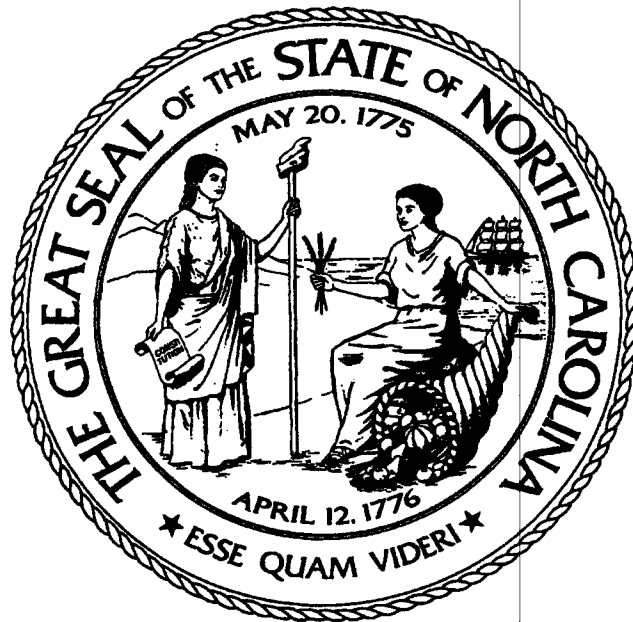


**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
ON MUNICIPAL INCORPORATIONS**



**REPORT TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF NORTH CAROLINA
Proposed Town of Slanting Bridge
March 21, 2001**

REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Proposed Incorporation of the Town of Slanting Bridge March 21, 2001

The Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations was created in 1986 by the General Assembly to conduct an independent review and evaluation of proposed municipal incorporations. This evaluation, to be conducted in accordance with a statutory set of objective criteria, is designed to allow the General Assembly to see the feasibility of the proposed new municipality. The Commission consists of four members of the General Assembly, one city official, and one county official. A list of members appears as Appendix A.

The statutory criteria require a review of community support, (a petition is required) population, land development, nearness to other urban areas, and ability to provide municipal services at a reasonable tax rate. A copy of the statutes authorizing the Commission and setting up the review standards is attached as Appendix B.

The Commission received a petition proposing the incorporation of the Town of Slanting Bridge in Catawba County on November 22, 2000. A copy of the petition is attached as Appendix C.

The Commission, pursuant to G.S. 120-161, asked the Division of Community Assistance of the Department of Commerce to evaluate the petition. The Division conducted the evaluation and found that the proposed Town had satisfied all the statutory requirements of G.S. 120-163 and G.S. 120-164, except the proposed Town hadn't notified the Town of Cornelius of its intent to incorporate (a copy of the report is attached as Appendix D). At the meeting of the Commission on January 17, 2001, the petitioners stated that they were unaware that they had to notify Cornelius, and that they would take steps immediately to fulfill this requirement. Based upon this assurance, the Commission authorized the Division to evaluate the proposed Town's petition for incorporation under G.S. 120-166 (a copy of the report is attached as Appendix E) and G.S. 120-167 through G.S. 120-170 (a copy of the report is attached as Appendix F). The Division conducted the evaluations and determined that all statutory requirements had been met.

On March 1, 2001, the Commission held a public hearing on the incorporation of the Town of Slanting Bridge in Taylorsville, North Carolina. At least four persons spoke in favor of the incorporation of the Town and four spoke in opposition.

Pursuant to G.S. 120-169.1, the Commission requested that the Fiscal Research Department provide data that shows the impact on other municipalities and counties of the diversion of already levied taxes or State-shared revenues to support services in the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge (a copy of the report is attached as Appendix G). The data provided by the Department, based upon figures from 1999-2000, shows that sales tax revenues in Catawba County are distributed on a per capita basis. If the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge had been incorporated at that time, it would have received \$254,174 in sales tax revenues, resulting in a decrease in revenues for Catawba County of \$222,402 and small decreases for other cities in the county. The incorporation of Slanting Bridge would have a marginal impact on the distribution of Powell Bill funds in the State. No shift of utility excise taxes is expected since the incorporation of Slanting Bridge would encompass areas that are not currently part of another municipality.

The Commission finds that the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge meets the standards required by Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, and therefore the Commission recommends incorporation of the area as the Town of Slanting Bridge.

APPENDIX A

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON
MUNICIPAL INCORPORATIONS
2000-2001
Membership

President Pro Tem's Appointments

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Concord, NC 28026-0368

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Gerry Cohen, Director
Bill Drafting Division

Gayle L. Moses, Staff Attorney
Bill Drafting Division

Legislative Assistant

Allison Towe
1113 Legislative Building

APPENDIX B

Article 20.

Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations.

Part 1. Organization.

§ 120-158. Creation of Commission.

(a) There is created the Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations, referred to in this Article as "Commission".

(b) The Commission shall consist of six members, appointed as follows:

- (1) Two Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- (2) Two House members appointed by the Speaker;
- (3) One city manager or elected city official, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from a list of three eligible persons nominated by the North Carolina League of Municipalities; and
- (4) One county commissioner or county manager, appointed by the Speaker from a list of three eligible persons nominated by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

§ 120-159. Terms.

Members shall be appointed for terms ending June 30, 1987, and subsequently for two-year terms beginning July 1, 1987, and biennially thereafter. A member eligible when appointed may continue for the remainder of the term regardless of the member's continued eligibility for the category. The Commission shall elect a chairman from its membership for a one-year term.

§ 120-160. Compensation.

Members of the Commission who are members of the General Assembly shall receive subsistence and travel allowances as provided by G.S. 120-3.1. Members who are State officers or employees shall receive subsistence and travel allowances as provided by G.S. 138-6. All other members shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances as provided by G.S. 138-5.

§ 120-161. Facilities and staff.

The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. Staff for the Commission shall be provided by the Legislative Services Commission. The Commission may contract with the Institute of Government, the Local Government Commission, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, or other agencies as may be necessary in completing any required studies, within the funds appropriated to the Commission.

Part 2. Procedure for Incorporation Review.

§ 120-163. Petition.

(a) The process of seeking the recommendation of the Commission is commenced by filing with the Commission a petition signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the area proposed to be incorporated, but by not less than 25 registered voters of that area, asking for incorporation.

(b) The petition must be verified by the county board of elections of the county where the voter is alleged to be registered. The board of elections shall cause to be examined the signature, shall place a check mark beside the name of each signer who is qualified and registered to vote in that county in the area proposed to be incorporated, and shall attach to the petition a certificate stating the number of voters registered in that county in the area proposed to be incorporated, and the total number of registered voters who have been verified. The county board of elections shall return the petition to the person who presented it within 15 working days of receipt.

(c) The petition must include a proposed name for the city, a map of the city, a list of proposed services to be provided by the proposed municipality, the names of three persons to serve as interim governing board, a proposed charter, a statement of the estimated population, assessed valuation, degree of development, population density, and recommendations as to the form of government and manner of election. The petition must contain a statement that the proposed municipality will have a budget ordinance with an ad valorem tax levy of at least five cents (5¢) on the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) valuation upon all taxable property within its corporate limits. The petition must contain a statement that the proposed municipality will offer four of the following services no later than the first day of the third fiscal year following the effective date of the incorporation: (i) police protection; (ii) fire protection; (iii) solid waste collection or disposal; (iv) water distribution; (v) street maintenance; (vi) street construction or right-of-way acquisition; (vii) street lighting; and (viii) zoning. In order to qualify for providing police protection, the proposed municipality must propose either to provide police service or to have services provided by contract with a county or another municipality that proposes that the other government be compensated for providing supplemental protection. The proposed municipality may not contain any noncontiguous areas.

(d) The petitioners must present to the Commission the verified petition from the county board of elections.

(e) A petition must be submitted to the Commission at least 60 days prior to convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly in order for the Commission to make a recommendation to that session.

§ 120-164. Notification.

(a) Not later than five days before submitting the petition to the Commission, the petitioners shall notify:

- (1) The board or boards of county commissioners of the county or counties where the proposed municipality is located;
- (2) All cities within that county or counties; and
- (3) All cities in any other county that are within five miles of the proposed municipality of the intent to present the petition to the Commission.

(b) The petitioners shall also publish, one per week for two consecutive weeks, with the second publication no later than seven days before submitting the petition to the Commission, notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed to be incorporated of the intent to present the petition to the Commission.

§ 120-165. Initial inquiry.

(a) The Commission shall, upon receipt of the petition, determine if the requirements of G.S. 120-163 and G.S. 120-164 have been met. If it determines that those requirements have not been met, it shall return the petition to the petitioners. The Commission shall also publish in the North Carolina Register notice that it has received the petition.

(b) If it determines that those requirements have been met, it shall conduct further inquiry as provided by this Part.

§ 120-166. Additional criteria; nearness to another municipality.

(a) The Commission may not make a positive recommendation if the proposed municipality is located within one mile of a municipality of 5,000 to 9,999, within three miles of a municipality of 10,000 to 24,999, within four miles of a municipality of 25,000 to 49,999, or within five miles of a municipality of 50,000 or over, according to the most recent decennial federal census, or according to the most recent annual estimate of the Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management if the municipality was incorporated since the return of that census.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply in the case of proximity to a specific municipality if:

- (1) The proposed municipality is entirely on an island that the nearby city is not on;
- (2) The proposed municipality is separated by a major river or other natural barrier from the nearby city, such that provision of municipal services by the nearby city to the proposed municipality is infeasible or the cost is prohibitive, and the Commission shall adopt policies to implement this subdivision;
- (3) The municipalities within the distances described in subsection (a) of this section by resolution express their approval of the incorporation; or
- (4) An area of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed municipality has petitioned for annexation to the nearby city under G.S. 160A-31 within the previous 12 months before the incorporation petition is submitted to the Commission but the annexation petition was not approved.

§ 120-167. Additional criteria; population.

The Commission may not make a positive recommendation unless the proposed municipality has a permanent population of at least 100 and a population density (either permanent or seasonal) of at least 250 persons per square mile.

§ 120-168. Additional criteria; development.

