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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A FIRE PREVENTION AND
SAFETY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) to fund the purchase of a mobile fire investigation unit. This is a 33-foot enclosed trailer that is climate controlled and has workstations, an interview room, a lavatory, and storage for equipment and evidence; and

WHEREAS, the fire problem in Winston-Salem remains significant, despite community risk reduction efforts. In the past five years, Winston-Salem has had 439 fires that were determined to be intentionally set. The city averages a working building fire every thirty-six hours and three fire fatalities per year; and

WHEREAS, the process of fire investigation has become more scientific and complex due to changes in the National Fire Protection Association's 921 Standard Guide for Fire and Explosions Investigations. NFPA 921, the consensus industry standard for determining fire cause and origin. A fire investigation unit, as described, will result in fire investigations that are more thorough, consistent, and intact; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the trailer will be \$150,000. If awarded, the local match will be 5%. This request is for authorization to apply for a FP&S Grant, with a local match not to exceed \$7,500. If the City is awarded the funds, they will be made available at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire

**Winston-Salem City Council
APPROVED
May 18, 2010**

Prevention and Safety Grant with a local match not to exceed \$7,500 and execute agreements and documents necessary to implement the grant.