

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



### **Title: Three Fire Positions/Deep River Fire District - Budget Ordinance**

**From:** Stephen M. Hawryluk  
Budget and Performance Manager

**Meeting Date:** August 2, 2021

**Public Hearing:** No

**Advertising Date /** N/A

**Advertised By:** -

**Attachments:** Budget Ordinance

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### **PURPOSE:**

To approve funding for three new fire positions to operate Tanker 12 for the Deep River Fire District.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In October 2020, to satisfy Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating requirements for the Deep River Fire District area, a water hauling tanker, which serves this area via an interlocal agreement, was placed in service at Station 12, with one person assigned on each shift. The three positions have been covered by additional overtime expenses.

The approved FY 2021-22 budget for Guilford County includes an increased tax levy to \$12.41 cents (per \$100 of valuation) for the Deep River Fire District. This is the first of two planned increases with the increased revenues funding three new fire positions with the High Point Fire Department to operate Tanker 12. The total cost of these positions for FY 2021-22 is \$153,174.

For these positions, the proposed amendment appropriates general fund reserves in the amount of \$114,880, with the remaining cost of the positions covered by a decrease in overtime expenses. The planned tax increase for Deep River Fire District in FY 2022-23 would help offset the costs of these positions in future years. It is expected that the ISO rating for this area will be a class 1 effective September 2021.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The FY 2021-22 budget impact is \$114,880, with future years covered by increased intergovernmental revenues via the Deep River Fire District and reduced overtime expenses.

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

The Financial Services Department recommends and asks the City Council to approve the budget amendment.

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA  
TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THREE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. The proposed amendment appropriates \$114,880 in general fund reserves and reduces overtime expenses to fund three new High Point Fire Department positions to operate Tanker 12.

Section 2. The 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance of the City of High Point should be amended as follows:

(A) That the following Fire revenues be amended as follows:

Fund Balance Appropriation	\$114,880
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(B) That the following Fire expenditures be amended as follows:

Salaries and Benefits (3 Fire positions)	\$153,174
Reduced Overtime Expenses	<del>-\$38,294</del>
	\$114,880

Section 3. That all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage."

Adopted by High Point City Council, this the 2nd day of August, 2021

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Mayor, Jay W. Wagner

ATTEST

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Lisa B. Vierling,  
City Clerk