The Commission may not make a positive recommendation unless forty percent (40%) of the area is developed for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, or governmental uses, or is dedicated as open space under the provisions of a zoning

ordinance, subdivision ordinance, conditional or special use permit, or recorded restrictive covenants.

§ 120-169. Additional criteria; area unincorporated.

The Commission may not make a positive recommendation if any of the proposed municipality is included within the boundary of another incorporated municipality, as defined by G.S. 153A-1(1).

§ 120-169.1. Additional criteria; level of development, services; financial impact on other local governments.

(a) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-458, s. 4.

(b) Services. – The Commission may not make a positive recommendation unless the area to be incorporated submits a plan for providing a reasonable level of municipal services. This plan shall be based on the proposed services stated in the petition under G.S. 120-163(c).

(c) The Commission in its report shall indicate the impact on other municipalities and counties of diversion of already levied local taxes or State-shared revenues from existing local governments to support services in the proposed municipality.

§ 120-170. Findings as to services.

The Commission may not make a positive recommendation unless it finds that the proposed municipality can provide at a reasonable tax rate the services requested by the petition, and finds that the proposed municipality can provide at a reasonable tax rate the types of services usually provided by similar municipalities. In making findings under this section, the Commission shall take into account municipal services already being provided.

§ 120-171. Procedures if findings made.

(a) If the Commission finds that it may not make a positive recommendation because of the provisions of G.S. 120-166 through G.S. 120-170, it shall make a negative recommendation to the General Assembly. The report to the General Assembly shall list the grounds on which a negative recommendation is made, along with specific findings. If a negative recommendation is made, the Commission shall notify the petitioners of the need for a legally sufficient description of the proposed municipality if the proposal is to be considered by the General Assembly. At the request of a majority of the members of the interim board named in the petition, the Commission may conduct a public hearing and forward any comments or findings made as a result of that hearing along with the negative recommendation.

(b) If the Commission determines that it will not be barred from making a positive recommendation by G.S. 120-166 through G.S. 120-170, it shall require that petitioners have a legally sufficient description of the proposed municipality prepared at their expense as a condition of a positive recommendation.

(c) If the Commission determines that it is not barred from making a positive recommendation, it shall make a positive recommendation to the General Assembly for incorporation.

(d) The report of the Commission on a petition shall be in a form determined by the Commission to be useful to the General Assembly.

§ 120-172. Referendum.

Based on information received at the public hearing, the Commission may recommend that any incorporation act passed by the General Assembly shall be submitted to a referendum, except if the petition contained the signatures of fifty percent (50%) of registered voters the Commission shall not recommend a referendum.

§ 120-173. Modification of petition.

With the agreement of the majority of the persons designated by the petition as an interim governing board, the Commission may submit to the General Assembly recommendations based on deletion of areas from the petition, as long as there are no noncontiguous areas.

§ 120-174. Deadline for recommendations.

If the petition is timely received under G.S. 120-163(e), the Commission shall make its recommendation to the General Assembly no later than 60 days after convening of the next regular session after submission of the petition.

APPENDIX C

PETITION TO INCORPORATE
THE
TOWN OF SLANTING BRIDGE

November 22, 2000

By Joseph C. Peterson
Slanting Bridge Incorporation Committee
5149 Glenwood St
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
Phone: 704-483-8707
Fax: 704-483-8709

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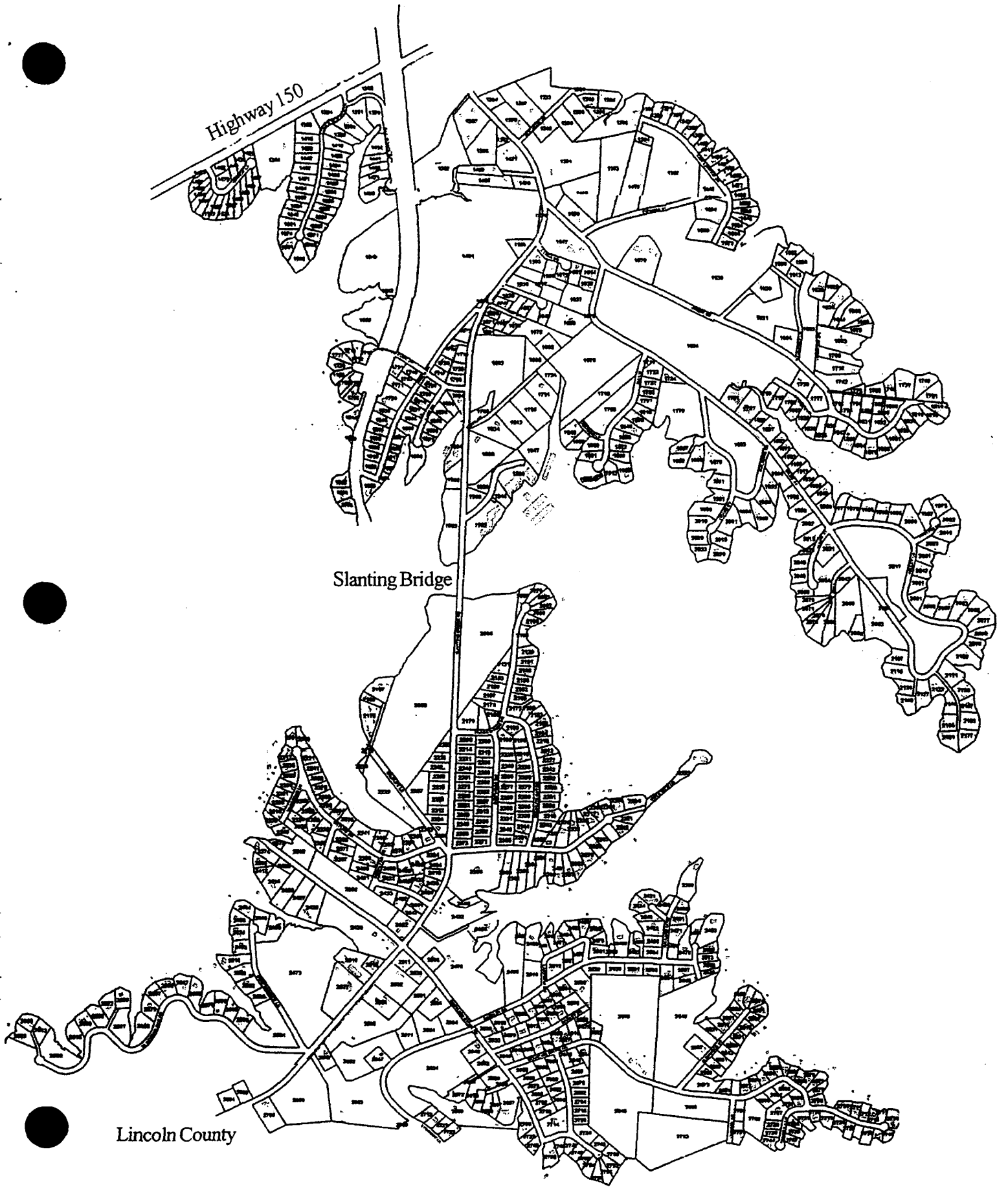
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§120-163. Petition



Highway 150

Slanting Bridge

Lincoln County

**STATEMENT OF SERVICES
TOWN OF SLANTING BRIDGE**

Since so many of the essential core services are provided through the county system, Slanting Bridge, at least initially, until a taxing/revenue base is stabilized, plans to limit additional services. This is clearly the desire of a majority of the residents of this community. Soon after incorporation, attention will be devoted to establishing a Planning Board to begin the process of developing our own zoning ordinances. This is in response to citizen concerns over the pace of development in the area with its effect on traffic, infrastructure demands, and other quality-of-life issues.

The Town of Slanting Bridge proposes to provide the following services no later than the first day of the third fiscal year following the effective date of incorporation.

1. Fire protection (existing V.F.D. remains)
2. Local police protection
3. Solid waste collection and disposal
4. Zoning

Services may be phased depending upon revenue availability

Interim Council

In the event of incorporation before elections have been held and to represent the community in matters about this petition, the following residents have agreed to serve as the Slanting Bridge Interim Council until the Town of Slanting Bridge officials are elected:

Marvin Rogers

Marvin has lived in the Slanting Bridge area since 1974. He owns his own business and lives with his wife Flo at 5147 Glenwood Street.

Jeff Zink

Jeff and his wife Torrie live at 4300 Pointe Norman Drive. He is employed as an account manager in the fiber optics industry. He attends church at Saint Therese Church in Mooresville.

Alan Williams

Alan has been a resident of Sherrills Ford since 1984. He is employed as an account manager for Pitman Company and he lives at 4619 Welborn Drive.

Joe Peterson

Joe moved to North Carolina in 1972. He owns a business in the area and he and his wife attend Denver Baptist Church. He lives at 5149 Glenwood Street.

Emery Bremmer

Emery has lived in the area since 1984. He has been employed by US Air as an operations agent since 1983. He and his wife Kim live at 4564 Ina Lane and attend Westport Baptist Church.

**CHAPTER I.
INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS**

§1-1. Incorporation and Corporate Powers. The inhabitants of the Town of Slanting Bridge, which area is described in §2-1 of this Charter, are a body corporate and polite under the name "Town of Slanting Bridge." Under that name, they have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities conferred and imposed on cities by the general law of North Carolina.

**CHAPTER II.
CORPORATE BOUNDARIES**

§2-1. Town Boundaries. Until modified in accordance with the law, the boundaries of the Town of Slanting Bridge are as follows:

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

(A boundary description will be inserted here when the petition goes to the legislature.)

**CHAPTER III.
GOVERNING BODY**

§3-1. Structure of Governing Body. Number of members; the governing body of the Town of Slanting Bridge is the Town Council, which has four (4) members and the Mayor.

§3-2. Temporary Officers. Until the initial elections of 2001 provided for by §4-1 of this charter, Joe Peterson, Jeff Zink, Alan Williams, Marving Rogers, and Emery Bremmer are appointed members of the interim town council. They shall jointly pose and may exercise the powers granted to the governing board until their successors are elected or appointed and qualify pursuant to this charter.

§3-3. Manner of Electing Town Council; Term of Office. The qualified voters of the entire town shall elect the members of the Town Council. Except as provided by this section, members are elected to a four- year term of office. In 2001, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected to a four-year term and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes are elected to a two-year term. These terms will be effective as of the first Town Council meeting in 2001. In 2003 and each two years thereafter, two members are elected for a four-year term.

§3-4. Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office. The qualified voters of the entire Town shall elect the Mayor. The Mayor shall be elected in 2001 and each four (4) years thereafter for a four-year term. The initial term shall be effective as of the first Town Council meeting in 2001.

CHAPTER IV. ELECTIONS

§4-1. Conduct of Town Elections. Town officers shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis and results determined by a plurality as provided in North Carolina Statute §163-292.

CHAPTER V. ADMINISTRATION

§5-1. Town to Operate Under Mayor-Council Plan. The Town of Slanting Bridge will operate under the Mayor-Council plan as provided in Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

§5-2. Revenue. From and after the effective date of this act, the citizens and property in the Town of Slanting Bridge shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the year beginning July 1, 2001. For that purpose, the Town shall obtain from Catawba County a record of property in the area herein incorporated that was listed for taxes as of January 1, 2001. The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 2001-2002 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is practical. For fiscal year 2001-2002, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par or face amount within ninety (90) days of adoption of the budget ordinance, and thereafter in accordance with the schedule in N.C.G.S §105-360. If this act is ratified before July 1, 2001, the Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 2001-2002 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, but shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is practical.

**Statement of Statistics
Town of Slanting Bridge**

Summary of Land Usage Proposed Slanting Bridge Incorporation

<u>Existing Land Use</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Residential:	537	54.2
Commercial/Industrial:	15	1.5
Office/Institutional:	42	4.3
Undeveloped/Vacant:	<u>396</u>	<u>40.0</u>
Total Acres:	990	100.0%

Percent developed

Residential + Commercial/Industrial + Office/Institutional = 594 acres
(537 acres) (15 acres) (42 acres)

594 acres developed = 60% developed
990 acres total

	<u>No. Of Units</u>	<u>Estimated Population ⁽¹⁾</u>
Total Single-family Dwellings:	502	1,280
Total Multi-Family:	39	99
Total Manufactured Homes Singlewide:	<u>66</u>	<u>168</u>
Total	607	1,547

Property Valuation



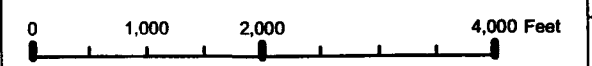
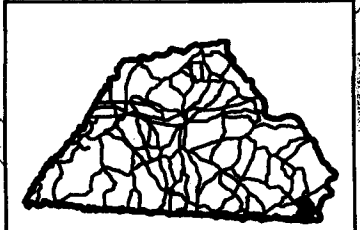
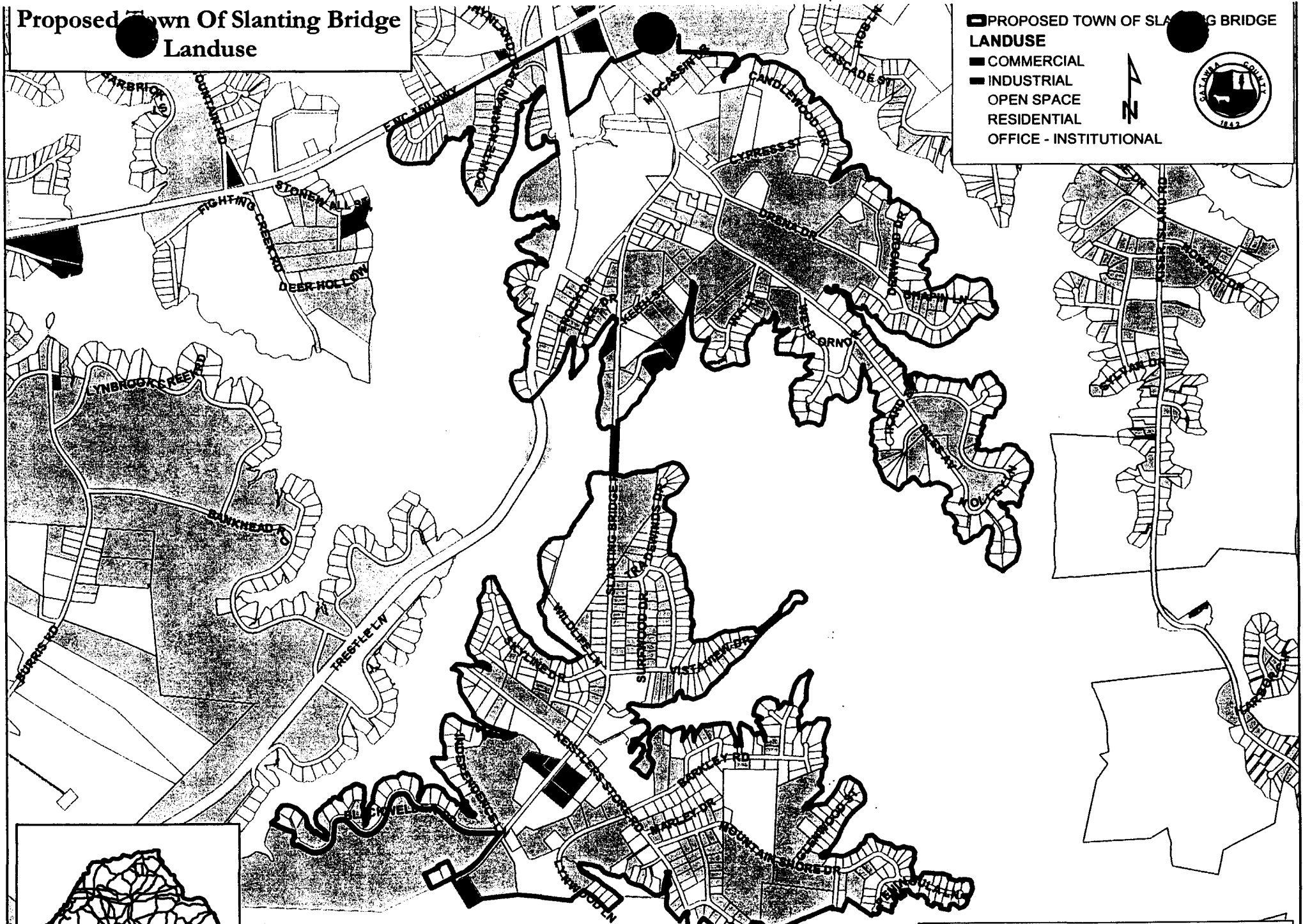
<u>Property type</u>	<u>Property Value</u>	<u>Tax Value ⁽²⁾</u>
Real Estate	\$145,669,300	\$ 145,670
Personal:		
Sherrills Ford F.D.	\$ 343,88	\$ 344 ⁽³⁾
Denver F.D.	\$ 607,340	\$ 607 ⁽⁴⁾
Vehicles:		
Sherrills Ford F.D.	\$ 930,746	\$ 931 ⁽⁵⁾
Denver F.D.	\$ 1,581,230	\$ 1,581 ⁽⁶⁾

- ⁽¹⁾ Assumes 2.55 persons per household (pph) which is an average of the pph for the Sherrills Ford Census Designated Place (2.5 pph), which is located just east of this area, and Census Tract 115 (2.6pph).
- ⁽²⁾ Tax value is based on 10.0 cents per \$100.00 valuation (minimum tax base)
- ⁽³⁾ Personal property tax value estimation is based on Sherrills Ford Fire District having a personal property valuation of \$18, 099,076 and the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge limits containing 1.9% of said valuation.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Personal property tax value estimation is based on Denver Fire District have a personal property valuation of \$8,319,732 and the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge limits containing 7.3% of said valuation.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Vehicles property tax value estimation is based on Sherrills Ford Fire District having a vehicle valuation of \$48,986,662 and the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge limits containing 1.9% of said valuation.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Vehicle property tax value estimation is based on Denver Fire District having a vehicle valuation of \$21,660,690 and the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge limits containing 7.3% of said valuation.

Proposed Town Of Slating Bridge Landuse

PROPOSED TOWN OF SLATING BRIDGE LANDUSE

- COMMERCIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- OPEN SPACE
- RESIDENTIAL
- OFFICE - INSTITUTIONAL

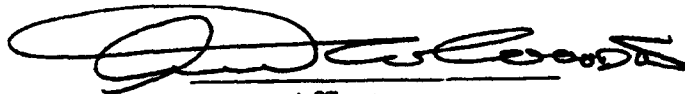




STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CATAWBA

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Allen Wood who, being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and says:

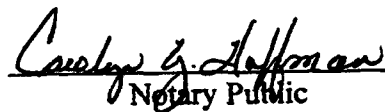
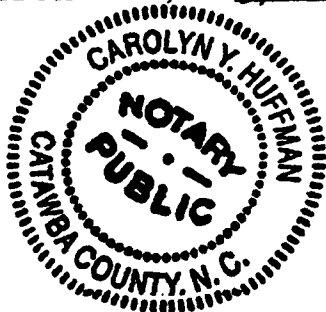
That the affiant is Chairman of the County Board of Elections of Catawba County, North Carolina, and the Affiant has checked the herein attached signatures of petitioners who have properly supplied the information required by law against the registration books of Catawba County, North Carolina, and 236 (number) names have been found by the Affiant to be registered voters in the proposed incorporation of the town of Slanting Bridge, NC and qualified voters of said proposed incorporation of the town of Slanting Bridge, NC; that the Affiant has placed a check mark on the petition by the names of persons who are duly qualified and registered voters in said proposed incorporation of the town of Slanting Bridge, NC.

The total qualified registered voters on our registration rolls in said county in the proposed incorporation of the town of Slanting Bridge, NC is 840.



Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 20th day of November 2000.



Notary Public

§120-164. Notification

Slanting Bridge Incorporation Committee

5149 Glenwood St
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
Phone: 704-483-8707
Fax: 704-483-8709

November 22, 2000

Title, FirstNMI, Last N
Address1
City, NC, Zip

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes §120-163, we as a community wishing to petition for incorporation are required to notify you of this action. The proposed Town boundaries are shown on the attached map.

