

RESOLUTION 2023-5 TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 409  
REGULATION OF ACCESSARY UNITS

**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 land health and safety; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the majority of lots and homesites in the town are located on steep and very steep slopes, therefore in order to control stormwater and sedimentation/erosion, the town's required setbacks do not uniformly accommodate additional structures on most properties; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 409 does not allow town government to enforce what has been determined through pertinent data as an acceptable setback per necessary stormwater control measures, in which most cases is in excess of 10 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 409 ignores health and safety aspects of stormwater management, onsite wastewater systems, driveway spacing, and adequate access for emergency service vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 409 reduces the authority of local government to protect public health, safety, and welfare by diminishing its power to direct development for the good of the entire community, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Laurel Park Town Council hereby adopts Resolution 2023-5, Opposing House Bill 409, which includes allowable construction of accessory dwelling units without respect for the town's well-defined Unified Development Ordinance as well as the collective voices and values of town residents.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023

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J. Carey O'Cain, Mayor

Attest:

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Tamara Amin, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk