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707 SQUARE MILES

RESOLUTION TO RECOVER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY JAIL

WHEREAS, each law-abiding citizen of Chatham County is personally victimized by crime, being forced to share the burden of the increased cost of incarceration of convicted criminals; and

WHEREAS, it is generally acknowledged that, "more police, plus more prisons, plus longer sentences equals LESS CRIME; and

WHEREAS, the additional burden in Chatham County for the construction of the new county jail annex is **Two Mills, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars** or nearly Fifty dollars for **every man, woman and child** and which does not include the cost of daily operation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statue 7A-313, entitled Uniform Jail Fees, is woefully inadequate and unfair to the law-abiding citizens of North Carolina insofar as it allows a fee of only \$5.00 per day to be collected from persons lawfully confined in jail awaiting trial, and those convicted and ordered by Judges to pay such jail fees as part of their sentencing.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT

First, The Board of County Commissioners shall contact the house members of the 24th and 30th District, Anne C. Barnes, Arlie F. Culp and Joe Hackney, and ask that legislation be offered to amend the aforementioned General Statue 7A-313 to raise the jail fee to a minimum of \$25 per day and to make jail fees mandatory as part of a sentence imposed by our Judicial system; and

Second, the Board of County Commissioners shall contact our 16th District Senators, Fred M. Hobbs and Teena S. Little and request that legislation be offered to amend the aforementioned General Statue 7A-313 to raise the jail fee to a minimum of \$25 per day and to make jail fees mandatory as part of a sentence imposed by our Judicial system; and

Third, the Board of County Commissioners shall contact all judges in the 15th-B District and ask for the strictest enforcement of the law and to consider jail fees as mandatory in their deliberations.

Adopted this, the 4th day of December, 1995.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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