No official action is required on your part other than to acknowledge the receipt of this notice. I am enclosing a form to fulfill this requirement

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Peterson
Slanting Bridge Incorporation Committee

I, _____, Mayor of the <<Town>>, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the _____ day of _____, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

_____ Mayor

Before me personally appeared _____ known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that _____ executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ Day of _____, A.D. 20 _____

_____ Notary Public

My commission expires _____

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

**CITY OF NEWTON
(CATAWBA COUNTY)**

TO THE RIGHT OF RETURN ADDRESS
PLACE STICKER AT TOP OF ENVELOPE

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

The Honorable R. Wayne Dellinger
City of Newton
PO Box 758
Newton, NC 28658-0758

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)
7099 3220 0006 8341 2301

PS Form 3811, July 1999 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-99-M-1789

COMPLETER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery

C. Signature Agent
X Wayne Dellinger Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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1. Article Addressed to:

The Honorable Thomas H. Jones
Town of Catawba
PO Box 160
Catawba, NC 28609-0160

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)
7099 3220 0006 8341 2295

PS Form 3811, July 1999 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-99-M-1789

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T. Jones

C. Signature Agent
X T. Jones Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

**TOWN OF CATAWBA
(CATAWBA COUNTY)**

NOTE: A RETURN RECEIPT CARD WAS NOT RECEIVED FOR THE BROOKFORD LETTER, BUT THE MAYOR'S CONFIRMATION WAS (following pages). SIMILARLY, NOT ALL CONFIRMATORY SHEETS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. HOWEVER, EITHER A POSTAL RECEIPT OR CONFIRMATION LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL REQUIRED GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

**HICKORY
(CATAWBA COUNTY)**

PLACE STICKER AT TOP OF ENVELOPE TO THE RIGHT OF RETURN ADDRESS

<p>SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. ■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. ■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. <p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Honorable William R. McDonald, III Hickory City Mayor PO Box 334 Hickory, NC 28603-0334</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">DELIVERY</p> <p>A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) _____ B. Date of Delivery _____</p> <p>C. Signature X <i>W. McDonald</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto; padding: 5px;"> HICKORY, NC 28603 NOV 16 2000 </div> <p>3. Service Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.</p> <p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
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2. Article Number (Copy from service label)
7099 3220 00068341 2332

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**TOWN OF MAIDEN
(CATAWBA COUNTY)**

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2. Article Number (Copy from service label)
7099 3220 0006 8341 2325

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**CITY OF CONOVER
(CATAWBA COUNTY)**

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION		COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY	
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1. Article Addressed to:		C. Signature x Bruce Eckard	
<p>The Honorable Bruce R. Eckard City of Conover PO Box 563 Conover, NC 28613-0563</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
2. Article Number (Copy from service label) 7099 3220 0006 8341 2288		D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PS Form 3811, July 1999		Domestic Return Receipt	
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**CITY OF CLAREMONT
(CATAWBA COUNTY)**

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1. Article Addressed to:		C. Signature x Glen Morrison	
<p>The Honorable Glen A. Morrison City of Claremont 4522 South Depot Street Claremont, NC 28610</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
2. Article Number (Copy from service label) 70993220000683412349		D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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CATAWBA COUNTY

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1. Article Addressed to:

Robert E. Hibbitts, Chairman
 Catawba County
 Board of Commissioners
 PO Box 11188
 Hickory, NC 28603-1188

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) **ROBERT E. HIBBITTS** B. Date of Delivery **11-17-99**
 C. Signature *[Signature]* Agent Addressee
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

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Domestic Return Receipt

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1. Article Addressed to:

The Honorable Burl Winebarger
 Town of Long View
 2541 3rd Avenue, NW
 Long View, NC 28601

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery
 C. Signature *[Signature]* Agent Addressee
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

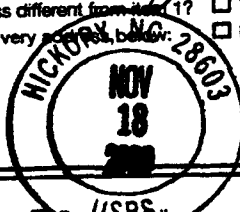
2. Article Number (Copy from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 1999

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-99-M-1789



TOWN OF LONG VIEW
 (CATAWBA COUNTY)

I, Al Jones, Mayor of the City of Mooresville, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 13th day of December, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

Al Jones Mayor

Before me personally appeared Al Jones known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that

Al Jones executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 13th Day of December, A.D. 2000

Janet O. Pope Notary Public

My commission expires 11-20-2001

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF Shredell

I, Robert J Smith, Mayor of the Town of Brookford, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 21 day of November, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

Robert J Smith Mayor

Before me personally appeared Robert J. Smith known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that

Robert J. Smith executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 15 Day of December, A.D. 20 00

L London Notary Public

My commission expires My Commission Expires July 25, 2004

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF Catawba

I, GLENN MORRISON, Mayor of the City of Claremont, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 17th day of November, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

Glenn A. Morrison Mayor

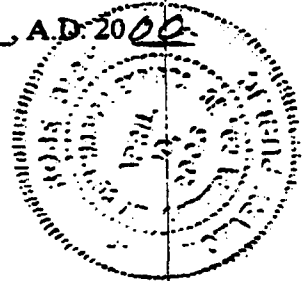
Before me personally appeared GLENN A. MORRISON known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that MAYOR MORRISON executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 17 Day of November, A.D. 2000.

Rose Bisk Notary Public

My commission expires April 10, 2005

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF CATAWBA



I, Bruce R. Eckard, Mayor of the City of Conover, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 16th day of November, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

Bruce R. Eckard Mayor

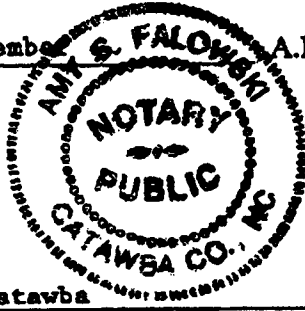
Before me personally appeared Bruce R. Eckard known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that Bruce R. Eckard executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 16th Day of November A.D. 2000

Amey S. Housh Notary Public

My commission expires 11-26-00

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF Catawba



I, Burl Winebarger, Mayor of the Town of Long View, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 18th day of November, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

Burl Winebarger Mayor

Before me personally appeared Burl Winebarger known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that

Burl Winebarger executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 20th Day of November, A.D. 2000

Peggy H. Willis Notary Public

My commission expires September 2, 2003

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF Burke

I, Robert L. Smyre, Mayor of the Town of Maiden, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 20 day of November, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

Robert L. Smyre Mayor

Before me personally appeared Robert L. Smyre known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that _____ executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 20th Day of November, A.D. 20 00

Wendy Vanover Notary Public

My commission expires My Commission Expires 08-23-2003

STATE OF NC COUNTY OF Catawba



Robert J Smith

Mayor of the Town of Brantford

21 days November

Robert J Smith
NCOL-1710291

Robert J. Smith

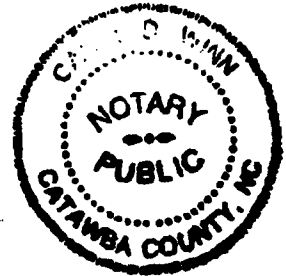
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21 Day of NOVEMBER

Carol DeLeon

4/26/04

North Carolina COUNTY OF Catawba



I, JAN M. Beasley, Mayor of the Town of Cornelius, have received notice of the petition to incorporate Slanting Bridge on the 27 day of December, 2000. This notice is in accordance with N.C.G.S. §120-163.

JAN M. Beasley Mayor

Before me personally appeared JAN M. Beasley known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument to and before me that

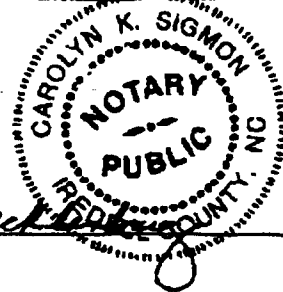
JAN M. Beasley executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 27th Day of December, A.D. 20 00

Carolyn K. Sigmon Notary Public

My commission expires 07-05-04

STATE OF North Carolina COUNTY OF Rockingham



10 Services

10 Services

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Legal Notices

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to Joint Legislative Committee on Municipal Incorporation for the incorporation of the Town of Starling Bridge.
LP3012848

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Notice is hereby given that the following property was seized on May 30, 2000, under the provisions of the 19 United States Code, section 1526(e):

- Five (5) M&M Colt Replica Airguns
- One (1) AR 15 Colt Replica Airgun
- Two (2) MP&K M&K Replica Airguns
- Three (3) MP&K M&K Replica Airguns
- Five (5) G3A4 M&K Replica Airguns

Anyone having claim to this property may, at any time within twenty (20) days from the date of this notice, file with the Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Officer, U.S. Customs, 1901 Cross Street Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28217, a cost bond (as described at 18C.F.R. 113.72) in the sum of \$20,000 in default of which the seized property will be forfeited as prescribed by law.

