ORDINANCE NO. 2958

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF A ROAD KNOWN AS BURTON STREET LOCATED EAST OF DELAWARE AVENUE.

WHEREAS, SC11-2 of the Charter of the City of Salisbury (the "Charter") grants the City of Salisbury (the "City") exclusive authority over all public ways located within the municipal boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted the City under SC11-2 of the Charter, the City deems it necessary and appropriate to abandon that certain portion of Burton Street, formerly known as Blake Street, located within the municipal boundaries of the City running east of Delaware Avenue to its terminus (the "Road"); and

WHEREAS, the Road intended for abandonment by the City pursuant to this Ordinance is more particularly depicted as all that area shown as "Burton Street, 14,047+/- S.F. To Be Closed", as shown on the detailed drawing, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the City's abandonment of the Road hereunder will not affect any public access to public roadways; additionally, the Road has not been used for public ingress and egress for several years preceding the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided prior written notice to all owners of property abutting the Road informing each of them of the City's intention to abandon the Road and of each of their respective rights and responsibilities as to such portion(s) of the Road abutting their respective property following the City's abandonment of the Road as intended by this Ordinance, and all such property owners have responded to the City indicating their consent to the City's closure and abandonment of the Road; and,

WHEREAS, the City Department of Infrastructure and Development requests abandonment of the Road to ensure the owners of property abutting the Road can obtain ownership of such applicable portion(s) of the Road, if such owners so desire; and,

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of this Ordinance, the City Department of Infrastructure and Development will provide written notice to all owners of property abutting the Road informing each of them that, pursuant to the City's abandonment of the Road hereunder, the City shall not be responsible for any maintenance or costs associated with the Road as of the date this Ordinance takes effect as set forth herein below, except to the extent of its responsibility as an owner of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the authority granted to the City under SC11-2 of the Charter, that portion of the Road known as Burton Street located within the municipal boundaries of the City and east of Delaware Ave., as is more particularly depicted as all that area shown as "Burton Street, 14,047+/- S.F. To Be Closed", as shown on the detailed drawing, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby closed and deemed abandoned, in its entirety, by the City.

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

<u>Section 4</u>. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

Section 6. Upon its final passage, this Ordinance shall not be codified.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 27 day of October, 2025 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 10 day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

Julie A. English, City Clerk

Angela M. Blake, Interim Council President

Approved by me, this 14 day of November, 2025.

Randolph J. Tayor Mayor