

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A CRITICAL SLOPES SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE BOTANICAL GARDENS OF THE PIEDMONT

WHEREAS, Botanical Garden of the Piedmont (“Applicant”) wishes to develop lots owned by the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City”), identified on 2025 City Tax Map 46 as Parcels 20 and 12 and Tax Map 45 as Parcel 10 (City Parcel Identification Nos. 460002000, 460001200, 450001000), having an area of approximately 155.8 acres (6,788,000 square feet); (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant wishes to construct a botanical garden complex on the Subject Property (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within the Applicant’s application materials submitted in connection with Application PL-26-0044 (“Application”), as required by City Development Code § 34-5.2.16.B.2 (collectively, "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission (“PC”) made a recommendation of approval at its May 12, 2026 Public Meeting per City Development Code § 34-5.2.16.C.3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City Council”), upon consideration of the PC's recommendation and the City Staff Report discussing the Application, as well as the factors set forth within City Development Code (“CDC”) § 34-5.2.16.D, this City Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Critical Slopes Special Exception would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by City Council, pursuant to CDC §§ 34-4.10.1.D and 34-5.2.16, a Critical Slopes Special Exception is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Project and permit installation of a botanical garden complex consistent with the Application Materials for the Subject Property.

Approved by Council
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Kyna Thomas
Clerk of Council