Tanya S Holoman, PP&F Officer
LP3012740

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LOST! DIAMOND PENDANT NECKLACE in area of Joe's Crab Shack in Pineville on 11/10/2000. REWARD! 846-5967

LOST Female Calico cat declared named Terry, lost in Lenoirville area, on 11/2. Please call 704/382-2695

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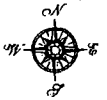
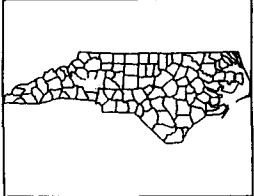
Stucco Repair & Replacement by Senior Corp. NARI & BBB Member. Estimates. 396-0020

Tile Work










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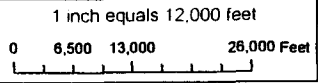
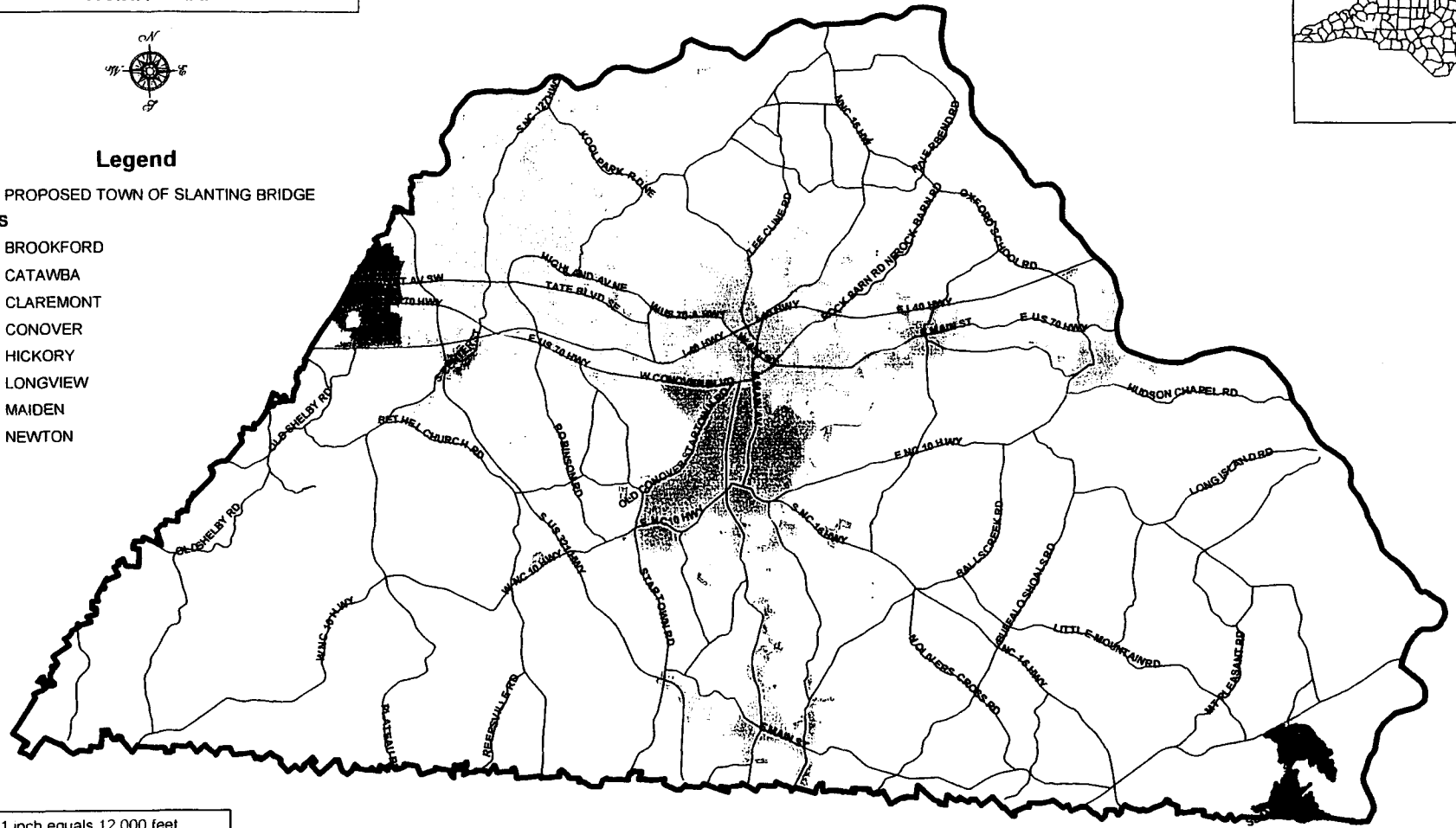
§120-166. Nearness to another municipality.

**PROPOSED TOWN OF SLANTING BRIDGE
VICINITY MAP**



Legend

-  PROPOSED TOWN OF SLANTING BRIDGE
- CITIES**
-  BROOKFORD
-  CATAWBA
-  CLAREMONT
-  CONOVER
-  HICKORY
-  LONGVIEW
-  MAIDEN
-  NEWTON



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§120-169. Level of development, services.

Town of Slanting Bridge, North Carolina (Proposed)
Proposed Budget (Proposed)
Fiscal year 2001-2002

REVENUES

General Fund

Taxes, ad valorem - real property	\$140,100.00
Taxes, ad valorem - personal property	<\$200.00>
Taxes, ad valorem - vehicles	\$2,400.00
Local option sales and usage tax	\$248,500.00
Utility franchise tax	\$38,700.00
Beer & Wine tax	<u>\$6,700.00</u>

Revenues General Fund **\$436,200.00**

APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	\$131,400.00
Public Health and Safety	\$160,700.00
Garbage Services	\$95,000.00
Zoning, Economic, and Physical Development	\$5,000.00
Fire Protection	<u>\$44,100.00</u>

Total Appropriations **\$436,200.00**

SERVICES

- Local Police Coverage (Dedicated Officer, 24-hour coverage)
- Fire Protection (existing VFD remains)
- Garbage Service
- Zoning Board (Inspections still by County)

Budget Information Sources:

1. Steve Wyatt, Catawba County Manger
2. Michael Dove, Catawba Planning Director
3. Preliminary FY 00-01 Property Tax Rates for NC Municipalities, NC League of Municipalities
4. Results of the 2000 NC Mun. Tax Rates and Budget Adjustments Survey, NC League of Mun.
5. Reimbursements & State Collected Local Revenues - FY 2000-2001 NC League of Mun.
6. Four Oaks Budget 2000-2001
7. Bethel Budget 2000-2001

Town of Slanting Bridge, North Carolina (Proposed)
Proposed Budget (Proposed)
Fiscal year 2001-2002

APPROPRIATIONS

General Government Expenditures

Legal fees	\$10,000
Insurance and security bond	\$5,000
NC League of Municipalities	\$300
Centralina Council of Government	\$400
Institute of Government	\$200
Salaries - administrative (part-time Town Clerk)	\$20,000
Social Security/Medicare taxes	\$1,500
Postage	\$800
Office supplies	\$1,200
Capital outlay, office equipment	\$9,000
Audit/accountant fees	\$3,000
Rent	\$12,000
Telephone	\$2,400
Utilities	\$4,800
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Contingency	\$55,800

Total General Government Appropriations \$131,400

Public Health and Safety Expenditures

Slanting Bridge law enforcement (Jackie Moore Mooresville Dir. of Human Resources)	\$132,900
Capital outlay - vehicles & related equipment (Mike Furr, Purchasing Agent City of Mooresville)	\$24,000
Vehicle fuel, maintenance & supplies (estimated)	\$3,800

Total Public Health and Safety Appropriations \$160,700

Garbage services

Contracted services, including landfill fees (at current GDS rates)	\$95,000
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Total Garbage Services Appropriations \$95,000

Zoning, Economic, and Physical Development

Catawba County Planning and Zoning contract	\$2,500
Planning & Zoning Board stipend	\$1,500
Legal fees	\$1,000

Total Zoning Economic, and Physical Development Appropriations \$5,000

Fire Protection

Contracted services with Denver & Sherrills Ford	\$44,119
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Total Fire Protection Appropriations \$44,119

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$436,200

Town of Slanting Bridge, North Carolina (Proposed)
Proposed Budget (Proposed)
Fiscal year 2001-2002

NOTE A - AD VALOREM TAX REVENUES

Taxes ad valorem - real property

Property valuation within proposed limit		\$145,669,300.00
Per \$100 valuation	divided by	<u>\$100.00</u>
		\$1,456,693
Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.10	times	<u>\$0.10</u>
		<u>\$145,669.30</u>
Normal Collection Rate of 98%	times	<u>98%</u>
		\$142,755.91
Catawba County Collection Fee of 3.15 per bill	minus	<u>\$2,649.15</u>
(Note: one bill per parcel with 841 parcels in proposed Town limits)		\$140,106.76

Real Property Value Revenues: \$140,106.76

(Steve Wyatt, Asst. Mgr. Catawba County)
Michael Dove, Director Planning & Community Development)

Taxes, Ad Valorem - Personal Property

Sherrills Ford Fire District Personal Property Valuation		\$18,099,076
Town Contribution Estimated @ 1.9% of Sherrills Ford Fire District	times	<u>0.019</u>
		\$343,882.44
Denver Fire District Personal Property Valuation		\$8,319,732.00
Town Contribution estimated @ 7.3% of Denver Fire District	times	<u>0.073</u>
		\$607,340.44
Total Town Contribution	addition	\$951,222.88
Per \$100 Valuation	divided by	<u>\$100.00</u>
		\$9,512.23
Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.10	times	<u>\$0.10</u>
		\$951.22
Normal Collection Rate of 98%	times	<u>98%</u>
		\$932.20
Catawba County Fee of 3.15 per bill	minus	<u>\$1,147.23</u>
(Assumes 60% of the 607 dwelling units have personal property)		<215.03>

Personal Property Value Revenues: <\$200.00>

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Michael Dove, Director Planning & Community Development)

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Taxes Ad Valorem Vehicles

Sherrills Ford Fire District Vehicle Valuation		\$48,986,662.00
Town Contribution Estimated @ 1.9% of Sherrills Ford Fire District	times	<u>0.019</u>
		\$930,746.58

Denver Fire District Vehicle Property Valuation		\$21,660,960.00
Town Contribution Estimated @ 7.3% of Denver Fire District	times	<u>0.073</u>
		\$1,581,230.37

Total town contribution	addition	\$2,511,976.95
Per \$100 Valuation	divided by	<u>\$100.00</u>
		\$25,119.77

Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.10	times	<u>\$0.10</u>
		\$2,511.98

Normal Collection Rate of 99%	times	<u>0.98</u>
		\$2,461.74

Catawba County Collection Fee of 1.5%	minus	<u>\$36.93</u>
		\$2,424.81

Vehicles Property Revenues: \$2,424.81

(Steve Wyatt, Asst. Mgr. Catawba County
Michael Dove, Director Planning & Community Development)

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NOTE B - LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES

Sales taxes are allocated to municipalities within Catawba County based on the population of each municipality as compared to the total County population.

Estimated per capita sales tax revenues based on the average per capita sales tax revenues for Brookford, Catawba, and Claremont for the first quarter of 2000.

