

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE ROUTE 697 (SUTHERLAND ROAD)
AS A RURAL RUSTIC ROAD**

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 33.2-332 permits the hard-surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have no more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia desires to consider whether a 0.40-mile segment of Route 697, (Sutherland Road) from 1.38 miles west of Route 29 to the end of state maintenance, should be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unaware of any pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this road should be so designated due to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, this road is in the Board’s six-year plan for improvements to the secondary system of state highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors hereby designates a 0.40-mile segment of Route 697, (Sutherland Road) from 1.38 miles west of Route 29 to the end of state maintenance, a Rural Rustic Road, and requests that the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that a 0.40-mile segment of Route 697, (Sutherland Road) from 1.38 miles west of Route 29 to the end of state maintenance, be hard-surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation Resident Engineer.

I, Claudette K. Borgerson, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a meeting held on June 18, 2025.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Andrews	___	___
Mr. Gallaway	___	___
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	___	___
Ms. Mallek	___	___
Ms. McKeel	___	___
Mr. Pruitt	___	___