

**RESOLUTION 800 (03-2026) OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA
PROVIDING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC
MODIFICATIONS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has presented a conceptual plan proposing removal of on-street parking along Market Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan includes the conversion of North and South 3rd Street, from Bridge Street to Johnston Street, to a one-way northbound pair with angled parking, the conversion of North and South 2nd Street, from Bridge Street to Johnston Street, to a one-way southbound pair with angled parking, and the conversion of Johnston Street between 2nd and 3rd Street to a one-way eastbound with angled parking; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the proposed plan and finds that its implementation would result in a net loss of approximately ninety-eight (98) existing on-street parking spaces within the downtown core; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that on-street parking is a critical component of downtown economic vitality, supporting local businesses, facilitating short-term visits, and contributing to a walkable and accessible downtown environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council find that the loss of ninety-eight (98) parking spaces may have adverse economic impacts on downtown businesses, employees, residents, and visitors, particularly during peak hours and special events, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges the potential traffic flow and safety benefits of the proposed changes, but determines that such benefits must be carefully balanced against the documented parking loss and potential economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that transportation alternatives or design modifications may be identified in the future that could better balance traffic operations, parking availability, pedestrian safety, and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the NCDOT roadway portion is currently funded, and the Town will partner with NCDOT to obtain funding for the Town maintained roadways.

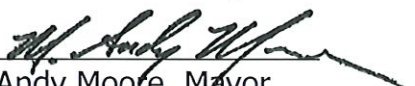
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor M. Andy Moore and members of the Town Council of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, hereby conditionally approves NCDOT's proposed downtown traffic configuration, subject to the following conditions outlined by the appointed Task Force:

1. That NCDOT and the Town partners to incorporate streetscaping enhancements to the greatest extent practicable, including street trees, planters, landscaping, lighting, and pedestrian amenities.
2. That edge line striping, crosswalk painting, and pedestrian safety markings be enhanced and clearing defined throughout the affected corridors.
3. That angled parking on North and South 3rd and 2nd Streets, as well as Johnston Street, be maximized where it is feasible to partially offset the documented loss of ninety-eight (98) on-street parking spaces.
4. That continued coordination occurs between NCDOT, Town Staff and Task Force prior to final design approval.
5. That this resolution does not constitute final acceptance of construction plans and may be revisited should parking impacts, economic conditions, or design elements materially change.
6. That the Town Council expressly reserves that right to withdraw, amend, or modify this conditional approval if an alternative solution, revised design, or different traffic configuration is proposed at a later date that the Town Council determines better serves the public interest.
7. That final design plans, including but not limited to lane configurations, parking layouts, streetscaping elements, pavement markings, and signage, shall be subject to review and final approval by the Town of Smithfield Council for all Town Maintained roadways prior to implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this conditional approval reflects the Town Council's intent to cooperate with NCDOT while formally documenting the Town's concerns regarding parking loss, economic impacts, and the need for appropriate mitigation, and does not waive the Town's authority to require final design approval on Town maintained roadways or to reconsider its position as additional information or alternatives become available.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor

Attest:


Elaine S. Andrews, Town Clerk