

RESOLUTION 2025-xx

A RESOLUTION PROTECTING BELLE MEADE BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, Belle Meade Boulevard is a vital and historic thoroughfare in the City of Belle Meade embodying the storied background of our beloved community; and

WHEREAS, the unique historically significant character of Belle Meade Boulevard contributes to the identity, culture, and aesthetic fabric of our City, thereby warranting its preservation for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, any alterations to the Boulevard may compromise its historic integrity and irrevocably diminish its cultural value, adversely affecting the residents of Belle Meade; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the residents of Belle Meade to preserve the existing conditions of Belle Meade Boulevard and to ensure that any potential modifications, including construction or infrastructure changes, are thoroughly evaluated in light of their impact on its historic nature; and

WHEREAS, the safety of those who use of the Boulevard is a priority, any plans that involve altering the Boulevard ought to be disfavored when less invasive measures are available; and

WHEREAS, to safeguard this cherished asset, it is deemed necessary that any proposed construction or infrastructure changes on Belle Meade Boulevard shall be subject to the direct approval of the City's electorate through a referendum requiring at least an 80% majority vote in favor of the proposed change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Belle Meade Boulevard shall be maintained and preserved in its current state, with its historic features and character retained as a primary objective of all City planning and development initiatives.

SECTION 2. No construction, alteration, or infrastructure modification that impacts Belle Meade Boulevard may be undertaken unless a direct referendum is held in which at least 80% of the participating voters approve the proposed changes.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is hereby directed to develop and implement guidelines and protocols for conducting the requisite referendum, including clear criteria for evaluating proposed changes to the boulevard, including such considerations as consulting relevant stakeholders, historic preservation experts, and the community at large.

SECTION 4. All proposals for modifications affecting Belle Meade Boulevard must be clearly publicly disclosed, and directly communicated in writing to the residents whose homes front onto Belle Meade Boulevard, and accompanied by comprehensive documentation that details the proposed plan, cost, rationale, and potential impacts on the historic and cultural fabric of the Boulevard.

SECTION 5. The City Council shall conduct periodic reviews of Belle Meade Boulevard's condition and the effectiveness of these protective measures, ensuring that the preservation objectives remain aligned with preserving the community's history and ensuring that the City of Belle Meade retains its current iconic character.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Belle Meade on this ___ day of _____, **2025**.

Rusty Moore, Mayor

[City Clerk's Name], City Clerk

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- City Manager
- Department of Planning and Development
- Historic Preservation Committee
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