Information Item

Date: February 15, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, Members of the City Council

From: Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney

Subject:

Information Regarding the City of Winston-Salem's 2022 Legislative Priorities

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The North Carolina General Assembly will formally convene in April/May 2022. The attached bills and resolutions are recommended for inclusion in the City's 2022 Legislative Priorities package. The bills are as follows:

- 1. A Bill To Be Entitled An Act to Authorize the City of Winston-Salem To Exempt Certain Properties From System Development Fees for the Development of Affordable Housing. This bill, if enacted, authorizes cities to exempt lots developed for affordable housing from storm water development fees.
- 2. A Bill to Be Entitled An Act to Authorize Cities to Undertake Activities within their Stormwater Management Programs to Implement Flood Reduction Techniques that Result in Improvements to Private Property. This bill, if enacted, authorizes the repair of storm water systems on private property.
- 3. A Bill To Be Entitled An Act to Clarify How Public Bodies in Winston-Salem may conduct Business During Meetings Involving Simultaneous Communication. This bill, if enacted, authorizes remote/virtual meetings in nonemergency situations.
- 4. A Bill To Be Entitled an Act to Authorize Cities to Employee Civilian Traffic Investigators. This bill, if enacted, authorizes cities to use civilian employees to conduct investigations of traffic crashes and issue traffic citations under Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.

This package is for information only.