effective in December. One vacancy remains on the commission.

Councilman Lane stated he was "thankful for these ladies, what each of them do" and hoped "to keep y'all real busy in the coming term" with downtown growth and grants. Discussion followed about posting the vacancy on the website which has been continuously done throughout the vacancy.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Jane Cole moved to approve the appointments as stated to the Community Appearance Commission and let it be known to those being reappointed that Council appreciates their service to the City of King. Councilman Bowles seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

B. Appointment to the Economic Development Committee

Councilman Lane presented Jeff Fansler for appointment to the Economic Development Committee. He explained that Fansler works in the Winston-Salem area but grew up locally, currently lives in Pfafftown, and is moving to the area after building a house and opening a business in the city. Lane stated Fansler "wants to see our city succeed and grow" and would be "a huge addition to the board," noting the board was "very much in favor of adding him."

This appointment will be filling a vacancy for a four-year term from December 2024 to December 1, 2028.

MOTION: Councilman Lane moved to approve appointing Jeff Ansley to the Economic Development Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

C. Consideration of Budget Amendment 2025-06.02

Finance Director O'Brien presented Budget Amendment 2025-06.02, which adds \$110,130 to the PD for vehicle replacements; this is offset by \$90,913 of insurance proceeds, \$15,640 contingency and \$3,577 of stormwater funding. The amendment also adds \$2,366 to the FD for repairs offset by insurance proceeds and adds \$23,179 to Public Buildings, offset by Fund Balance, for the remainder of City Hall renovations not completed prior to June 30. Finally, the amendment adds \$12,100 to Recreation Acres for lighting wiring repairs, offset by \$7,100 of contingency and \$5,000 of reimbursement from King Little League.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked about contingency funds, learning this amendment would deplete contingency. She also inquired about remaining stormwater funds (\$19,168) and expressed desire to preserve those funds as they're needed for future projects. She confirmed the Rec Acres lighting repairs were what was discussed at the previous meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Lane moved to approve budget amendment 2025-06.02. Councilman Bowles seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. ****SEE DOCUMENT #5****

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Council acknowledged receipt of all departmental reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole inquired about zoning violations on page 77, asking about the pending period for violations. Wright explained it's case-by-case as determined by the Planning Director, with different timeframes for grass violations versus car registration issues. The process involves a warning citation first, giving time to correct during the violation period, followed by a civil citation with daily fees if not corrected. Unpaid fines become liens on properties.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole also asked about tax collections, learning that collections this August were less than the same point last year, suggesting some people may be waiting until year-end to pay.

MOTION: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the departmental reports: Moved by Councilman Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Lane expressed appreciation for everyone's work, specifically noting amazement at Paula Hall's 38 exercise classes at the Senior Center. He stated he doesn't take his position lightly and appreciates the opportunity to serve. He also thanked Kathy Loveday for King Fest, noting it "felt like the biggest King Fest yet" with incredible vendors and calling it "an amazing event."

Councilman Bowles thanked all city employees for their wonderful work and expressed gratitude for each one.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole praised King Fest as a huge success, thanking Kathy, Ben, and all workers. She specifically thanked the citizens of King for paying the bills, acknowledging that while people complain about taxes, she would "try to keep them as low as possible."

Mayor McCraw highlighted several items: the packed Stokes County Fair, King Fest's success, the Parks and Rec crew's excellent park maintenance, the new leaf blower that can blow air forward or sideways, the new leaf truck with steering wheels on both sides, and the police department's new tactical vehicle that children

enjoyed exploring at King Fest. He explained the vehicle's importance for potential hostage situations and helping surrounding areas.

McCraw also thanked Paula Hall for addressing county commissioners on September 22nd, celebrated the Senior Center's 18th birthday on September 23rd, thanked Gretchen for her work at the library, and expressed pride in serving as mayor. He shared that people at a recent gathering praised King, saying "y'all really got it going on," to which he responded that success requires "everybody working together."

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Bowles motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Cole seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

*** Clerk's Note: See Document 1-5 for supporting documents. ***

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Approved by:


Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

Attest:


Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk



Date: Oct 6, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

Open 6003pm

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION (If Any)</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>City Resident?</u>
1. George Brax	212 Pullum St.		240581-3499	St traffic	☒ yes ☐ no
2. Alindi Alexandra	Habitat for Humanity		336-985-3211	dedication	☐ yes ☐ no
3. Cathy Lovejoy	King Chamber of Commerce		336-705-2460	Thank you	☒ yes ☐ no
4.					☐ yes ☐ no
5.					☐ yes ☐ no
6.					☐ yes ☐ no
7.					☐ yes ☐ no
8.					☐ yes ☐ no
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10.					☐ yes ☐ no
11.					☐ yes ☐ no
12.					☐ yes ☐ no
13.					☐ 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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**CITY OF KING
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KING
BY AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE II. – NUISANCES, DIVISION 2. JUNKED VEHICLES, SEC. 12- 61
THOUGH SEC. 12-67.**

WHEREAS, the City of King has the authority, pursuant to Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable law, to adopt these regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of King City Council may amend said regulations from time to time in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the King City Council initiated a recommendation to amend Chapters 12, Art. II. – Nuisances, Division 2. Junked Vehicles, Sec. 12-61 – 67, of the City of King Code of Ordinances per the attached exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the City of King's city attorney has reviewed these sections of the ordinance and is proposing the text amendments attached as a recommendation for the city council to review for the purpose of keeping with the current laws of North Carolina and the City of King; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King, after hearing all persons wishing to comment on the proposed text amendments, finds that the regulations, restraints, and prohibitions set forth in this ordinance are necessary and desirable to promote or enhance community, neighborhood, or area appearance, desires to amend the city's code of ordinances accordingly.

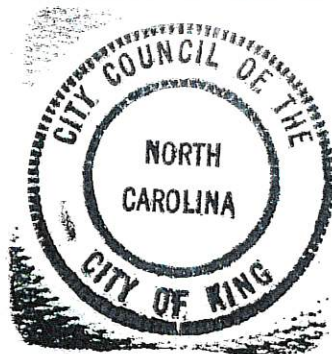
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of King, North Carolina:

Section 1. In accordance with N.C.G.S. 160D-Article VI, as amended, and King City Code, the city's code of ordinances is hereby amended to add the following proposed amendments as submitted or amended during the public hearing.

Add – See exhibit A

Section 2. The Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 6th day of October 2025.





Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

DIVISION 2.-JUNKED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES,
VEHICLES WHICH ARE SAFETY HAZARDS, AND
VEHICLES WHICH ARE AESTHETIC NUISANCES¹

Sec. 12-61.-Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandoned motor vehicle means a vehicle that:

- (1) Has been left upon a public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance that regulates or prohibits parking; or
- (2) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or lessee thereof for longer than two hours; or
- (2) Is left on property owned or operated by the city longer than 24 hours; or
- (3) Is left on any public street or highway for longer than seven days or on U.S. Highway 52 within the corporate limits of the city for longer than 48 hours; or
- (4) Is determined by law enforcement to be a hazard to the motoring public.

Junked motor vehicle means ~~A-an abandoned motor~~ vehicle that also;does not display a current license plate and that is partially dismantled or wrecked, cannot be self-propelled or moved in a manner in which it originally was intended to move or is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00.

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or
- (3) Is more than five years old and worth less than \$500.00; or
- (4) Does not display a current license plate.

Motor vehicle and vehicle mean all machines designed or intended to travel over land or water by self-propulsion or while attached to any self-propelled vehicle.

Private tower means an individual or company engaged in the business of towing and storing motor vehicles that tows vehicles, pursuant to an arrangement with the city, at the city's request or authorization.

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 2, 6-2-97)

Cross reference(s)—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

¹Cross reference(s)—Traffic and vehicles, ch. 28.

State law reference(s)—Authority to regulate junked, abandoned and wrecked vehicles, G.S. 160A-303, 160A-303.2.

New Section. Abandonment of motor vehicles prohibited.

- (a) Abandonment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any motor vehicle defined under section 12-61 as an abandoned motor vehicle or as a junked motor vehicle.
- (b) Duty to remove safety hazard vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or allow to remain on property under his control or management any motor vehicle which is a safety hazard vehicle as defined in section 12-63 after notice has been given that such motor vehicle will be removed as set forth in section 12-63.
- (c) Duty to aesthetic nuisance vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or allow to remain on property under his control or management any motor vehicle which is an aesthetic nuisance vehicle as defined in section 12-63 after notice has been given that such motor vehicle will be removed as set forth in section 12-63.

