

RESOLUTION 2023-4 TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 675
ADDRESSING LAND USE CLARIFICATION AND CHANGES

WHEREAS, the Town of Laurel Park is committed to providing an exceptional quality of life for its residents and recognizes the community's exemplary efforts to preserve and maintain its unique and historical character; and

WHEREAS, employing the highest standards of engineering strategies and scientific data has established its Unified Development Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan to address, preserve, and maintain a healthy, yet challenging and significant topography; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 675 fails to recognize the importance of minimum residential lot sizes in regulating development in areas that cannot environmentally support additional density and poses a detrimental environmental threat to adjoining properties; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 675 fails to recognize the challenges of small municipal governments to adequately provide essential services and the necessary infrastructure for residents and businesses, including stormwater management and road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 675 fails to recognize that eliminating extraterritorial jurisdictions (ETJ) removes the ability of local governments to protect their communities from land use and development potentially compromising the health and well-being of town residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 675, if passed, will injure the local government's authority in applying, enforcing, and safeguarding what is necessary to preserve property rights and the expectations of town residents that their collective voices remain paramount in the decisions affecting their homes and neighborhoods, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Laurel Park Town Council hereby adopts Resolution 2023-4 Opposing Senate Bill 675, which includes the elimination of extraterritorial jurisdictions and restrictions on minimum lot sizes for single-family dwellings and disregards the desires of town citizens.

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2023

J. Carey O'Cain, Mayor

Attest:

Tamara Amin, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk