

## **An Ordinance Approving Changing the Address Numbers on Gilboa Church Road**

**WHEREAS**, construction by the North Carolina Department of Transportation of the new United States Highway 221 (hereinafter the "Project") through Rutherford County will bring numerous benefits to the citizens of Rutherford County through increased opportunities for economic development and safer travel, and has resulted in the altering and changing of numerous Roadways within Rutherford County;

**WHEREAS**, as a direct result of the construction of the Project, Gilboa Church Road (SR 1532) is one of numerous existing Roadways to have been impacted by the Project with alterations which may cause confusion to both the general public and to emergency service agencies - including law enforcement, fire departments and Rutherford County EMS - attempting to reach those in need of their assistance as quickly as possible;

**WHEREAS**, Gilboa Church Road is a state-maintained public road that has, heretofore, had access to other public roads at both its northern and southern terminus resulting from intersections at both points with U.S. Highway 221, as shown on photo labeled as "BEFORE" on map attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**WHEREAS**, the southernmost point of Gilboa Church Road at its intersection with U.S. Highway 221 will be permanently closed as a result of the Project as shown on photo labeled as "AFTER" on map attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive and consistent E911 addressing system for the naming and addressing of Roadways in Rutherford County maximizes public safety by ensuring that emergency service agencies, including law enforcement, emergency medical services and fire departments, have the ability to easily and readily locate those requiring emergency assistance;

**WHEREAS**, it has long been the procedure by the Rutherford County E911 Addressing Department that address numbers are assigned for individual residences and businesses on roadways in Rutherford County based upon a specific pattern, designed to be consistent in order to assist emergency service agencies to easily and quickly locate individuals requiring their aid;

**WHEREAS**, the system of assigning address numbers by the Rutherford County E911 Addressing Department has been and remains to commence address numbers on a roadway with the lowest numeral address number at a beginning intersection of that roadway with another public road and then assign address numbers of increasing amount with odd numbers on the left side of the roadway in the direction of increase and even numbers on the right side of the roadway in the direction of increase;

**WHEREAS**, Rutherford County E911 Addressing Department does not assign the lowest number commencing at a dead end of any roadway but only where it intersects another roadway or, alternatively, where it intersects at the county line;

**WHEREAS**, this pattern of assigning address numbers is known to emergency service agencies and relied upon by them to assist them in locating individuals requiring the emergency services they offer as quickly as possible in circumstances in which time may impact the health and safety of those needing their aid;

**WHEREAS**, the address numbers assigned to addressed structures along Gilboa Church Road (affected parcels being as shown on map attached hereto as Exhibit "B") currently commence at its southernmost terminus, the southernmost intersection with U.S. Highway 221, with the lowest assigned numbers commencing at this southernmost intersection and increasing along Gilboa Church Road in a northerly direction with odd numbers increasing on the western side and the even numbers increasing on the eastern side;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the closure of this intersection as shown on the photo labeled as "AFTER" on map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", this southernmost point of Gilboa Church Road is now a dead end with no access to public road;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Project, the address numbers on Gilboa Church Road are now reversed from the pattern expected by emergency service agencies, with lower numbers on the southern end instead of the northern end of Gilboa Church Road, and odd-numbered addresses on the western side instead of the eastern side of Gilboa Church Road, and with even-numbered addresses on the eastern side instead of the western side of Gilboa Church Road;

**WHEREAS**, it is foreseeable and likely that, in the future, this will cause delay and confusion by emergency service agencies attempting to locate individuals experiencing an emergency and result in a significant increase in time before first responders can reach those individuals facing an emergency;

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain a consistent system of address numbers so that emergency response services may quickly and efficiently locate and assist those in need of their emergency aid, the address numbers for all addressed structures on Gilboa Church Road should be changed so that the address numbers are assigned in a manner consistent with the policy known by emergency service agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Rutherford County E911 Addressing Department has determined this requested change of address numbers for all addressed structures is necessary in order to maintain public safety due to the alteration of the access of Gilboa Church Road to other roadways resulting from the Project;

**WHEREAS**, notice of the time, place and subject matter of a public hearing on this matter was posted at the Rutherford County Courthouse and at two public places in the two townships through which Gilboa Church Road traverses, including in Rutherfordton Township (at the Rutherford County Administrative Building and at the Rutherfordton Town Hall) and in Gilkey Township (at the public kiosk at the Oak Springs Road public access on Mile 0.0 of the Thermal Belt Rail-Trail and at the public kiosk at the Gilboa Church Road public access on Mile 2.1 of the Thermal Belt Rail-Trail), each of these postings being made a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing regarding the changes to the address numbers for addressed structures on Gilboa Church Road was published in *The Daily Courier* a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County conducted a public hearing at the regular meeting on September 8, 2025, on the subject of the proposed changes to address numbers for all addressed structures located upon Gilboa Church Road.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY THAT**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-239.1 and Section 3-120 of the Rutherford County Code of Ordinances, the changes to address numbers for all addressed structures for the entire length of Gilboa Church Road (SR 1532) are approved.

