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November 22, 1983

Mr. Joseph Grimsley, Secretary
 Department of Natural Resources
 and Community Development
 P.O. Box 27687
 Raleigh, NC 27611

Dear Mr. Grimsley:

On behalf of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, I would like to express our thanks for your assistance during our consideration of the Mountain Ridge Protection Act and its application to Henderson County. After much discussion and thought, the Board decided to exercise its option to eliminate the 3000' elevation as it applies to Henderson County, thereby requesting that the provisions of the Act apply to all ridges in Henderson County that rise 500 feet or more above the adjacent valley floor.

I have attached a resolution adopted at the November 16, 1983, meeting of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for your records. We are also recording a copy at the Henderson County Register of Deeds office, including a copy in the official minutes of the Board meeting, and distributing copies to all members of our Planning Board. I trust these actions are sufficient to document our actions.

From the date of the earliest discussions on the Mountain Ridge Protection Act in the legislature, Henderson County supported the goals sought by such a Bill, as long as the enforcement could be accomplished locally. All departments that are involved in structural regulation will work hand-in-hand to ensure that no development permits are issued that would result in construction of tall buildings on any regulated ridges in Henderson County.

Sincerely,



William T. Drake, Chairman
 Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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 Enclosure

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MOUNTAIN RIDGE PROTECTION - HENDERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners concur in and support legislative findings concerning construction of tall buildings on the ridges of North Carolina mountains as outlined in G.S. 113A-207; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County population is increasing at the fifth fastest rate in the State and is projected to continue at that rate; and

WHEREAS, continued population growth is likely to increase pressures to develop significant ridges and higher elevations in Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County can ensure, through local review by County agencies, that development permits for tall buildings, are not issued for properties on protected mountain ridges; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 113A-206(6) provides that any County may eliminate the requirement for an elevation of 3,000 feet to determine "protected mountain ridges"; and

WHEREAS, all ridges in Henderson County whose elevation is 500 feet or more above the adjacent valley floor have been identified by the Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development in preliminary maps provided to the County; and

WHEREAS, construction of tall buildings in Henderson County on any ridge 500 feet or more above the valley floor would present similar problems to construction on higher elevations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners unanimously vote to eliminate the 3,000 feet elevation requirement from the definition of protected

mountain ridges for Henderson County as authorized by
G.S. 113A-206(6) and request that the provisions of G.S. 113A-209
apply to all mountain ridges in Henderson County whose elevation
is 500 feet or more above the valley floor beginning January 1,
1984.

William T. Drake
William T. Drake, Chairman

Resolution passed by the Henderson County
Board of Commissioners on 11/16/83

Betty L. Hyder
Betty L. Hyder, Clerk to the Board