

RESOLUTION # _____

Resolution Selecting a Professional Consulting Firm to Assist in the Development and Production of a Comprehensive Plan for Buncombe County.

WHEREAS, Buncombe County’s current Comprehensive Land Use Plan, was adopted in 1998 and has been periodically updated with the most current plan adopted in 2013; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2019, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted NC Session Law 2019-111, which required that “Any local government that has adopted zoning regulations but that has not adopted a comprehensive plan shall adopt such plan no later than July 1, 2022, in order to retain the authority to adopt and apply zoning regulations;” and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. Chapter 160D requires that the plans required by NC Session Law 2019-111 must be “reasonably maintained;” and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, Buncombe County issued a Request for Proposals for professional planning services to assist in the development and production of a Comprehensive Plan for Buncombe County (hereinafter the “RFP”); and

WHEREAS, County staff has reviewed the responses to the RFP and found that Clarion Associates, LLC, a professional planning firm with a partner or principal registered and licensed to do business in North Carolina (hereinafter, the “Clarion Associates”) is the most qualified respondent and further recommends to this Board that it award an Agreement for Professional Services for Development of the Buncombe County Comprehensive Plan to Clarion Associates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners hereby selects Clarion Associates to assist in the development and production of a Comprehensive Plan for Buncombe County.
2. That it hereby authorizes the County Manager or her Designee, by and with the consent of the County Legal Department, to enter into an Agreement for Professional Services for Development of the Buncombe County Comprehensive Plan between Buncombe County and Clarion Associates similar to the draft agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. That, by and with the consent of the County Legal Department, County staff is hereby instructed to proceed with this undertaking and all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
4. That the Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, or their designee, are hereby authorized to execute such documents as may be required to effect the purposes and intents of this resolution.
5. That any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.
6. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 13th of July, 2021.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

(Insert most recent draft of Agreement)