Estimated population of the Town of Slanting Bridge

Account for 4 quarters

	\$40.16
times	<u>1,547</u>
	\$62,127.52
times	<u>4</u>
	\$248,510.08

Sales and use tax revenues:

\$248,510.08

(Steve Wyatt, Asst. Mgr. Catawba County
 Michael Dove, Director Planning & Community Development)

NOTE C - FRANCHISE TAX REVENUES

Municipalities receive a share of the state utility levied on companies engaged in the business of furnishing natural gas, electric power, and telephone service. The amount shared with cities is 3.09% of the gross receipts inside each city.

Residences:

Electricity (607 homes x \$100/month estimated average x 12 months)	\$728,400
Telephone (607 homes x \$50/month estimated average x 12 months)	\$364,200

Commercial Business

Electricity ((\$400/mo x 5 businesses x 12) + (\$10,000 x 12))	\$144,000
Telephone ((\$200/mo x 5 businesses x 12) + (\$2,666 /year))	\$14,700

Total estimated taxable utilities	\$1,251,300
	times <u>3.09%</u>

Total Franchise Revenues

\$38,665.17

(Steve Wyatt, Asst. Mgr. Catawba County
 Michael Dove, Director Planning & Community Development)

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NOTE D - BEER AND WINE TAX

Cities share in the beer and wine tax based on their population.

Estimated population of the Town of Slanting Bridge	1,547
Estimated beer and wine tax	\$6,700.00
Total Beer and Wine Tax	\$6,700.00

(NC League of Municipalities, FY 2000-2001 Municipal State-Collected Revenue Estimates)

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Fiscal year 2001-2002

NOTE E - POSTAGE

The appropriation for estimated postage expense is determined based on number of households times four (4) mailing per year

Calculation:

Number of homes		612
Postage	times	\$0.34
Quarterly information distribution	times	4

Rounded to: \$832

NOTE F - CAPITAL OUTLAY, OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Appropriations for estimated furniture and office equipment outlays are

Furniture	\$2,000
Copier	\$3,000
Typewriter	\$1,000
Computer	\$2,000
Fax machine	\$750
Telephone	\$250

Total capital outlay, office: \$9,000

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NOTE G - PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPENDITURE

Slanting Bridge Law Enforcement

(4) Law enforcement officers salaries @ \$24,250 each	\$97,000.00
Fringe benefits (including health, dental, vision, vacations, sick leave, pension, withholding etc.) @ 37% of salary	<u>\$35,890.00</u>
	\$132,890.00

Capital Outlay vehicle & related equipment

Slanting Bridge will provide officers an equipped vehicle. According to information provided by the Mooresville Purchasing Agent, the cost of an appropriate vehicle is approximately \$20,000.00 plus \$4,000.00 for related equipment, i.e. blue light, siren, fire extinguisher, first aid kit and safety cage that separated the driver from passengers. Capital outlay for one (1) equipped patrol car is provided in the budgeted appropriations @

	\$24,000.00
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Vehicle fuel, maintenance and supplies (estimated)	addition <u>\$3,800.00</u>
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Total Public Health and Safety	\$160,700.00
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NOTE H - GARBAGE, CONTRACTED SERVICES

Residential

Estimated number of homes in proposed town limits (incl. 4 businesses w/same PU as residential)	611
Current BFI cost per month	\$13.00
Months per year	12
	\$95,316.00

Total Garbage Service Rounded to:	\$95,000.00
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NOTE I - ZONING, ECONOMIC, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Estimated zoning, economic and physical development	\$5,000.00
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Total zoning, economic and physical development	\$5,000.00
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NOTE J - FIRE PROTECTION

The current ad valorem tax rate for the Denver and Sherrills Ford Fire District is .032 per \$100 of valuation, the collection rate is considered ninety-eight percent (98%) and the county collection fee is \$3.15 per bill.

Fire District ad valorem tax revenues






Fire District Property Valuation within proposed limits		
Ad valorem - Real Property Valuation	(Steve Wyatt, Asst. Mgr. Catawba County)	\$145,669,300.00
Ad valorem - Person Property Valuation		
Sherrills Ford Fire District	addition	\$343,882.00
Denver Fire District	addition	\$607,340.00
Ad valorem - Vehicle Property Valuation		
Sherrills Ford Fire District	addition	\$930,747.00
Denver Fire District	addition	<u>\$1,581,230.00</u>
Total Property Valuation within proposed limits		\$149,132,499.00

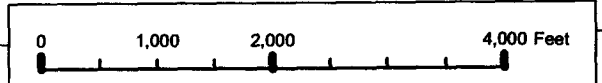
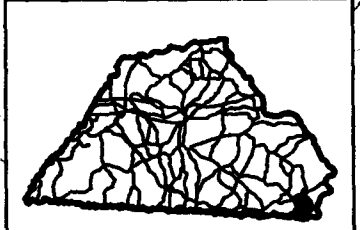
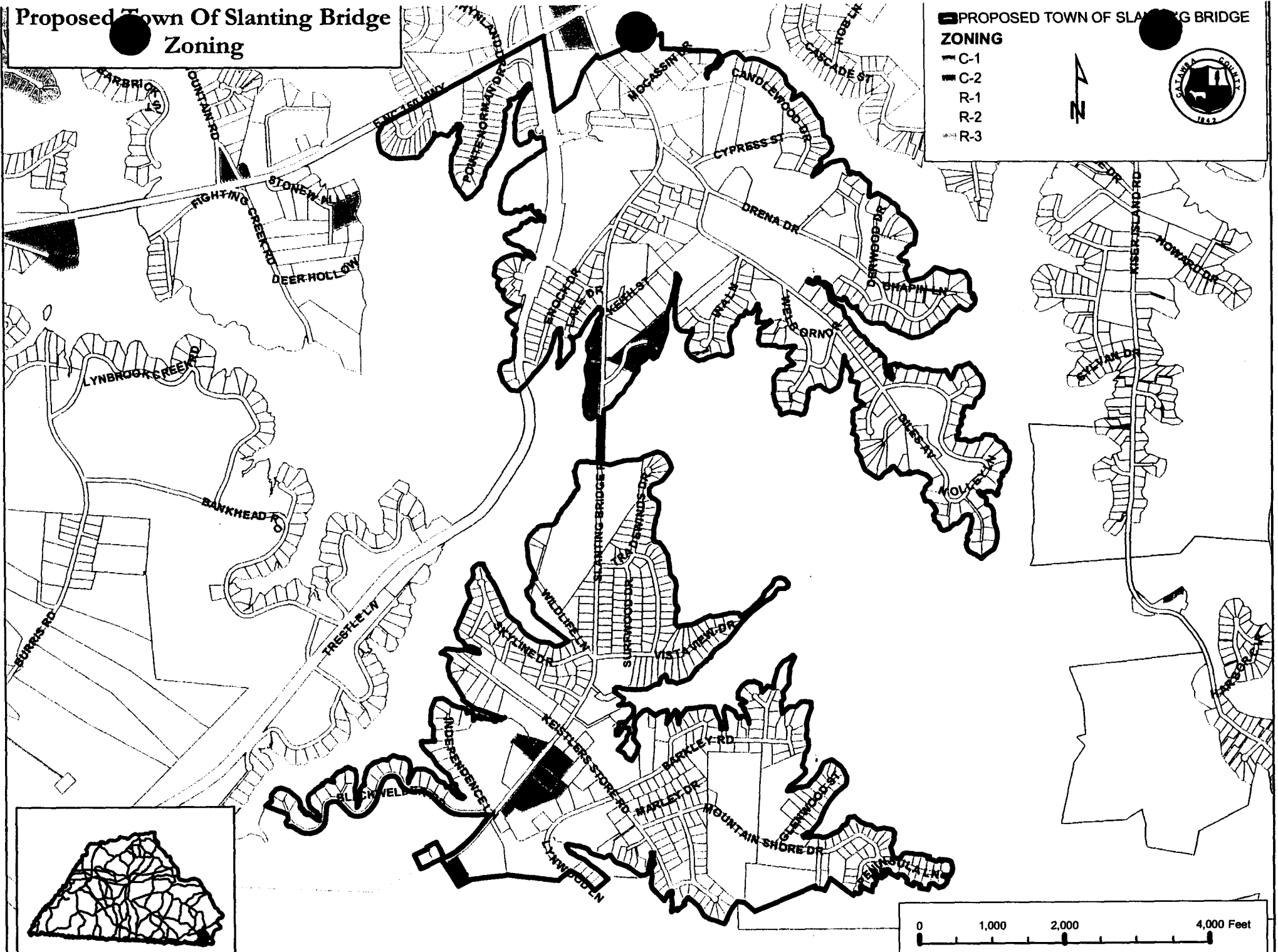
Per \$100 valuation	divided by	<u>\$100</u>
		\$1,491,324.99
Fire district ad valorem rate	times	<u>\$0.032</u>
		\$47722.40
Normal collection rate of 98%	times	<u>98%</u>
		\$46,767.95
Catawba County Collection fee of \$3.15 per bill	minus	<u>\$2,649.00</u>
Total Fire Department Revenue		\$44,118.95

Appendix

Proposed Town Of Slanting Bridge Zoning

PROPOSED TOWN OF SLANTING BRIDGE ZONING

-  C-1
-  C-2
-  R-1
-  R-2
-  R-3



**Summary of Land Usage
Proposed Slanting Bridge Incorporation**

<u>Existing Land Use</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Residential:	537	54.2
Commercial/Industrial:	15	1.5
Office/Institutional:	42	4.3
Undeveloped/Vacant:	<u>396</u>	<u>40.0</u>
Total Acres:	990	100.0%

Population Density Calculation

Residential + Undeveloped/Vacant = 933 acres
(537 acres) (396 acres)

$\frac{933 \text{ acres}}{640 \text{ acres}} = 1.46 \text{ sq. miles}$

(Note 640 acres = 1 sq.mile)

$\frac{1,547 \text{ people}}{1.46 \text{ sq. miles}} =$

1,060 people/square mile

Acreage based on Catawba Co. GIS data for proposed town limits. Person/house multiplier provided by Catawba County.

