PETITION FOR CLOSING OF PUBLIC ROAD AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENTS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA MECKLENBURG COUNTY

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I (We), the undersigned property owner(s) ("Petitioner"), respectfully petitions and request a portion or all of

Laine Road (SR 1627) located near I-85, connecting Sam Wilson Road (SR 1625) to Bedford

Road, within the property bounds of Hope Community Church of Metrolina (formerly

Westmoreland Baptist Church).

as shown on the map attached hereto and made a part of hereof, marked "Exhibit A," be closed and abandoned in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 153A, Section 241 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

In support of this Petition, your Petitioner respectfully declares that:

1. Laine Road (SR 1627), from Sam Wilson Road (SR 1625) to Bedford Road is to be replaced by Bedford Road from Laine Road (SR 1627) to Sam Wilson Road (SR 1625) (see Exhibit "B")

2. The road (or portion thereof), requested to be closed and abandoned has not been previously accepted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for maintenance, or the North Carolina Department of Transportation has relinquished control and supervision of the road (or portion thereof), requested to be closed and abandoned.

3. The closing of said road or portion of road or easement is not contrary to the public interest.

4. No individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his or her property.

5. The Petitioner understands that if the road is closed by the Board of County Commissioners, that all right, title and interest in the right-of-way will become vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road, and that the title of each adjoining landowner will, for the width of his abutting land, extend to the former center line of the public road that is closed.

6. The Petitioner understands that the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner after the road closing will remain subject to any public utility use or facility (such as, for example, a Duke Power or Duke Energy easement) located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility.

7. The petitioner understands that the adjoining landowners will become responsible for any additional property taxes that may result from the increase in the size of their original parcels.

I (We) understand the above statements and agree with the proposed road closure and abandonment.

Name & Address of Property Owner

Parcel Tax Number(s)

Hope Community Church of Metrolina By:

Jeffrey Hopkins, President

March <u>18</u>, 2019 3205 Sam Wilson Road Charlotte, NC 28214 055-541-09 and 055-391-10

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