PROPOSED CHARTER FOR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALEXANDER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Section 1. The inhabitants of the area described in Section 2 of this act shall be and constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the "Town of Bethlehem", and shall have all the power, authority, rights, privileges and immunities conferred upon municipal corporations by the Constitution and general laws of North Carolina, and particularly Chapter 160A, of the General Statutes.

Section. 2. The corporate limits of the Town of Bethlehem in Alexander County, North Carolina shall be as herein described until changed as authorized by law:

"Beginning at the intersection of Antioch Church Road, SR 1002, and the common boundary line between Caldwell County and Alexander County, thence in a generally Eastern direction with Antioch Church Road, SR 1002, to its intersection with NC Highway 127, thence in a Northerly direction with NC Highway 127 to its intersection with Blankenship Road, SR 1152, thence in a general Southeastern direction with Blankenship Road, SR 1152, to its intersection with Teague Town Road, SR 1150, thence in a generally Easterly direction with Teague Town Road, SR 1150, to its intersection with Bowman's Cutover Road, SR 1151, thence in a generally Southern direction with Bowman's Cutover Road, SR 1151, to its intersection with Rink Dam Road, SR 1137, thence with Rink Dam Road, SR 1137, in a generally Southern direction to its intersection with B & T Lane, SR 1191, to its intersection with Emerald Point Drive, thence with Emerald Point Drive to the shoreline in a Western direction to Rink Dam Bridge to the intersection of the center of Middle Little River, thence in a Southerly direction with Middle Little River to its intersection with the Catawba River/Lake Hickory, thence with Catawba River/Lake Hickory in a Westerly direction to the common boundary line between Alexander and Caldwell County, thence with the common boundary line between Alexander and Caldwell County to the intersection of Antioch Church Road, SR 1002, the point and place of beginning.."

Section. 3. The Town of Bethlehem shall have the Council-Manager form of government and the administration thereof shall be provided in Part 2, Article 7 of Chapter 160A-146,147 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The Council shall consist of three (3) members, not including the town Manager. All the qualified voters of the Town shall elect all council candidates.

Section. 4. The municipal elections shall be nonpartisan and decided by a simple plurality, and shall be held and conducted by the county board of elections in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The municipal election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November and every two years thereafter. Of the three Council positions to be filled in the November election following incorporation, the single candidate receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to a term of four years, and the two candidates receiving the two next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to terms of two years. At each subsequent election thereafter, to be held every two years, the number of Council positions to be filled at such election shall be filled for terms of four years.

Section. 5. The councilors elected under this act shall take office at the first regular meeting following their election no later than December and qualify by taking the oath of office. The council shall hold a regular meeting at least once a month, and shall fix the time and place of its regular meetings.

Section. 6. The fiscal affairs of the town shall be governed by Chapter 159 of the General Statutes and all other pertinent provisions of the Constitution and general laws of the State. The territory within the corporate limits, its citizens and property shall be subject to municipal taxes levied by the town for the fiscal year after incorporation, and subsequent years. The town shall obtain from Alexander County, and the County shall provide, upon request, a record of the property within the corporate limits which were listed for taxation as of incorporation.

Section. 7. The first election held pursuant to this act shall be paid for by the county; but the Town of Bethlehem shall reimburse the county for the cost of the election as soon as the town treasury has funds sufficient on hand.

Section. 8. This Charter shall become effective upon incorporation.

Incorporated Town of Bethlehem

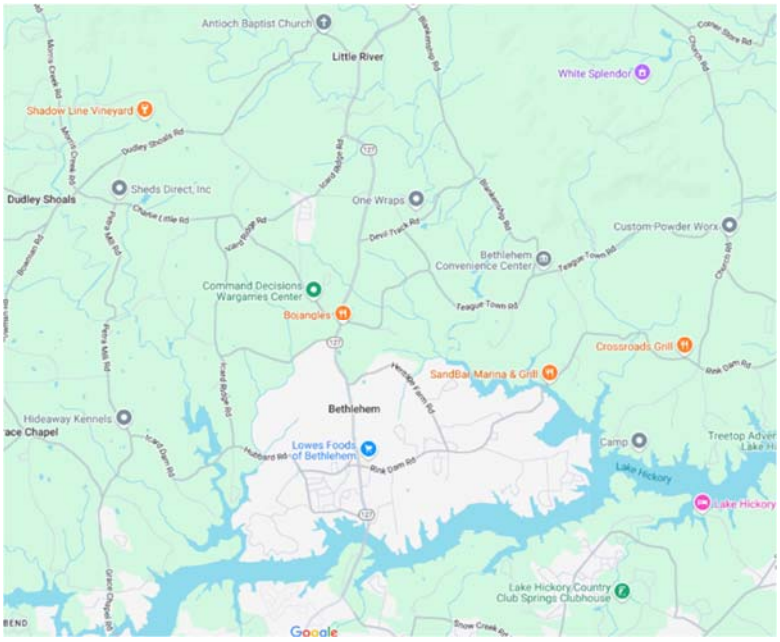
Town proposes to provide: Planning and Zoning, Police, Fire and Rescue, and street lighting and potentially Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. **The Town will Focus on preserving our community character.**

Annual Budget $550,000 per year based on $0.05/100 tax

Statistics:	Population	7846 based on 2020 census
	Registered Voters	6612 (ACBOE)
	Geographic Area	23.12 sq mi (google maps)
	Population density	341 people per square mile
	Assed value	$1.1 Billion (AC Tax department
	Degree of Development	Urban Residential (Medium Density)

Area to include Bethlehem voting districts 1 & 2 (see GIS map below)

Google Maps



Alexander County GIS



Additional information will be made available on
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