

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE REVENUE FROM THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM DUE TO NEGATIVE EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTROL COSTS IN INSPECTIONS

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The costs of the Inspections Division of the City-County Planning and Development Services Department, including the cost of Zoning Enforcement, Construction Control, and Inspections Administration are apportioned to the City and County based upon the percentage of permit revenues received from permits issued within the City limits compared to permit revenues received from permits issued outside the City limits, excluding expenses related to the enforcement of any City Ordinance for which the County has no counterpart ordinance and any general program generated revenues.

The County receives an invoice from the City of Winston-Salem on a quarterly basis for Inspections, as well as other City-County departments such as Emergency Management, Planning, and Purchasing (and other costs for recycling, evidence management, arrestee processing, and some parking deck costs). These invoices are one-fourth of the budgeted expenditures for the first three quarters and the fourth quarter invoice is a true-up invoice based on actual costs for the year.

For Fiscal Year 2021, the budget for Inspections includes \$3,100 for Inspections Administration, \$417,140 for Zoning Enforcement, and \$82,370 for Erosion Control. In addition to these costs a negative \$158,100 was included for Construction Control – essentially, there will be no cost to the County for Construction Control and in fact, the City of Winston-Salem would reimburse the County this amount of money at the end of the fiscal year when actual costs are calculated.

Unfortunately, the negative \$158,100 creates an issue in paying invoices to the City of Winston-Salem as the other costs in Inspections will exceed what the County has budgeted to pay the City by the second quarter. To solve this issue, this amendment will increase revenue from the City of Winston-Salem and eliminate the negative cost for Construction Control, thus keeping the net County dollar cost for Inspections the same as the FY21 Adopted Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: yes no

SIGNATURE: *J. Dudley Watts, Jr. / AMS*

COUNTYMANAGER

DATE: September 08, 2020

