

STATEMENT of CONSISTENCY and REASONABLENESS
for the
ADOPTION of the TOWN of MORVEN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Morven Town Council adopted **Town Plan 2040 - Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan** on June 6, 2022, hereafter referred to as the “Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it necessary to adopt a new land development ordinance to maintain consistency with the Plan and establish modern land use and development standards and specifications; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting or rejecting any zoning ordinance or amendment thereto, the Town Council must, in accordance with G.S. 160D-605, adopt a statement describing whether its action is consistent with an adopted comprehensive plan and explain why the Town Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, the Town Council hereby finds the adoption of the Morven Development Ordinance consistent with the Plan in that standards, specifications and policies set forth in the new **Morven Development Ordinance (MDO)** will support the expansion of the Town of Morven economy, preserve the character of the Town through practical standards for land use and development, and support the protection of natural resources as required by both Federal and State of North Carolina statutes. The new MDO is deemed reasonable in the way it will facilitate carrying out the goals of the Plan through each of the following:

1. Establish environmentally responsible yet business oriented common-sense principles aimed to protect both the local environment and property rights,
2. Minimize negative impacts on the natural and fiscal resources of Morven,
3. Minimize negative impacts on local property tax and utility rate payers,
4. Welcome those future residents and businesses seeking to contribute to the success of the Town’s efforts to establish a resilient sustainable and stable local economy,
5. Reinforce the tax base,
6. Expand opportunities for local business success, and
7. Promote the health, safety and welfare of citizens, businesses and property owners.

Recommended by the Planning Board this the 26th day of May 2022

Katrina Carr, Chair per G.S 160D-604(d)

ADOPTED on this the 20th day of June 2022.

s/ _____

Timmy Watkins, Mayor

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Corinthia L. Lewis-Lemon, Town Clerk