



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

May 17, 2007

Ms. Lois Thomas
EMC Recording Clerk
NC Division of Water Quality
1617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Enclosed is the resolution passed on May 9, 2007, by the Reidsville City Council requesting that the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission reconsider adopting the Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Rules.

Any consideration given by the commission will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

D. Kelly Almond
City Manager

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Enclosure

cc: State Senator Phil Berger
State Rep. Nelson Cole
State Rep. Bryan Holloway

Very truly yours,

With appreciation, please return the enclosed to the City of Reidsville.

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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO
RECONSIDER ADOPTING JORDAN LAKE NUTRIENT
MANAGEMENT RULES**

WHEREAS, the rules will provide the State a mechanism to enforce stricter watershed rules that will affect all local governments in the Haw River sub basin, including Rockingham County and the City of Reidsville, and;

WHEREAS, the rules will require the entire Jordan Lake watershed to be classified as a critical water supply watershed, which will impose larger lot sizes and lower densities, potentially driving up the cost of residential development, and;

WHEREAS, the rules will require retrofitting existing development and imposing higher standards on any new development that will significantly drive up costs necessary for compliance including higher water and sewer rates for local citizens, and;

WHEREAS, Rockingham County is designated both as an economically distressed – Tier 1 County by the State of North Carolina Department of Commerce, and as an Economically Distressed County by the United States Economic Development Administration, and;

WHEREAS, the costs for implementing the rules are unfairly burdened on point sources, and modeling data has shown that the overwhelming majority of nutrient pollution in Jordan Lake results from non-point sources including agriculture, forestry, and residential, and;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Water Quality warned of heavy pollution before Jordan Lake was constructed and the original benefit cost study for Jordan Lake ignored the costs of cleaning up the watershed, and;

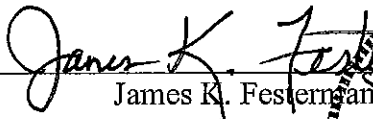
WHEREAS, the citizens in the Jordan Lake Watershed are being asked to adhere to higher standards of development without proof that these standards will substantially improve water quality;

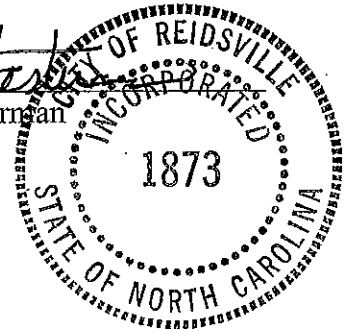
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reidsville City Council requests the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission reconsider adopting the Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Rules. We further resolve that strong consideration be given to the inequitable burden for compliance on point sources of nutrient pollution, the cost impacts on local citizens, and other reasonable options or strategies that may help in mitigating the Jordan Lake nutrient problem.

We further ask that reasonable water quality improvement measures be required of all contributors of water pollution and that these regulations be statewide in their application as water quality is an issue not only in Jordan Lake but in the entire state.

Everyone should be required to abide by the same rules in order to not create an economic disadvantage for development in our region.

This the 9th day of May, 2007.


James K. Festerman
Mayor



ATTEST:


Angela G. Stadler, CMC, City Clerk