

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 2016 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND
EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATED FY17-
18 LOCAL FUNDING COMMITMENT**

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Fire Department is only meeting the recommendation of the National Fire Protection Association's 1710 national consensus staffing standard 56% of the time; and

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Fire Department has received a Department of Homeland Security Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant that dedicates \$1,306,470 of federal assistance to hire 15 additional firefighters to increase the department's NFPA 1710 compliance; and

WHEREAS, the additional personnel would be strategically assigned to fire companies that respond to a majority of residential fires; and

WHEREAS, City staff will establish multiple metrics to measure the effect of the additional firefighters on the Fire Department's performance over the three-year grant period; and

WHEREAS, based on the performance data, in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the Mayor and City Council will have the option to discontinue funding for the additional firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding model requires a total local match of approximately \$813,000 from Fiscal Year 2017-2018 through Fiscal Year 2020-2021, plus \$90,000 for training and equipment in Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Public Safety Committees recommend acceptance of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant and commitment of the local funds to match the federal grant and provide for training and equipment for the 15 firefighter positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem do hereby accept the 2016 Department of Homeland Security Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Ordinances be amended to appropriate the federal funding for FY 2017-2018 and \$160,000 from general fund balance for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 local match and training and equipment costs.