

**MECKLENBURG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ATRIUM HEALTH'S PETITION TO RENAME A
PORTION OF BAXTER STREET TO PEARL PARK WAY**

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County ("County") owns Tax Parcels 125-201-48 & 125-201-53 commonly known as Pearl Street Park in the midtown area of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority ("Atrium Health") is in the process of developing the Pearl Innovation District which is a mixed-use district in midtown Charlotte that will include a medical school, office buildings, and other housing and commercial uses; and

WHEREAS, Portions of the Pearl Innovation District, including a 14-story education building and a 10-story research building, are planned to be constructed along the road currently named Baxter Street between Kenilworth Avenue and S. McDowell Street; and

WHEREAS, the County-owned Pearl Street Park is along the same street as the planned education and research buildings to be built by Atrium Health; however, the portion of the road on which the park sits is named Pearl Park Way; and

WHEREAS, Atrium Health believes that it will reduce confusion for the general public regarding the address and location of the Atrium site, the park, and other properties along this street if the street had one common name; and

WHEREAS, Atrium Health approached the County to seek support from the County in filing a petition with the Charlotte Department of Transportation ("CDOT") to rename the portion of the street named "Baxter Street" to "Pearl Park Way"; and

WHEREAS, staff with the County's Park and Recreation Department has reviewed this request and finds that renaming that portion of the street currently named Baxter Street will not negatively impact the park and that it is in the public's best interest to have the entire road between Kenilworth Avenue and S. McDowell Street named "Pearl Park Way"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Manager, or her designee, to execute a CDOT Street Name Change Petition to rename the portion of Baxter Street between Kenilworth Avenue and S. McDowell Street to Pearl Park Way.

Adopted the ____ day of **March, 2025**.

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)