ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAURINBURG-SCOTLAND COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BE IT JOINTLY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Laurinburg and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland:

Section 1: Finding of Desirability of Human Relations Committee.

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland, herein called "Governing Bodies", hereby find and declare that it is desirable that a Human Relations Commission be established and maintained in Scotland County, including the City of Laurinburg, pursuant to the provisions of General Statutes, Section 160A-492 and Section 153A-445.

Section 2: Establishment of Human Relations Committee Duties.

There is hereby established a Committee to be known as the Laurinburg-Scotland County Human Relations Committee. It shall be the duty of the Committee in general:

1. To encourage understanding and good will between all citizens regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, nationality, or economic status, and thus promote the general welfare of this community;

2. To report to and recommend to the City Council and Board of Commissioners measures designed to promote the welfare of the community;

3. To identify concerns within the community which could jeopardize the welfare of the community;

4. To act as an impartial public forum to the end that there will be better communications between all segments of the community;

5. To promote peace, understanding, respect, good will and harmony among all citizens.

Section 3: Authority of Human Relations Committee.

1. The Laurinburg-Scotland County Human Relations Committee may promote public interest in its recommendations in such a manner as to lessen any tensions and promote good will among its citizens.

2. The committee may sponsor meetings or forums intended to lead all citizens to a clearer understanding of the true meaning of responsible citizenship in the community, of the obligations inherent in being a good citizen, and of the need for mutual understanding and respect by all citizens for each other.

3. The Committee shall have the authority to create and devise plans for recommendations to the Governing Bodies.

Section 4: Membership, Terms of Office, Etc.

The Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members. Four (4) members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Scotland County. Eight (8) members of the Committee shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Laurinburg. While representation of all the various segments of the community is not required, diversity of membership is desirable. For the first Committee each Governing Body shall appoint members for the following terms:

1st Year:	All serve. All renewed after the first year;
2nd Year:	One (1) member for one (1) year by the County Commissioners; Two (2) members by the City Council for one (1) year term;
3rd Year:	Three (3) members for two (2) years by the City Council; One (1) member by the County Commissioners for two (2) year terms;
4th Year:	Three (3) members for three (3) years by the City Council; Two (2) members by the County Commissioners for three (3) year terms.

Thereafter, members will be appointed for three (3) year terms. In the event any member shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings (without just cause), the same shall constitute an involuntary resignation by said member. The Committee shall promptly notify the Governing Bodies of all resignations (whether voluntary or involuntary) and other vacancies on the Committee, and such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective Governing Body originally appointing said respective member. No person shall serve more than nine consecutive years. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 5: Organization, Officers, By-Laws, Meetings, Quorum, Votes.

The Committee shall meet for the purpose of organization as soon as reasonably possible after its creation on joint call from the Mayor of the City of Laurinburg and the Chairman of the Scotland County Board of Commissioners. The Committee shall elect its own officers, which shall include a chair, a vice chair, a secretary, and a treasurer, and shall propose By-Laws for the transaction of its business subject to approval of such By-Laws by both Governing Bodies. A copy of such By-Laws shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Laurinburg and with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Scotland County for inspection by interested parties and shall constitute public records.

The Committee shall hold meetings as provided by the By-Laws, or when called by the chair, vice chair or any three members of the Committee at any time upon 12 hours written or telephone notice to all of its members. All meetings shall be open to the general public except those authorized by law to be in executive session (e.g., those considering action necessary to deal with a riot or civil disorder or with conditions that indicate that a riot or civil disorder is eminent). It shall keep minutes of its meetings, in which shall be recorded all action taken in its public meetings that it considers. Such minutes shall be public records. The Committee can invite and receive suggestions from the public concerning any and all matters within the scope of its duties.

While a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Committee, no expenditure shall be made and no official action shall be taken or official recommendation made unless upon the affirmative concurrence of 2/3 of the members of the Committee (without proxies).

Section 6: Reports.

The Committee shall cause a comprehensive annual report to be prepared describing the objectives, programs and activities of the Committee and its staff. This report shall be prepared as of June 30th of each year for the previous year and shall be submitted to the City Council and Board of Commissioners by September 1st of each year. The form and content of the report shall be determined by the Committee, subject to the right of either Governing Body at any time to require a report containing any information (including supplemental information) on any subject in any format it may reasonably designate. Special reports and recommendations can be made to (or requested by) the Governing Bodies as the need arises in the judgment of the Committee or at the specific request of either Governing Body.

Section 7: Effective Date, Amendments and Repeal.

The foregoing Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage. It can be amended by an Ordinance passed by both Governing Bodies, but can be repealed by an Ordinance passed by any Governing Body at any time (upon which repeal the Committee shall *ipso facto* cease to exist and all its funds shall be vested one-half in the General Fund of the City of Laurinburg and one-half in the General Fund of Scotland County).

The foregoing Ordinance, having been introduced by Vice Chair Nancy Shelley and seconded by Commissioner Clint Willis and read, received the following votes from the members of the Scotland County Board of Commissioners:

AYES	NOES	ABSENT
John Cooley		
Lloyd Hinson		

Nancy Shelley _____ _____ _____

Sam Snowdon _____ _____ _____

Jim "Sunbeam" Sutherland _____ _____

Clint Willis _____ _____ _____

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David L. Burns, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Ann W. Kurtzman, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

Adopted by the Scotland County Board of Commissioners on November 5, 2001.

The foregoing Ordinance, having been introduced by Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Member _____ and read, received the following votes from the members of the Laurinburg City Council:

AYES	NOES	ABSENT

Adopted by the Laurinburg City Council on October 23, 2001