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WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources on June 15, 2007 published rules which, if adopted, will be the strictest watershed rules to date in the state and will enforce nutrient limits and implement a nutrient management strategy for the Jordan Lake watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Oak Ridge recognizes the importance of watershed rules and a strategy to limit nutrients; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Oak Ridge wants to help improve and protect the health of the Haw River; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with strict watershed rules and clean water supplies should be distributed in a fair and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, a clear explanation of the costs and how they will be determined have not been made; and

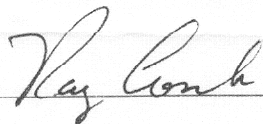
WHEREAS, the proposed rules, if adopted without modification by the Environmental Management Commission, would be precedent-setting for North Carolina, inequitable in their application and exorbitant in their cost;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Oak Ridge by adoption of this Resolution goes on record in opposition to the Jordan Lake rules as proposed; and

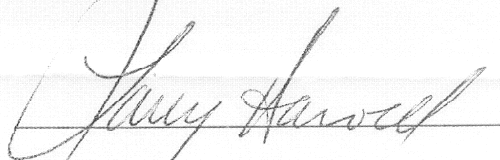
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless a justified explanation of the costs associated with the proposed rules is made and an equitable distribution of the costs is presented, the Town of Oak Ridge will, during the public comment process, identify opportunities to modify the rules based on the potential inequitable costs associated with the proposed rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Oak Ridge will advocate for these initiatives with the hope of success with the Environmental Management Commission and, if the rules are not reasonably modified at that level, to pursue the initiatives with the N.C. Rules Review Commission and, if necessary, in a subsequent session of the General Assembly.

ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of Aug, 2007 by the TOWN OF OAK RIDGE.



Mayor



Town Clerk

