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Chatham County Board of Commissioners

A Resolution Opposing HB 436 to Eliminate Local Government Impact Fees That Fund Critical Infrastructure Needs

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, House Bill 436, entitled “An Act Providing that Counties and Cities Shall not Impose Regulatory Fees on New Construction” was filed for consideration by the North Carolina General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the bill, as written, would eliminate approximately \$28.9 million in annual local government revenues across the Triangle J Region that are used to build critical infrastructure needs resulting from new construction, including schools and water systems; and

WHEREAS, the impact on Chatham County alone is \$4.5 million in annual revenues, including \$2.8 million in school impact fee revenues already budgeted through the Capital Improvement Plan to pay for school facilities; and

WHEREAS, several local governments in the area depend on Chatham County’s ability to pay its \$70 to \$80 million share of a future regional water plant on Jordan Lake, which would be supported by the water impact fees; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is consistently one of the fastest growing counties in the state, which will accelerate with the build out of Chatham Park, the largest mixed use development in the state’s history; and

WHEREAS, the growth in Chatham County and the surrounding region serves as a critical economic development driver for the entire State of North Carolina as a whole, bringing new jobs and revenue; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 436 would immediately eliminate the collection of impact fees by all local governments, which represents a loss of revenue in Chatham County equal to a total of 4.7 cents on the property tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the county would have to make up the lost revenue, which could involve either a sizeable property tax increase and/or a reduction in needed services at a time that demand for services is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the end result is undue pressure on property owners, regardless of income level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners expresses our strong opposition to the House Bill 436 and any other legislation that would impede the county’s ability to provide already-promised infrastructure to our community and businesses.

Adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on the 17th Day of April, 2017:

James Crawford, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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