

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 4, 2024

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

From: Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of The City of Winston-Salem’s Legislative Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: N/A

Strategic Plan Action Item: N/A

Key Work Item: N/A



Summary of Information:

Per the Senate Joint Resolution (S.J.R. 760) adopted October 25, 2023, the North Carolina General Assembly will formally convene for the “Short Session” on April 24, 2024. The attached bills and resolution are recommended for inclusion in the City’s 2024 Legislative Priorities package. The bills are as follows:

1. A Bill to Be Entitled an Act to Authorize the City of Winston-Salem to Exempt Certain Properties from or Provide a Reduction in System Development Fees for the Development of Affordable Housing. This bill, if enacted, will authorize cities to exempt certain properties from or provide a reduction in system development fees for properties developed for affordable housing purposes.

2. 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 Improvements to Private Property. This bill, if enacted, will authorize the repair of storm water systems on private property including the City’s 70/30 program.

Committee Action:

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3. A Bill to Be Entitled an Act to Amend the Enabling Laws Relating to City-County Planning and Zoning in Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem. This bill, if enacted, will allow the Winston-Salem City Council, along with the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, to authorize the City-County Planning Board to make final decisions regarding certain rezoning matters.

The package also includes a resolution requesting funding consideration by members of the Forsyth County Legislative Delegation and the North Carolina General Assembly for certain initiatives and projects, including funding for a ladder truck for the fire department, stormwater projects, and additional funding for affordable housing.