APPENDIX D

**Assessment of Petition
by
Town of Slanting Bridge
for
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Relative to NC G.S. 120-163 and NC G.S. 120-164

**North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Community Assistance**

Division of Community Assistance staff has reviewed the petition for incorporation from the Town of Slanting Bridge as it relates to NC G.S. 120-163 and NC G.S. 120-164. These sections of the General Statutes refer to the petition and notification requirements.

G.S. 120-163 (a) requires that a petition be signed by 15% of the registered voters (but by not less than 25 voters) of the area asking for incorporation. The proposed Town of Slanting Bridge has submitted a petition with the required signatures.

G.S. 120-163 (b) requires that "[t]he petition must be verified by the county board of elections of the county where the voter is alleged to be registered. The board of elections shall cause to be examined the signature, shall place a check mark beside the name of each signer who is qualified and registered to vote in that county in the area proposed to be incorporated, and shall attach to the petition a certificate stating the number of voters registered in that county in the area proposed to be incorporated, and the total number of registered voters who have been verified. The county board of elections shall return the petition to the person who presented it within 15 working days of receipt." G.S. 120-163 (d) requires that the petitioners must present to the Commission the verified petition from the county board of elections. The Slanting Bridge petition has been verified by the county board of elections.

G.S. 120-163 (c) requires that the petition must include a number of items. These are:

- A proposed name for the city. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include a proposed name.
- A map of the city. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include a map.
- A list of proposed services to be provided by the proposed municipality. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include a list of proposed services.
- The names of three persons to serve as interim governing board. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge includes the names of three persons to serve as an interim council.
- A proposed charter. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include a proposed charter.
- A statement of the estimated population. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include a statement of the estimated population.
- Assessed valuation. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include an estimate of assessed valuation.
- Degree of development. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include degree of development.
- Population density. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include population density.
- Recommendations as to form of government and manner of election. The petition of the Town of Slanting Bridge does include recommendations as to form of government and manner of election.

According to G.S. 120-163, the proposed municipality may not contain any non-contiguous areas. According to an examination of the map presented with the petition, the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge does not contain any non-contiguous areas.

According to G.S. 120-164, not later than five days before submitting the petition to the Commission, the petitioners shall notify:

- (1) The board or boards of county commissioners of the county or counties where the proposed municipality is located.
- (2) All cities within that county or counties.
- (3) All cities in any other county that are within five miles of the proposed municipality of the intent to present the petition to the Commission.

An example notification letter, and copies of return receipts for Catawba County, Brookford, Catawba, Claremont, Conover, Cornelius, Hickory, Long View, Maiden, Mooresville and Newton were included in the petition. Therefore, all required notification letters have been sent.

According to G.S. 120-164, "[t]he petitioners shall also publish, one per week for two consecutive weeks, with the second publication no later than seven days before submitting the petition to the Commission, notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed to be incorporated of the intent to present the petition to the Commission."

Copies of notice published in the Charlotte Observer for Thursday, November 09, 2000 and Thursday, November 16, 2000 were included.

APPENDIX E

**Assessment of Petition
by
Town of Slanting Bridge
for
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Relative to NC G.S. 120-166.

**North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Community Assistance**

Division of Community Assistance staff has reviewed the petition for incorporation from Slanting Bridge as it relates to NC G.S. 120-166. That section of the General Statute refers to the nearness of the proposed new 'Town of Slanting Bridge' to other municipalities. Part (a) of that section sets criteria based on the nearness of the proposed new town to existing municipalities and their respective populations. Note that the General Statute requires that the population values be in accordance with the most recent decennial federal census, or according to the most recent annual estimate of the Office of State Budget and Management if the municipality was incorporated since the return of that census. These relationships are presented in the following table.

Critical Distance	Population of Neighboring Municipality
1 mile	5,000 to 9,999
3 miles	10,000 to 24,999
4 miles	25,000 to 49,999
5 miles	50,000 and over

There are no municipalities within three (3) miles of the proposed boundaries for Slanting Bridge. The Town of Mooresville (population 9,317) is within (4) miles of the proposed boundaries of Slanting Bridge, but does not exceed the neighboring municipal population threshold. The Town of Cornelius (population 2,581) is within five (5) miles of Slanting Bridge, but does not exceed the neighboring municipal population threshold.

The proposed new Town of Slanting Bridge is not entirely on an island so Subsection (b)(1) does not apply. Slanting Bridge is separated by a major lake (Lake Norman) or natural feature from Mooresville and Cornelius; however neither of these municipalities meet the population threshold for Part (a), so Subsection (b)(2) does not need to be applied. Finally, the petition indicated no evidence that Subsection (b)(4) applies (a petition for annexation to nearby city that was not approved).

Please note that a boundary description was not included in the petition, however a clearly defined and detailed map was presented as part of the petition.

The Commission is not precluded from making a positive recommendation on the petition for incorporation relative to the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge, in accordance with NC G.S. 120-166.(a).

Information sources: The foregoing assessment was based on information contained in the petition, GIS data provided by the Catawba County GIS Department, and the most recently updated DOT GIS data that was provided by NC CGIA. A buffer analysis (an ArcView GIS utility) was performed on the proposed boundary that was presented on the map attached to the petition. The 1990 Census population values were retrieved from the NC Office of State Planning web site (www.ospl.state.nc.us/demog/muntot99.html).

Note: 1

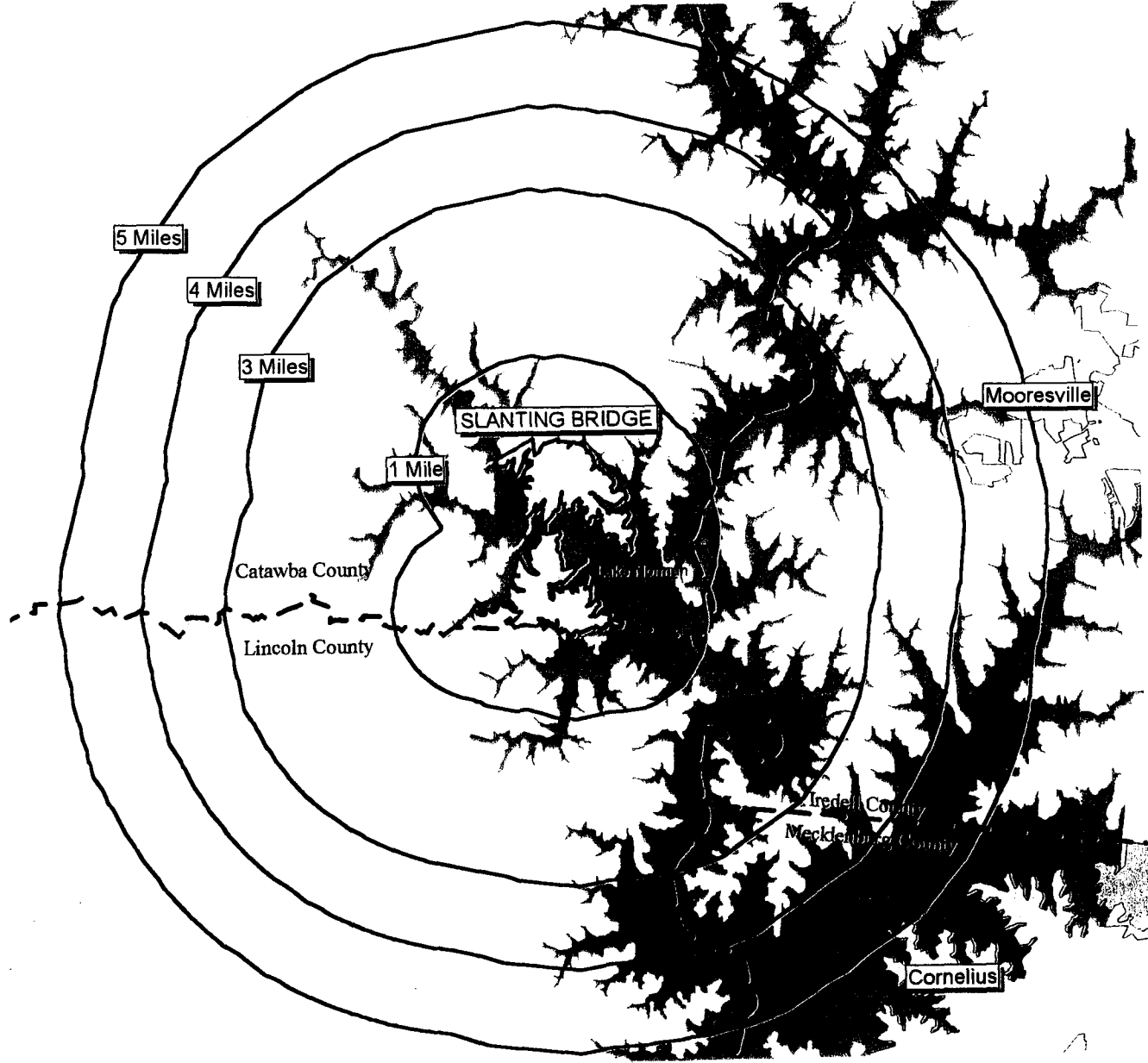
§ 120-166. Additional criteria; nearness to another municipality.

(a) The Commission may not make a positive recommendation if the proposed municipality is located within one mile of a municipality of 5,000 to 9,999, within three miles of a municipality of 10,000 to 24,999, within four miles of a municipality of 25,000 to 49,999, or within five miles of a municipality of 50,000 or over, according to the most recent decennial federal census, or according to the most recent annual estimate of the Office of State Budget and Management if the municipality was incorporated since the return of that census.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply in the case of proximity to a specific municipality if:

- (1) The proposed municipality is entirely on an island that the nearby city is not on;
- (2) The proposed municipality is separated by a major river or other natural barrier from the nearby city, such that provision of municipal services by the nearby city to the proposed municipality is infeasible or the cost is prohibitive, and the Commission shall adopt policies to implement this subdivision;
- (3) The nearby municipality by resolution expresses its approval of the incorporation; or
- (4) An area of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed municipality has petitioned for annexation to the nearby city under G.S. 160A-31 within the previous 12 months before the incorporation petition is submitted to the Commission but the annexation petition was not approved. (1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 1003, s. 1; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1024, s. 25.)

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Legend

	Slanting Bridge
	Buffers
	County Boundaries
	Lake Norman
	Cornelius
	Mooresville
	Davidson



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APPENDIX F

**Assessment of Petition
by
Slanting Bridge
(Catawba County)
for
Incorporation**

**Relative to NC G.S. 120-167
through NC G.S. 120-170**

**North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Community Assistance**

Division of Community Assistance (DCA) staff has reviewed the petition for incorporating the Town of Slanting Bridge relative to NC G.S. 120-167 through G.S. 120-170. The following discussion addresses each of these sections of the General Statutes.

NC G.S. 120-167 Additional criteria; population.

NC G.S. 120-167 refers to population and requires that the permanent population must be at least 100 and a population density of at least 250 persons per square mile. The Division of Community Assistance performed a land use survey of the subject area. That survey identified 616 dwelling units in the subject area. The 1990 US Census Bureau data indicates an average of 2.55 persons per household for Catawba County and an occupancy rate of 92.9 percent. This suggests that 1,459 persons are likely to reside in those 616 dwellings with a population density of 824 persons per square mile. It appears that NC G.S. 120-167 is satisfied.

NC G.S. 120-168 Additional criteria; development.

NC G.S. 120-168 refers to development and requires that at least 40 percent of the area must be "developed for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, or governmental uses, or is dedicated as open space under the provisions of a zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, conditional or special use permit, or recorded restrictive covenants."(1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 1003, s. 1.)

DCA used a land use survey combined with an analysis of available tax information to determine the degree of development. The survey considered parcels as "developed" if they had land use characteristics that were residential, commercial, institutional or governmental, industrial, or dedicated open spaces. Vacant parcels, forested parcels, or agricultural parcels were considered "undeveloped."

DCA's analysis indicated that 45.6 percent of the subject area is developed (see Table 1 and Map A). It appears that NC G.S. 120-168 is satisfied.

**Table 1:
Development Relative to NC G.S. 120-168**

Land Use	Acres
Commercial	26
Industrial	3
Institutional/Governmental	8
Residential	414
Undeveloped	538
Open Space	0
Total	989
Total Developed Acreage	451
% Developed	45.6%

NC G.S. 120-169 Additional criteria; area unincorporated.

NC G.S. 120-169 requires that none of the area proposed for incorporation may be included within the boundary of another incorporated municipality. DCA compared the proposed boundary for the Town of Slanting Bridge with the most recently updated Catawba County (GIS) data as well as the NC DOT geographic information system (GIS) data that was provided by NC CGIA and found no evidence that any of the subject area is part of an incorporated municipality. It appears that NC G.S. 120-169 is satisfied.

NC G.S. 120-169.1 Additional criteria; services.

NC G.S. 120-169.1(b) requires that the area to be incorporated submit a plan for a reasonable level of municipal services. To meet the requirements of this section, the persons submitting the plan for incorporation must propose to provide at least four of the following services:

- 1) Police protection.
- 2) Fire protection.
- 3) Solid waste collection or disposal.
- 4) Water distribution.
- 5) Street maintenance.
- 6) Street construction or right-of-way acquisition.
- 7) Street lighting.
- 8) Zoning.

The petition does include a plan for providing four out of eight of the above services. Slanting Bridge proposes to provide solid waste collection, fire protection, zoning, and police protection. It appears that NC G.S. 120-169.1(b) is satisfied.

NC G.S. 120-170 Findings as to services.

NC G.S. 120-170 requires that the proposed municipality provide, at a reasonable tax rate, the services requested by the petition, and that the proposed municipality can provide at a reasonable tax rate the types of services usually provided by similar municipalities. To help quantify this requirement DCA considered the gross property assessment value of the proposed municipality as its tax base. DCA compared the property tax rates, and property tax revenues of ten municipalities that have a population size similar to that of the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge.

For fiscal year 1997-98 the average property tax rate and revenue for the comparison communities were \$0.49/\$100 assessment and \$291,636 respectively. In order for the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge to generate similar revenues it would have to levy a property tax rate of \$0.22/\$100 assessment (assuming a total assessment of \$135,628,300 and a collection rate of 98 percent).¹

¹ In reality, the actual amount of revenue needed by the proposed municipality could be either higher or lower than this estimate.

**Table 2:
Property Tax Rate and Revenues Comparison**

Municipality	Population 1995	Tax Rate/\$100 FY1997-98	Property Tax Revenue
Andrews	1,556	.52	\$272,715
Badin	1,390	.21	\$198,365
Four Oaks	1,520	.38	\$174,656
Jefferson	1,402	.35	\$255,511
Mount Gilead	1,338	.65	\$277,881
Ramseur	1,498	.50	\$678,775
Roseboro	1,485	.70	\$261,330
Rose Hill	1,440	.665	\$240,067
Snow Hill	1,518	.46	\$212,941
Swansboro	1,420	.50	\$344,116
Average Tax Rate \$0.49/\$100			
Average Property Tax Revenue \$291,636			

The proposed Town of Slanting Bridge can provide at a reasonable tax rate the types of services usually provided by municipalities of comparable size. It appears that NC G.S. 120-170 is satisfied.

Conclusion

It appears that the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge does satisfy the North Carolina General Statutes 120-168 – 120-170. **The Commission is not precluded from making a positive recommendation on the incorporation of the proposed Town of Slanting Bridge relative to General Statute 120-167 through 120-170.**





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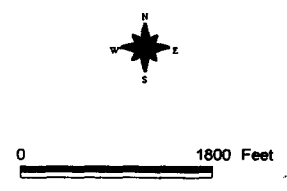
- Petition for Incorporation of the Town of Slanting Bridge
- 1990 US Census Summary Tape File 1A (referenced 02/01)
- Catawba County GIS Department, Parcel Data and Assessment Data
- North Carolina League of Municipalities (referenced 02/01)
- <http://nclmorg.coolwebhosting.com/General/Reports/TaxRate/Tax97tab.txt>
- North Carolina Office of State Treasurer (referenced 02/01)
- <http://www.treasurer.state.nc.us/frlgc.htm>
- NC DOT GIS Data Layers, Distributed by NC CGIA (2000)

Map A



Slanting Bridge Municipal Incorporation Phase II Study

- Legend**
-  Slanting Bridge
 -  County Boundary
 -  Developed Land
 -  Undeveloped Land



APPENDIX G

Fiscal Research Analysis of Slanting Bridge Incorporation
(G.S. 120-169.1(c))

1. Sales Tax Revenue Change:

Catawba County distributes sales tax revenues on a per capita basis. This analysis uses 1999-00 actual sales tax distribution to show how that distribution would have changed had Slanting Bridge been incorporated at that time.

Current

County	Municipalities	Population	% Population	Sales Tax Distribution
Catawba		131549	67.7%	\$21,509,535.18
	Brookford	444	0.2%	\$63,543.68
	Catawba	652	0.3%	\$95,315.52
	Claremont	1053	0.5%	\$158,859.20
	Conover	7135	3.7%	\$1,175,558.05
	Hickory	34357	17.7%	\$5,623,615.55
	Long View	3696	1.9%	\$603,664.95
	Maiden	3018	1.6%	\$508,349.43
	Newton	12294	6.3%	\$2,001,625.87
	TOTAL*	194198	100.0%	\$31,771,839.26

With Incorporation

County	Municipalities	Population	% of Population	New Sales Tax Revenue	Change (Approx)
Catawba		130090	67.0%	21,287,132.30	(222,402.87)
	Brookford	444	0.2%	63,543.68	-
	Catawba	652	0.3%	95,315.52	-
	Claremont	1053	0.5%	158,859.20	-
	Conover	7135	3.7%	1,175,558.05	-
	Hickory	34357	17.7%	5,623,615.55	-
	Long View	3696	1.9%	603,664.95	-
	Maiden	3018	1.6%	508,349.43	-
	Newton	12294	6.3%	2,001,625.87	-
	Slanting Bridge	1459	0.8%	254,174.71	254,174.71
	TOTAL	194198	100.0%	31,771,839.26	31,771,839.26

* Variance due to rounding.

2. Powell Bill Allocation Change

Annually state street aid or Powell Bill allocations are made to incorporated municipalities which establish their eligibility and qualify as provided by G.S. 136-41.1-.3. The amount allocated to each municipality is based on both population and qualifying street miles within the municipality.

FY 1999-00 populations based allocations assumed a total, statewide municipal population of 3,937,293 and available funds of \$99,886,364.46. This created a per capita distribution rate of \$ 25.37.

Adding the new population of Slanting Bridge (1459) to the statewide total creates a new population of 3,938,752 and a per capita allocation of \$25.36. The impact of this change on Catawba municipalities is as follows:

Fiscal Research Analysis of Slanting Bridge Incorporation
(G.S. 120-169.1(c))

Municipality	Population	Original Allocation	New Allocation	Change
	131549	n/a	n/a	
Brookford	444	11,264	11,260	(4)
Catawba	652	16,541	16,535	(7)
Claremont	1053	26,715	26,704	(11)
Conover	7135	181,015	180,944	(71)
Hickory	34357	871,637	871,294	(344)
Long View	3696	93,768	93,731	(37)
Maiden	3018	76,567	76,536	(30)
Newton	12294	311,899	311,776	(123)
TOTAL	194198	4,926,803	4,924,861	(1,942)

The incorporation could also have a marginal impact on the distribution of funds based on mileage. However, Fiscal Research is not aware of the number of qualifying miles in Slanting Bridge. Therefore, no estimate is available on this portion of the Powell Bill allocation.

3. Utility Excise Tax:

Of the 3.22% state excise tax rate on the in-state gross receipts of gas, power and light and telephone companies, 3.09 percentage points (or 96% of collections) are distributed to the respective municipalities within which these services took place. In 1998-99 the statewide total was \$161.1 million.

Because Slanting Bridge only incorporates new areas (areas not currently a part of another municipalities) no revenue shift is expected. Any revenue received by Slanting Bridge from this tax would be new or drawn from the NC General Fund.