A POLICY OF THE TOWN OF DALLAS, NORTH CAROLINA:

Adopted By Action of the Board of Aldermen at a Meeting Held on the _____

Day of _____, 20__.

To Be Titled: <u>"Policy on the Petition for Voluntary Annexation into the Corporate Limits of the</u> <u>Town of Dallas"</u>.

To Read as Follows:

Consistent with North Carolina General Statutes, the Town of Dallas shall accept petitions from property owners who voluntarily seek and request that their property, whether immediately contiguous to the primary corporate limits, or non-contiguous, be annexed into Town boundaries. The Town shall, in turn instruct its Town Clerk to review and report back on the legal "sufficiency" of the petition, and then schedule, publicly-notice, and hold a Public Hearing on the petition prior to taking action.

If a petition is determined to be legally sufficient, and after the Board of Aldermen have conducted a properly-noticed Public Hearing and taken and considered public comments on the request, The Board of Aldermen will then only consider adopting those petitions for annexation which further meet the following criteria:

- The property owner(s) has/have both disclosed and stated in writing, as part of the petition, his/hers/their_desired and intended, long-term use and/or development of the property, including the zoning classification that would be sought in the event of annexation approval.
- The property owner(s) has/have offered a compelling reason, stated in writing as part of the petition, for seeking annexation into the Town of Dallas. Such reason would typically <u>detail why</u> <u>the desired and intended long-term use cannot be accomplished as economically, quickly, easily, or at all, in the absence of the annexation.</u>
- The petitioner(s) has/have paid, in full, all Town fees associated with the petition.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____

Rick Coleman, Mayor

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk