



**ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENDORSING CHANGES TO
GUILFORD COUNTY'S STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, during the 2012 Session, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted significant legislation that consolidated, reorganized, and updated the state's emergency management statutes; and;

WHEREAS, the legislation's primary purpose is to consolidate and reorganize the statutes that establish emergency management authorities for state and local governments currently found in Article 1 of G.S. Chapter 166A (North Carolina Emergency Management Act of 1977) and Article 36A of G.S. Chapter 14 (Riots and Civil Disorders); and,

WHEREAS, Article 1 of Chapter 166A defines responsibilities within State government for direction and control of the state's emergency management program, and authorizes cities and counties to establish local emergency management programs (municipal emergency management programs are subject to coordination with the county). Article 36A authorizes cities and counties to enact ordinances imposing various restrictions and prohibitions during a locally declared state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, S.L. 2012-12 (HB843) amends these emergency management statutes in four primary ways: consolidates responsibilities to one place in the general statutes; clarifies and makes uniform the terminology used throughout the emergency management statutes; incorporates operational practices that have evolved in recent years and clears up points of confusion under current law; and limits the restrictions and prohibitions that cities and counties can impose on dangerous weapons during a locally-declared state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Guilford has provided recommended changes to Chapter 7.5 Civil Emergencies, Article II-State of Emergency, and following a public hearing on the matter the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield is in agreement with the recommended changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Summerfield adopts and endorses changes to the "Chapter 7.5 Civil Emergencies, Article II – State of Emergency" as approved by the Guilford County Emergency Services and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 14th day of May 2013.



 Mark E. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk