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RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE ADDING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Road Board is an elected board by the registered voters of Rutherford County;

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Road Board is responsible for listening to the concerns of their constituents;

WHEREAS, Rutherford County Road Board members routinely receive concerns from Rutherford County residents regarding speeds, safety, noise, and overall quality of life related to vehicular traffic on neighborhood streets listed within the county road book;

WHEREAS, the use of traffic calming measures such as, but not limited to, chicanes, curb extensions, diagonal diverters, lane narrowing, medians, raised intersections, road narrowing, speed cushions, and traffic circles have been shown to reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use;

WHEREAS, the Institute of Transportation Engineers has defined traffic calming as "the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users";

WHEREAS, Rutherford County is experiencing tremendous growth with new neighborhoods being developed regularly;

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Planning and Engineering department approves all neighborhood development according to their rules and guidelines as outlined on their website;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Road Board requests that the Rutherford County Planning and Engineering Department direct their staff to research incorporating traffic calming measures into the guidelines for development of new neighborhood developments and report their findings back to the Board once complete or by August 3, 2023; whichever is first.

RESOLVED this 3rd day of January, 2023