Sec. 12-62.- Removal of junked or abandoned motor vehicles. ~~from public property.~~

Any junked ~~or abandoned motor vehicle in violation of this article on public property~~ may be moved to a storage garage ~~or storage area by or at the direction of the city manager or his designee, but no such vehicle shall be removed from private property without the written request of the owner, lessee, or occupant of the premises except as provided in section 12-63 with respect to aesthetic nuisance vehicles and safety hazard vehicles.~~

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 3, 6-2-97)

Sec. 12-63.- Removal ~~from private property~~ of aesthetic nuisance vehicles and safety hazard vehicles.²

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) Junked motor vehicle means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate, and that:

- a. Is partially dismantled or wrecked;
- b. Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move;
or
- c. Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$500.00.

(2) Aesthetic nuisance vehicle means a junked motor vehicle on public or private property that upon investigation by the city manager or the city manager's designee, it has been determined that the aesthetic benefits of removing the vehicle outweigh the burdens imposed on the private property owner. Such finding shall be in writing and shall be based on a balancing of the monetary loss of the apparent owner against the corresponding gain to the public by promoting or enhancing community, neighborhood or area appearance. The following, among other relevant factors, may be considered:

- a. Protection of property values;
- b. Promotion of tourism and other economic development opportunities;

² G.S. 160A-303.2 and 160A-193

- c. Indirect protection of public health and safety;
 - d. Preservation of the character and integrity of the community; and
 - e. Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of the area residents.
 - (3) Safety hazard vehicle means a motor vehicle left upon a street or highway or private property longer than 72 hours that has been declared a safety hazard by a code enforcement official without regard to whether the vehicle is abandoned or junked as defined in this section and:
 - a. Is a breeding ground or harbor for rats; or
 - b. Is a point of concentration or source of leaking of uncontained gasoline, oil or other flammable or explosive materials; or
 - c. Is positioned in a way that there is a danger it will fall or turn over; or
 - d. Is a source of danger for children because they might become entrapped in areas of confinement that cannot be opened from the inside.
- (b) Except as set forth below, a safety hazard vehicle or aesthetic nuisance vehicle which is to be removed shall be towed only after notice to the registered owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle. Additionally, in the case of a safety hazard vehicle or an aesthetic nuisance vehicle on private property, notice shall be provided to the owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which the vehicle is located. If the names and mailing addresses of the registered owner or person entitled to the possession of the vehicle or the owner, lessee or occupant of the real property upon which the vehicle is located can be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, the notice shall be given by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The city shall retain a written record to show the name(s) and address(es) to which the notice was mailed, and the date mailed. If such names and addresses cannot be ascertained or if the vehicle to be removed is an abandoned motor vehicle, notice shall be given by affixing on the windshield or some other conspicuous place on the vehicle a notice indicating that the vehicle will be removed by the city on a specified date no sooner than 11 days after the notice is affixed. The notice shall state that the vehicle will be removed by the city on a specified date, no sooner than 11 days after the notice is affixed or mailed, unless the vehicle is removed, or the safety hazard or aesthetic nuisance is abated, by the owner or legal possessor before that time.
- (c) With respect to vehicles on private property which have been declared to be a safety hazard vehicle or aesthetic nuisance vehicle to which notice is required to be given, if the registered owner or person entitled to possession does not remove the vehicle but chooses to appeal the determination that the vehicle is a health or safety hazard vehicle or aesthetic nuisance vehicle, such appeal shall be made within ten days of receipt of the pre-towing notice to the board of adjustment in writing. The board of adjustment shall fix a time for the hearing within 45 days of the appeal, providing written notice of the hearing to all parties, and further proceedings to remove the vehicle shall be stayed until the appeal is heard and decided.
- (d) The requirement that notice be given prior to the removal of safety hazard vehicle may, as determined by the city manager or his designee, be omitted in those circumstances where the city manager finds that there is a special need for prompt action to eliminate traffic obstructions or to otherwise maintain and protect the public safety and welfare. Such findings shall, in all cases, be memorialized in writing. Circumstances justifying the removal of vehicles without prior notice include but are not limited to:
 - (1) Vehicles abandoned on the streets. For vehicles left on the public streets and highways, the city council hereby determines that immediate removal of such vehicles may be warranted when they are:
 - a. Obstructing traffic;

- b. Parked in violation of an ordinance prohibiting or restricting parking;
- c. Parked in a no stopping or standing zone;
- d. Parked in loading zones; or
- e. Parked in violation of temporary parking restrictions imposed under this Code.

