



# Rutherford County Sheriff's Office

MICHAEL S. FITZHUGH  
SHERIFF

January 3, 2024

Honorable Senator Dawn White  
Honorable Senator Shane Reeves

Honorable Representative Mike Sparks  
Honorable Representative Bryan Terry  
Honorable Representative Charlie Baum  
Honorable Representative Tim Rudd  
Honorable Representative Robert Stevens

RE: Rutherford County Paying for Growth

Members of the Rutherford County State Legislative Delegation:

As the duly elected Sheriff of Rutherford County, I am asking each of you to sponsor and support legislation that will grant the Rutherford County Commission and the Mayor's office with the same authority currently granted to other counties and municipalities to meet the demands of our growing community.

The Rutherford County Commission should have access to the same tools as each jurisdiction within Rutherford County and that is the ability to access Impact Fees and or Development Taxes. As a Constitutional Officer, I work on behalf of Rutherford County Taxpayers, and recognize that the Rutherford County Commission desperately needs the same authority to pay for growth without always raising property taxes. Presently, when the County raises property taxes, it affects all property taxpayers which requires them to unfairly shoulder the financial burden of growth.

Citizens of Rutherford County desire responsible growth that reflects the practices and characteristics of our Rutherford County that have been passed down through the years from one generation to the next. Rutherford County is a wonderful place to raise a family. Please help us keep it that way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Fitzhugh".