



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

## **APPROVE THREE (3) VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD) APPLICATIONS**

### **SPONSOR**

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### **BACKGROUND**

Voluntary Agricultural Districts (VAD) and Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts (EVAD) were developed by the NC Department of Agriculture to encourage the preservation and protection of farmland from non-farm development.

During its August 19, 2019 meeting the Guilford County Agricultural Advisory Board approved the following applications:

- 1. VAD Application #2019-06**, being 16.2 acres and comprised of one (1) Tax Parcel (#168297 @ 16.2 acres) all owned by Donald and Frances Duggins of Kernersville, NC.
- 2. VAD Application # 2019-07**, being 20.5 acres and comprised of one (1) Tax Parcel (#132564 @ 20.5 acres) all owned by Karen Hackett Towery of Pleasant Garden, NC.
- 3. VAD Application # 2019-08**, being 57.7 acres and comprised of two (2) Tax Parcels (#224208 @ 52.7 acres, #105372 @ 5 acres) all owned by Alton, Kay and Seth Baker of Gibsonville.

To date, approval of this application brings the total number of VAD and EVAD parcels to 406, totaling 17,801.59 acres enrolled. Of these totals, 367 parcels comprising 16,127.91 acres are enrolled in VAD, and 39 parcels comprising 1673.68 acres are enrolled in the EVAD. A copy of the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' VAD Program Brochure is attached for reference.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

## **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Approve three (3) VAD (#2019-06, #2019-07, and #2019-08) applications.