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**RESOLUTION OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CREATING THE JOHNSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the County of Johnston has a total area of approximately 791 square miles and has seen tremendous population growth over the years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Johnston is currently divided into twenty-six fire protection service districts created pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 153A-301, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners, decided, by general consensus, to proceed with a proposal to abolish the twenty-six existing fire protection service districts within the County of Johnston and create a new single county fire protection service district that comprises the entire unincorporated territory of the County of Johnston; and

WHEREAS, territory lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Wilson's Mills is currently included in the existing Wilson's Mills Fire Service District and may be included in the new single county fire protection service district upon receipt of a resolution from the Town of Wilson's Mills agreeing to be included in the new single county fire protection service district; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Emergency Services Director, the Johnston County Fire Marshal, and other appropriate representatives and employees of the County of Johnston were authorized to take such steps as might be required or necessary to pursue the statutory and administrative processes relative to the proposal to abolish the existing fire protection service districts and create a new single county fire protection service district to fund the full cost of fire protection services, delivered on an equitable basis to all residents of the single county fire protection service district, with the cost burden carried equitably by all service district property owners through the service district tax; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 153A-302 provides the standards and process to be utilized in defining a new service district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners and North Carolina General Statutes, a thorough inquiry was conducted in connection with the proposed establishment of a single county fire protection service district. Such inquiry included input from the Johnston County Fire Matrix Workgroup, five community meetings hosted by the Johnston County Fire Marshal at various Johnston County high schools, numerous citizens in the areas which would be included in the service district, fire departments which would service the service district, independent

inquiry by members of the Johnston County Board of Commissioners, and the comments of citizens received by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners and Johnston County staff; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners caused to be prepared a report containing a map of the proposed district showing the proposed boundaries, statement showing the proposed district meets the standards as required by law, and plan for providing fire protection services to the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners conducted a duly noticed public hearing on April 1, 2024, providing an opportunity for citizens to appear and be heard concerning the subject proposal; and

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Johnston County Board of Commissioners that such a proposal enjoys support within the respective communities involved and within the subject districts; and

WHEREAS, the fire protection service district proposed to be established shall be known as the "Johnston County Fire Protection Service District", as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners has carefully considered the report dated February 26, 2024 containing a map of the proposed district showing the proposed boundaries, statement showing the proposed district meets the standards as required by law, and plan for providing fire protection services to the proposed district, along with the input and comments of citizens and fire departments which would service such district, and specifically adopts the findings as set forth with particularity in the report; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners finds that there is a demonstrable need for providing the fire protection service within the area of the proposed Johnston County Fire Protection Service District; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is impossible or impracticable to provide fire protection services on a county-wide basis; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is economically feasible to provide the proposed fire protection service herein set forth for the proposed district without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and

WHEREAS, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners finds that there is a demonstrable demand for fire protection services by persons residing in the proposed district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, meeting in regular session on April 15, 2024, that the Johnston County Fire Protection Service District, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby established effective July 1, 2024 at 12:00 a.m.

Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



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R.S. "Butch" Lawter, Jr., Chairman  
Johnston County Board of Commissioners

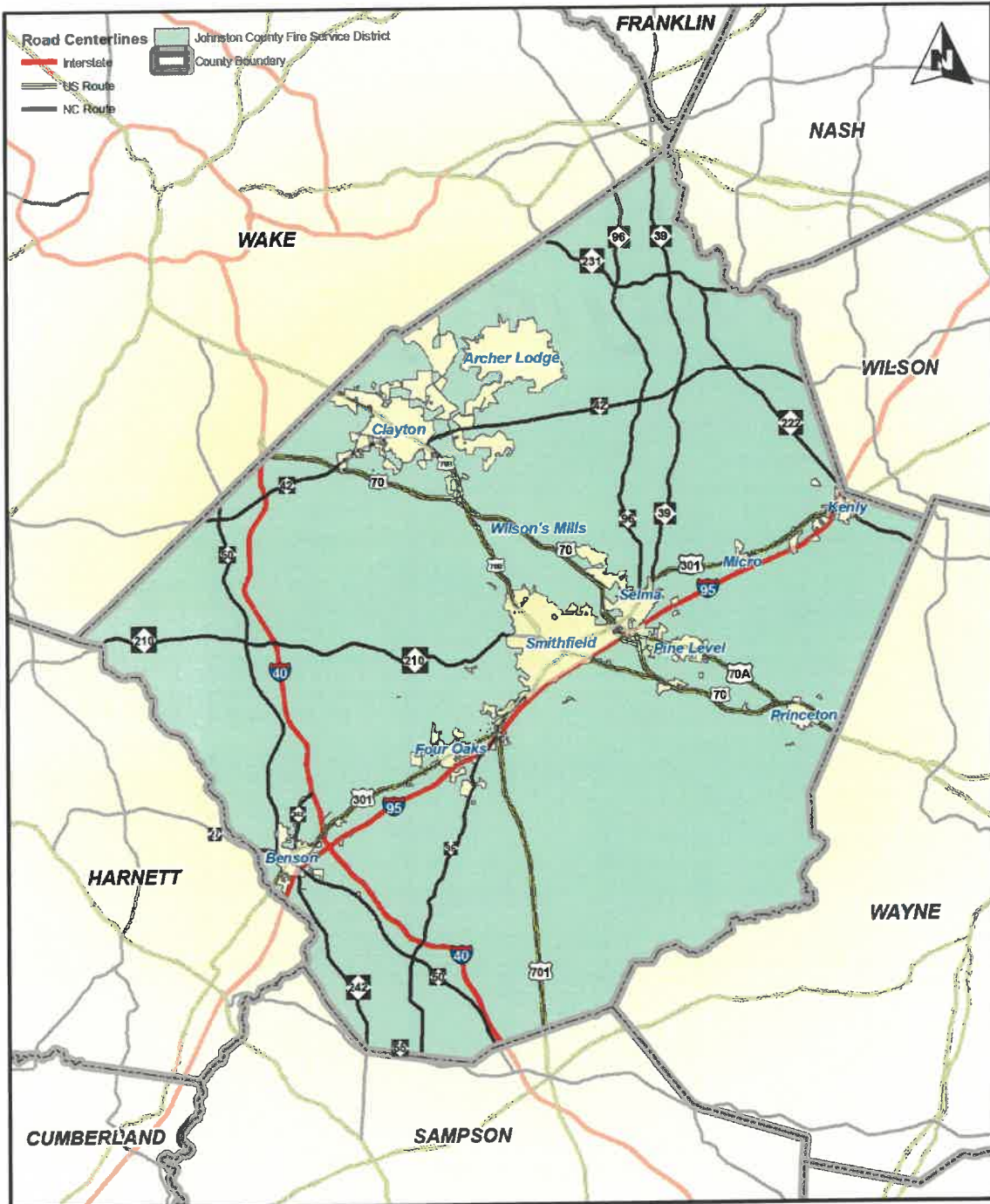
Attest:

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Dana G. Cuddington  
Clerk to the Board

<Exhibit A follows on next page>

# EXHIBIT A



Map of

## Proposed Johnston County Fire Protection Service District

