

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

## HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Set Public Hearing to close a portion of Walton Drive Right of Way

**PRESENTER:** Austin Parks, Planner I  
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** (1) Site Map depicting proposed ROW closure  
(2) North Carolina General Statute 153A-241  
(3) Applicants Petition for Road Closures  
(4) Proposed Resolution

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Planning and Property Addressing staff have received the attached petition to close unopened portion of Walton Drive right-of-way. Under North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 153A-241, counties have the power to close any public road or easement not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under control of the Department of Transportation. To close any road, the Board must:

- Vote to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement.
- Call and notice a public hearing on closing the road or easement, with notice "reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement".
- Hold the public hearing, where the Board must "hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights".
- Then, if the Board "is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road or easement."
- File a copy of the Board's order with the Register of Deeds.

### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The board is requested to approve the resolution and the setting of the public hearing to December 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

### Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve the proposed resolution and set the public hearing for December 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm.



9559605514 HANCE,  
DAVID E.; HANCE,

# Proposed Road Right of Way Closure of Walton Drive

9559506042  
BRAZNEL, ANDREW L;  
BRAZNEL, STEPHEN R

SHAW

WALTON D

9559604359 PIKE,  
KATHERINE ANNE

9559607466 VALLEY HILL  
VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
INC A N C CORP

9559509282 BRAZNEL,  
ANDREW L; BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN R

9568170888 ECUSTA  
RAILS2TRAIL LLC

9559601256  
CROPP,  
ERICA LEIGH

9559602232 ARMENTROUT,  
PAUL R; ARMENTROUT,  
MELANIE B

9559604203  
BRIGGLE, JOSEPH W.  
CO-TRUSTEE; BRIGGLE,  
CATHERINE ANNE  
CO-TRUSTEE; BRIGGLE  
REVOCABLE TRUST

9559601106 BRAZNEL,  
ANDREW L; BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN R

Walton  
Drive

9559600182 BRAZNEL,  
ANDREW L; BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN R

9559601099 BRAZNEL,  
ANDREW L; BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN R

9559605100 BRAZNEL,  
ANDREW L; BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN R

WHITE PINE DR

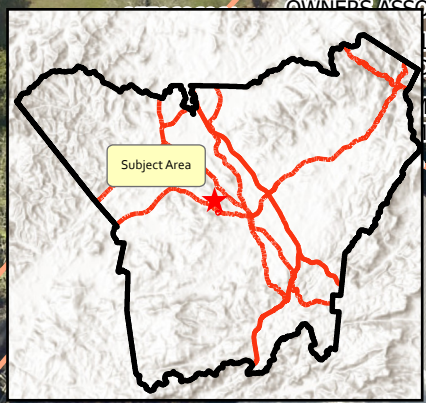
- Request of Closure
- Subject Parcel
- Parcels
- Official County Border

9558690977  
BRAZNEL, ANDREW L.  
JR.; BRAZNEL, DANA M.

HILLS HOMES  
OWNERS ASSOC

9558690186 BRAZNEL,  
ANDREW L; BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN R

9558693980 BRAZNEL,  
STEPHEN; BRAZNEL, KAREN



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634 BRAZNEL,  
BRAZNEL, COLLEEN

Applicant: Joseph Briggle





**§ 153A-241. Closing public roads or easements.**

A county may permanently close any public road or any easement within the county and not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the Department of Transportation. The board of commissioners shall first adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement and calling a public hearing on the question. The board shall cause a notice of the public hearing reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement. At the hearing the board shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights. If, after the hearing, the board of commissioners is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the board may adopt an order closing the road or easement. A certified copy of the order (or judgment of the court) shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Any person aggrieved by the closing of a public road or an easement may appeal the board of commissioners' order to the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice within 30 days after the day the order is adopted. The court shall hear the matter de novo and has jurisdiction to try the issues arising and to order the road or easement closed upon proper findings of fact by the trier of fact.

No cause of action founded upon the invalidity of a proceeding taken in closing a public road or an easement may be asserted except in an action or proceeding begun within 30 days after the day the order is adopted.

Upon the closing of a public road or an easement pursuant to this section, all right, title, and interest in the right-of-way is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the public road or easement. However, the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner by this paragraph remains subject to any public utility use or facility located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility. (1949, c. 1208, ss. 1-3; 1957, c. 65, s. 11; 1965, cc. 665, 801; 1971, c. 595; 1973, c. 507, s. 5; c. 822, s. 1; 1977, c. 464, s. 34; 1995, c. 374, s. 1.)



HENDERSON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
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**LOCAL ROAD AND EASEMENT ABANDONMENT PETITION FORM**

\*Requires Pre-Application Meeting  
\*Requires 100% of property owner signatures

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Cathy.Briggles@gmail.com

Name: Joseph W. Briggles Email: cocomojoebriggles@aol.com

Address: ~~1430 Stena Ave.~~ 1184 White Pine Dr. Hendersonville, NC 28739

Telephone: C.# 305-951-1670 H.# 305-662-2409  
W.# 305-446-1956

Name of road or easement to be abandoned  
(If easement is not named, please provide a  
Parcel(s) PIN for identification)

Walton Drive

**PETITION:**

We the under signed, being all of the property owners that have a deeded ROW to road or  
easement Walton Drive do hereby request Henderson County Board of  
Commissioners to approve the closure of the road or easement and certify Order of Closures.

**PROPERTY OWNERS:**

Name	Address	Signature
<u>Joe Briggles</u>	<u>1184 White Pine Dr.</u>	<u>Joe Briggles</u>
<u>Catherine Briggles</u>	<u>1184 White Pine Dr.</u>	<u>Catherine Briggles</u>
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Mailing Address: For Briggles in Miami  
368 Sevilla Ave.  
Coral Gables, Fl. 33146



**Henderson County  
North Carolina**

Before the Board of Commissioners

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Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, this Board has the power to close public roads and easements which are not within a municipality except public roads and easements and under the control and supervision of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Joseph Briggles has petitioned the Board for the closure of a unopened portion of Walton Drive located in Henderson County which meets the criteria, above.

Prior to closing such an easement, the Board must first adopt a resolution indicating its intent to consider the same and call a public hearing on the issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board will consider closing an unopened portion of Rogers Avenue at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2022, after a public hearing. The Board hereby calls a public hearing to be held on this issue on such date, and directs staff to provide notice, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, of the same

Adopted by the Board by motion duly made, this the 7th day of November, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF HENDERSON COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William G. Lapsley, Chairman

Attest:

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Denisa Lauffer, Clerk to the Board