

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 12, 2021

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

From: Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Adopting the City of Winston-Salem’s Legislative Priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The North Carolina General Assembly will convene on January 13, 2021 (“Long Session”). The City’s 2021 Legislative package, which is recommended for your approval, contains four bills and one resolution. The bills include:

1. A Bill to Be Entitled An Act Allowing the City of Winston-Salem to Sell Real Property for the Purpose of Increasing the Supply of Affordable Housing for Low-and-Moderate Income Persons upon such terms and conditions it deems wise. This bill/local act, if enacted, will afford the city greater flexibility in selling city property for affordable housing purposes.
2. 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/local act, if enacted, will afford the city the opportunity to waive system development systems to encourage the construction of more affordable housing.
3. 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

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CDHGG 1/12/2021</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

Improvements to Private Property. This statewide bill, if enacted, will address the issue of authority for cities to engage in storm water projects on private property.

4. A Bill to Be Entitled An Act to Amend §132-1.4A Law Enforcement Agency Recordings and §143-318.11(A) Closed Sessions. This statewide bill, if enacted, will afford all citizen police review boards and city councils access, if desired, to body worn camera footage in closed session. Such authority will afford city councils and citizen police review boards greater access to information as they engage in efforts to fulfill their statutory roles and provide direction or advice to city staff, where appropriate.

Finally, the package contains a resolution requesting that the General Assembly create additional revenue options for cities due, in part, to the revenue losses caused by COVID-19.