RESOLUTION OF INTENT

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Zoning Ordinance requires a special use permit for farmers' markets in the Rural Areas zoning district under Albemarle County Code § 18-10; and

WHEREAS, farmers' markets also are subject to the performance standards in Albemarle County Code § 18-5.1.47; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Area chapter of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan states that one of the objectives of the County is to "support a strong agricultural and forestal economy," and one of the strategies to achieve that objective are to "continue to assist Rural Area property owners to diversify agricultural activities, including helping to connect local farms with local consumers"; and

WHEREAS, one way to connect local farms with local consumers is to allow farmers' markets in the Rural Areas zoning district by right, subject to appropriate performance standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT for purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning and development practices, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a resolution of intent to consider amending Albemarle County Code §§ 18-5.1.47, 18-10, and any other sections of the Zoning Ordinance deemed to be appropriate to achieve the purposes described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the zoning text amendment proposed by this resolution of intent, and make its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, at the earliest possible date.

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I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors by a vote of ______, as recorded below, at a meeting held on ______.

AyeNayMr. Dill______Ms. Mallek______Ms. McKeel______Ms. Palmer______Mr. Randolph______Mr. Sheffield______

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors