

**RESOLUTION No. 22-12-020**

**Sponsored by Commissioners Steve Mikels and Ron French.**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ALCOA WILDWOOD AREA ANNEXATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in session assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022:

**WHEREAS**, a Motion was made and passed by the Blount County Board of Commissioners at their meeting in session on June 16, 2022 wherein the Commission tasked the Mayor with requesting that the County Attorney to draft a resolution to oppose the proposed annexation by the City of Alcoa of property in the area of Wildwood Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alcoa was contemplating annexing two (2) tracts of property that were non-contiguous to the City of Alcoa that lie in an non-incorporated areas of Blount County off of Wildwood Road; and

**WHEREAS**, after the June meeting of the County Commission, but prior to a resolution being prepared opposing the annexation, the City of Alcoa went forward with and passed two (2) annexation resolutions on August 9, 2022 wherein the City is purporting to annex portions of property in the area of Wildwood Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, in furtherance of the interest of Blount County and in furtherance of the Commission's expressed desire to oppose these annexations as shown by their June 16, 2022 vote, the Mayor authorized the County Attorney to institute a lawsuit opposing said annexation and the same had to be filed within a timely manner pursuant to state law; and

**WHEREAS**, said lawsuit was filed in the Chancery Court for Blount County, Tennessee, on September 7, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission has expressed a complete opposition to the purported annexations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission wants to further indicate said opposition as they do not feel the annexation was legally proper or in the best interests of the citizens of Blount County or the City of Alcoa; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission desires to continue to oppose said annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Board of Commissioners acquiesces, approves and authorizes full opposition to said annexation, including litigation and other legal matters that may be come necessary in the judgment of the Blount County Attorney.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BLOUNT COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION AT MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE,** on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners are opposed to the annexations of the Perry and Norton properties off Wildwood Road which the City of Alcoa has attempted by way of annexation resolutions passed by the Alcoa Board of Commissioners on August 9, 2022 and this body has previously expressed said opposition by vote in June 2022. In furtherance of this opposition, the County Commission hereby approves the pending litigation as properly opposing said annexation and authorizes the Mayor and the County Attorney to pursue all avenues necessary to oppose said annexation, including litigation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FORCE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

**ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date