

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** Authorize Write-off of Delinquent Miscellaneous Accounts Receivables

**From:** Bobby D. Fitzjohn, Financial Services Director

**Meeting Date:** June 21, 2021

**Public Hearing:** No

**Advertising Date /** N/A

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**Attachments:**

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### **PURPOSE:**

The Financial Services Department recommends that the City Council authorize them to write-off the delinquent miscellaneous receivables remaining from several prior fiscal years up to Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from the general ledger for accounting purposes.

### **BACKGROUND:**

North Carolina law allows the City to write-off uncollected accounts when they become three years old. It is the City's practice to annually clear the financial records of these outstanding accounts prior to fiscal year end. The City's accounting staff continues to annually review and evaluate the collectability of all outstanding amounts and makes accounting adjustments on the balance sheet.

At recommendation of Financial Services staff, the Public Services Department has changed its credit and billing practices at the landfill and recycling centers which is now reducing any larger balances outstanding for that business line. In accordance with state law, the City is also requesting the write-off of unpaid returned checks that have not been able to be processed otherwise.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

These amounts have already been "reserved" at 100% of their value during the audit for fiscal year June 30, 2020. There is no additional impact for the procedural approval to write these amounts off for accounting purposes. Recoveries of prior amounts written off are recognized as income for collections of prior accounts receivable charged off.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED:**

City Council is requested to authorize the Financial Services Director to write-off \$4,666 for prior years original billings through the fiscal year 2016-2017:

Landfill fees	\$4,299
Returned checks	<u>367</u>
Total	\$4,666

City of High Point  
 Historical Utilities Charge-Offs

DATE	FISCAL YR	CHG'D OFF AMT	PERCENTAGE	BILLINGS
6/30/2001	1997-1998	\$249,765.83	0.262	\$95,470,156.98
6/30/2002	1998-1999	\$218,381.33	0.228	\$95,526,975.82
6/30/2003	1999-2000	\$172,092.40	0.163	\$105,820,760.30
6/30/2004	2000-2001	\$177,065.01	0.165	\$107,496,977.06
6/30/2005	2001-2002	\$222,393.40	0.203	\$109,521,564.33
6/30/2006	2002-2003	\$223,780.98	0.191	\$117,220,626.71
6/30/2007	2003-2004	\$263,789.81	0.220	\$119,847,582.87
6/30/2008	2004-2005	\$413,510.26	0.341	\$121,248,738.27
6/30/2009	2005-2006	\$349,965.32	0.261	\$134,296,214.52
6/30/2010	2006-2007	\$400,146.77	0.297	\$134,587,635.64
6/30/2011	2007-2008	\$492,965.82	0.342	\$143,939,788.84
6/30/2012	2008-2009	\$560,802.18	0.385	\$145,493,985.94
6/30/2013	2009-2010	\$619,747.81	0.412	\$150,487,134.99
6/30/2014	2010-2011	\$713,557.63	0.440	\$163,525,999.00
6/30/2015	2011-2012	\$618,097.37	0.380	\$163,930,969.00
6/30/2017	2012-2013	\$659,275.54	0.390	\$169,080,501.52
6/30/2017	2013-2014	\$1,288,689.87	0.740	\$176,375,391.00
6/30/2018	2014-2015	\$943,526.35	0.521	\$181,107,729.01
6/30/2019	2015-2016	\$908,657.04	0.490	\$185,368,859.46
6/30/2020	2016-2017	\$836,381.29	0.436	\$191,924,711.45