

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** September 9, 2019

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

**From:** Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager  
 Catrina Thompson, Chief of Police  
 Lori Sykes, Assistant City Attorney

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a "Forsyth County Involuntary Commitment Transportation Agreement" as required by North Carolina Session Law 2018-33 (Senate Bill 630)

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

As part of the State's attempt to improve the delivery of behavioral health services, North Carolina Session Law 2018-33 required that behavioral health Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations adopt a community crisis service plan. That plan must include an agreement on transportation responsibilities in involuntary commitment cases and must be submitted to the State by October 1, 2019.

Beginning earlier this year, multiple stakeholder meetings have been held in order to develop a transportation agreement, with attendees including: local law enforcement; local acute care hospitals; Daymark Recovery Center; Cardinal Health; the Forsyth County Magistrate's Office and the Forsyth County Clerk's Office. The transportation agreement being submitted for approval preserves the historical statutory requirements for transportation for the Winston-Salem Police Department and includes the use of some additional providers of transportation.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Public Safety 9/9/2019</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>
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**Remarks:**

It also provides a centralized first examination site in Daymark Recovery Center for use when possible.

The goals of the agreement include decreasing the burden on emergency department as to first examinations of involuntary commitment respondents, decreasing the burden on local law enforcement through the use of other transportation resources, and, accordingly, benefiting the community.