

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OPPOSING INTERBASIN TRANSFER

WHEREAS, North Carolina Environmental Management officials are currently reviewing a request from the City of Fuquay Varina to increase their current transfer of 2 MGD to 6.17 MGD from the Cape Fear River Basin to the Neuse River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear River is a tremendous resource to our community, providing our major source of water supply as well as affording many recreational opportunities for our citizens, and it is our responsibility to maintain the highest level of certainty for our future water supply; and

WHEREAS, these interbasin transfers create issues of equity and sustainability, as it involves one region bearing the environmental and infrastructural costs of supporting growth in another region, and it is essential to consider the long-term implications and fairness of such allocations of vital resources; and

WHEREAS, reducing the flow of the Cape Fear River by transferring water could lead to greater concentrations of pollutants in the river, a reduced flow rate diminishing the river's natural ability to dilute and transport pollutants, and have detrimental effects on aquatic ecosystems, recreational activities, and public health within the Cape Fear River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville is concerned that the proposed interbasin transfer will limit the amount of water available for withdrawal to support economic and residential growth in the region due to regulation limits under state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville does hereby express its concern about the long-term availability of water from the Cape Fear River and believes transferring water from the Cape Fear River Basin to the Neuse River Basin could limit future growth opportunities for communities in the Cape Fear River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville is in a region disproportionately affected by industrial contamination and is actively working on a water supply master plan for the areas most impacted by PFAS and GenX contamination; and

WHEREAS, water availability is crucial for sustaining economic development, agriculture, and quality of life in communities, and if water is diverted elsewhere, it may constrain the ability of communities within the City of Fayetteville to support their own development and population growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, that the City requests the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission deny the request of the City of Fuquay Varina for an interbasin transfer of 6.17 MGD from the Cape Fear River Basin to the Neuse River Basin.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City of Fayetteville has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by its Mayor, attested by its City Clerk, and its corporate seal hereto affixed, all by order of its City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, on this, the 24th day of November 2025; such meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

**CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MITCH COLVIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER AYRE, City Clerk