

Resolution No. #R26-02

A Resolution Supporting the Continuation of Moore County's Existing Highway Corridor Overlay District Standards

Whereas Moore County wisely understood in adopting its current Land Use Plan that preserving the different nature of parts of the County was an important objective; and

Whereas, Moore County has long maintained Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCOD) standards to guide development along its major roadways; and

Whereas, those standards were adopted to protect the rural character, natural environment, and visual quality of the County's primary corridors, while also supporting safe and efficient transportation;

Whereas, the condition and appearance of highway corridors directly influence tourism, business investment, and property values, serving as the "front door" to Moore County's communities;

Whereas, the existing standards have helped prevent uncoordinated access, strip-style development, and visual clutter that are difficult and costly to correct once established;

Whereas, the Highway Corridor Overlay District standards currently serve as an important safeguard against development patterns otherwise permitted under underlying B-2 zoning that could negatively impact corridor aesthetics, traffic flow, tourism appeal, and the overall character of the County's gateway corridors, including certain more intensive or unwanted land uses that may be incompatible with the scenic and character these corridors were intended to preserve; and

Whereas, once development standards are loosened, subsequent changes can be difficult or impossible due to vested rights and established expectations, making such changes effectively permanent;

Whereas, Moore County is currently considering potential modifications to these standards as part of its Unified Development Ordinance update process; and

Whereas, while making changes to some parts of the HCOD may be desirable, a "one size fits all" approach is neither necessary nor optimal;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village Council of Foxfire Village:

1. Supports maintaining the existing Highway Corridor Overlay District standards in general as an effective and proven tool for protecting corridor quality, safety, and long-term economic value.
2. Requests in particular that the Urban Transition Zones on NC-211 from Seven Lakes to Pinehurst and on US 15/501 from the Carthage boundary to the Village of Pinehurst boundary be maintained in their current form.
3. Recognizes that removing the Highway Corridor Overlay and reverting to the underlying zoning districts will result in inconsistent development.
4. Desires compatible transitions between differing land uses, enhancing the natural environment, and retaining the existing rural character of Moore County.
5. Encourages Moore County to avoid weakening or removing these standards, recognizing that once relaxed, such regulations will be impossible to restore.
6. Affirms that preserving high-quality highway corridors is essential to Moore County's identity, tourism, economy, and long-term development pattern, and should remain a priority in any UDO updates.

This Resolution passed and adopted this 14 day of July 2026.

ATTEST:



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Village Administrator/Clerk



Janice Gregorich, Mayor