

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 11, 2022

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Lease Agreement with Forsyth County to Co-locate the 911 Call Centers at the County’s Public Safety Center at 301 N Church Street

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: Improve Public Safety Service Quality

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City and Forsyth County government will enter into an interlocal lease agreement to co-locate the personnel and equipment resources that receive and process 911 calls for the two jurisdictions in a space at the County’s Public Safety Center, located at 301 N Church Street. The lease will become effective on the date the City occupies the space.

Currently, 911 calls are received at two Emergency Communications Centers (ECC). At the beginning of the renovation, it was discovered that the City’s ECC does not comply with Category IV of the North Carolina Building Code or with recommendations contained in National Fire Protection Association 1221 Standard for the Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Emergency Services Communications Systems. These requirements and recommendations include wind and seismic resistance, snow load capacity, plumbing robustness, vibration tolerance, lightening protection, and staff support amenities. It would cost the City an additional estimated \$10 to \$15 million up upfit the City’s PSC to meet these standards. The Forsyth County Public Safety Center meets these requirements.

The remodeling of the space is likely to occur in the next 12 to 18 months. When this project is completed, the City’s telecommunicators will be located in a safe, compliant facility. Rental payments will not begin until the City takes possession for the purpose of upfitting the space.

The City agrees to pay the County a rental amount of \$7.27 per useable square foot (\$29,770/year) for the premises, at a base monthly payment of \$2,480.89 per month. The space to be occupied by City 911 is 3561 square feet. Secure access to the floor, additional secured access to the dispatch corridor, janitorial services, 7 secured parking spaces during the day, and 15 secured spaces in the evening are included in the \$7.27 rental amount. There will be additional costs (est. \$1 M) to upfit the space. The interlocal lease agreement is attached.

Committee Action:

Committee	Public Safety 4/11/22	Action	Approval
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