The County Manager, pursuant to Section 3-120 of the Rutherford County Code of Ordinances and N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 153A-239.1 and working with the Rutherford County E911 Addressing Department and its Standard Operating Procedures, shall ensure that written notice be sent by first class U.S. Mail to each owner of an Addressed Structure located upon Gilboa Church Road, to the U.S. Postmaster for any affected postal code, and to any municipality located within five miles of each of the above affected Roadways.

The County Manager, working with the Rutherford County E911 Addressing Department, will ensure that the address numbers are changed in accordance with the same standards and in the best interests of public safety, to become effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026.

**ADOPTED** by unanimous vote this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

Approved:

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Chairman Bryan A. King  
Rutherford County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners

(Seal)

EXHIBIT "A"

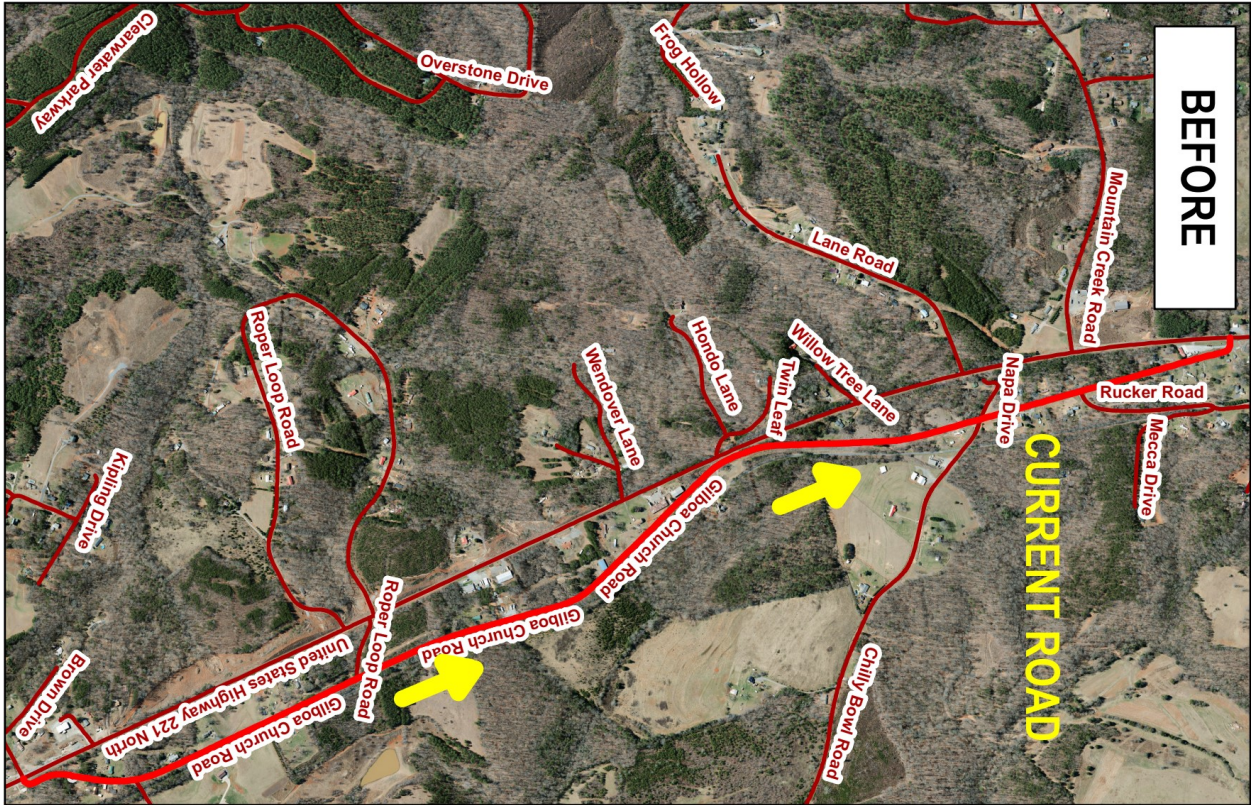


EXHIBIT "B"

