

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON SUPPORTING THE
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO DEVELOP A
HISTORIC CULTURAL TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to preserving and promoting the rich cultural and historic heritage of our region; and

WHEREAS, cultural and historic tourism is a vital component of our local economy, attracting visitors, fostering community pride, and enhancing the quality of life for residents; and

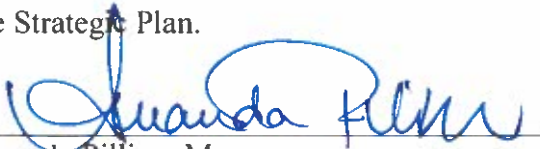
WHEREAS, the development of a Historic Cultural Tourism Strategic Plan will provide a comprehensive roadmap to identify, protect, and promote the unique cultural and historic assets within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan will provide feasibility, project costs, and next steps to ensure existing structures are revitalized for public use, long term management is in place and funding sources are identified; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will enable the Town to engage with community stakeholders, historians, and tourism experts to create a Strategic Plan that reflects the diverse history and cultural heritage of our region; and

WHEREAS, this Strategic Plan will serve as a guiding document to support future grant applications, partnerships, and initiatives that will further our goals of historic preservation, cultural enrichment, and economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council has determined that expresses its strong support and authorizes the application for a grant to the Commonwealth of Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission for the Southwest Virginia Program to develop a Historic Cultural Tourism Strategic Plan and further commits to collaborating with regional partners, including neighboring counties, cultural organizations, and tourism entities, to ensure the successful development and execution of the Strategic Plan.


Amanda Pillion, Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the “Town”), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on September 9, 2024. I hereby certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Amanda Pillion, Mayor	Yes	Aye
Dwyane Anderson, Vice Mayor	Yes	Aye
Derek Webb	Yes	Aye
Donna Quetsch	Yes	Aye
Wayne Austin	Yes	Aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of September 9, 2024.

(SEAL)


Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk

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