(2) Other safety hazard vehicles. With respect to health or safety hazard vehicles left on city-owned property other than the streets and highways, and on private property, such vehicles may be removed without giving prior notice only in those circumstances where the city manager finds that there is a special need for prompt action to protect and maintain the public health, safety and welfare. By way of illustration and not of limitation, such circumstances include vehicles blocking or obstructing ingress or egress to businesses and residences, vehicles parked in such a location or manner as to pose a traffic hazard, and vehicles causing damage to public or private property.

~~If such junk vehicle is on private property, it shall not be removed from private property without the written request of the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises unless the city manager finds in writing that the aesthetic benefits of removing the junk vehicle outweigh the burdens imposed on the private property owner. Such findings shall be based on a balancing of the monetary loss of the apparent owner against the corresponding gain to the public by promoting or enhancing community, neighborhood or area appearance. The following may be considered by the city manager when determining whether a vehicle should be removed from the private property:~~

- ~~(1) Protection of property value;~~
- ~~(2) Promotion of tourism and other economic development opportunities;~~
- ~~(3) Direct or indirect protection of public health and safety;~~
- ~~(4) Preservation of the character and integrity of the community; and~~
- ~~(5) Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of area residents.~~

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 4, 6-2-97)

Sec. 12-64.- Indemnification of city.

The city manager may require any person requesting the removal of a ~~junked or abandoned~~ motor vehicle from private property to indemnify the city against any loss, expense or liability incurred because of the removal, storage or sale thereof.

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 5, 6-2-97)

Sec. 12-65.- Notice.

(a) When ~~ever a junk~~ a junk motor vehicle is towed as provided in this article, the person authorizing the city manager shall towing shall immediately notify the last known registered owner of the vehicle of the following:

- (1) A description of the vehicle;
- (2) The place where the vehicle is stored;
- (3) The violation with which the owner is charged, if any;
- (4) The procedure the owner must follow to have the vehicle returned to him; and

(5) The procedure the owner must follow to request a probable cause hearing on the towing.

If the vehicle has a state-North Carolina registration plate or registration, notice shall be given to the owner within 24 hours. If the vehicle is not registered in this Sstate, notice shall be given to the owner within 72 hours. This notice shall, if feasible, be given by telephone. Whether or not the owner is reached by telephone, notice shall be mailed to his last known address unless he or his agent waives this notice in writing.

- (b) Whenever a junk motor vehicle with neither a valid registration plate nor registration is towed, the city manager-person authorizing the towing shall make reasonable efforts, including checking the vehicle identification number, to determine the last known registered owner of the vehicle and to notify him of the information listed in subsection (a) of this section. Unless the owner has otherwise been given notice, it is presumed that the city manager-person authorizing the towing has not made reasonable efforts, as required in this subsection, unless notice that the vehicle would be towed was posted on the windshield or some other conspicuous place at least seven days before the towing actually occurred; ~~Except, no~~ pre-towing notice need be given if the vehicle impeded the flow of traffic or otherwise jeopardized the public welfare so that immediate towing was necessary.

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 6, 6-2-97)

Sec. 12-66.-Towing.

The city manager shall, on behalf of the city, enter into a contract with companies-one or more private towers to tow junked motor vehicles in violation of this article, at his direction. Such contract(s) shall provide that the person-private tower who tows the vehicle is responsible for collecting towing fees. The provisions of G.S. Ch. 20, Art. 7A shall apply.

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 7, 6-2-97)

Sec. 12-67.-Prohibited removal or disposal.

The city may not remove or dispose of any motor vehicle that is used on a regular basis for a business or personal use. Nothing in this article shall apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, or to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.³

(Ord. No. 5-97, § 8, 6-2-97)

Secs. 12-68—12-100.-Reserved.

³ G.S. §§ 160A-303(g) and 303.2(b)

Please publish in the Stokes News September 18, 2025, and September 25, 2025; Affidavit required.

**City of King
Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a series of public hearings will be held by the **City Council** of King at City Hall, 229 S. Main Street, on **October 6, 2025**, beginning at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering the following:

Amendment of the official code of ordinances of the City of King, N.C. in the following manner:

Item 1: To review and approve or deny a proposed revision and/or addition to Chapter 12, Article II. – Nuisances, Division 2. – Junked Vehicles. Being listed as proposed Ordinance No. 2025-10.

Item 2: To review and approve or deny a proposed revision and/or addition to Chapter 26. – Subdivisions, Article VI. – Minimum Standards, Sec. 26-205. – Sidewalks/multipurpose trails. Being listed as proposed Ordinance No. 2025-11.

Item 3: To review and approve or deny a proposed revisions and/or additions to Chapter 32. – Zoning, Article I. – In General, Sec. 32-8. – Definitions; Article II. – Administration and Enforcement, Division 1. – General, Sec. 32-47; Article IV. – Uses by Zoning Districts, Sec. 32-198. – Commercial. Being listed as proposed Ordinance No. 2025-12.

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32-Zoning, Sec. 32-96 the City of King **Planning Board/Board of Adjustment** will review the foregoing amendments on **September 22, 2025**, and make a formal recommendation to the City Council on items 2 and 3.

CITIZENS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that upon consideration of the comments at the herein-described public hearings, the City Council may amend the proposed ordinance amendments prior to adoption.

A copy of the proposed amendments is on file at the City Hall for inspection by all interested citizens or you can call the planning department or city clerk at (336) 983-8265.

Nicole Branshaw, CMC
City Clerk



PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-UP SHEET

PUBLIC HEARING: UPDATING CHAPTER 12 – ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 2, SEC. 12-61-67.

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

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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TABLED until
Nov. 3, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-UP SHEET

PUBLIC HEARING

TEXT AMENDMENT CHANGE: Amendment to Chapter 26, Sec. 26-205 – Sidewalks/Multi-Purpose Trails - Ordinance 2025-11

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BOARD: City Council

DATE: 10/6/2025

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**CITY OF KING
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KING
BY AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SEC. 32-8, 47, 198 AND ADDING SEC. 32-261. – ELECTRONIC GAMING.**

WHEREAS, the City of King has the authority pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes to adopt development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of King City Council may amend said regulations from time to time in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the King City Council initiated a recommendation to amend Chapters 32, Art. I. – In General, Sec. 32-8; Art. II. – Administration and Enforcement, Div. 1, Sec. 32-47; Art. IV. – Uses by Zoning District, Sec. 32-198; Art. V. – Development Standards, Div. 1. – General, add Sec. 32-261. – Electronic Gaming of the City of King Code of Ordinances per the attached exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the City of King Planning Board reviewed these text amendments at its September 22, 2025, public meeting and voted unanimously to recommend the request to the city council due to its potential safety and benefits to the development of the City of King; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King, after holding a public hearing on October 6, 2025, finds that the proposed text amendments are consistent with the City of King Land Use Comp Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King, after hearing all persons wishing to comment on the proposed text amendments, desires to approve the request and amend the City's code of ordinances accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of King, North Carolina:

Section 1. In accordance with N.C.G.S. 160D-Article VI, as amended, and King City Code, the city's code of ordinances is hereby amended to add the following proposed amendments as submitted or amended during the public hearing.

Add – See exhibit A

Section 2. The Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted and approved this the 6th day of October 2025.




Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

CITY OF KING
BUDGET AMENDMENT 2025-06.02

BOARD: City Council
DATE: 10/6/2025
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Be it hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of King that the following amendment be made to the Budget Ordinance adopted on the 4th day of June 2025, as follows:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>General Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Approp.</u>
Public Buildings		23,179	109,309
Police		110,130	3,942,232
Fire		2,366	3,342,901
Recreation Acres		12,100	421,157
Special Appropriations	26,317		321,500
Total	26,317	147,775	

This will result in an increase in the expenditures of the General Fund. The above changes in expenditures will require no adjustment to revenues.

<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Approp.</u>
GF Revenues		98,279	11,852,709
GF Fund Balance Appropriated		23,179	50,371
Total	0	121,458	

Section 2. Copies of the budget amendment shall be furnished by the City Clerk to the City Council to the Mayor, Budget Officer and Finance Director for their directions.

Adopted this the 6th day of October, 2025.

Attest: Nicole Branshaw
Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

Richard E. McCraw
Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

