AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN POLLUTING INDUSTRIES

WHEREAS, the proposed construction and operation of polluting industries that produce objectionable levels of noise, odors, vibrations, fumes, light, smoke, air pollution or other physical manifestations that may have an adverse effect on the health, safety and welfare of its citizens in Alleghany County has raised serious concerns; and

WHEREAS, examples of these concerns include: (but not all inclusive)
1. Traffic safety
2. Undesirable visual impacts to area
3. Objectionable levels of noise, odors, vibrations, fumes, light or smoke that may or may not have hazardous effects; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate planning and regulation on the part of the County, certain polluting industries may negatively impact the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens and negatively impact certain property values within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners has, pursuant to the police powers of NCGS 153A-4 and NCGS 153A-121, the authority to regulate matters of public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens within the unincorporated areas of Alleghany County; and,

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the status quo while appropriate County controls and regulations are considered and implemented, the County may enact moratoria of reasonable duration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of Commissioners of Alleghany County hereby places a moratorium on the opening or expansion of polluting industries for a period of ninety (90) days following the moratorium’s adoption. Examples of polluting industries include, but are not limited to, asphalt plants, chip mills and medical waste facilities. During the duration of this moratorium, the Board will consider such industries’ impacts including those upon economics, tourism, recreation, health, welfare, property values, and the environment, and take specific steps to address potential concerns.

This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption on this the 1st day of August, 2005.

ATTEST: ALLEGHANY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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