City Council Agenda Item Request
Submit to Clerk's Office
No later than 30 days before proposed Council meeting

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** May 19, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Chris Budzinski, Fire

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** Jun 24, 2025

4. **Subject:** Agreement with Buncombe for fire protection services on the Biltmore Estate and in the Haw Creek area.

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of resolution authorizing an agreement whereby the City receives compensation from Buncombe County for fire protection and rescue services in certain areas of the County.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why: N/A**

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
   - Funding for these fire protection services is provided to the City from Buncombe County. All services are then provided through City's general fund and/or operating budgets.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).**
   - **N/A**

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:**

10. **Identify key issues:**
    - The Biltmore Estate has been served by the City of Asheville Fire Department since 1995, and Haw Creek has been served by the City of Asheville Fire Department since 2009 through contracts with Buncombe County.

    - The Asheville Special Fire Protection and Rescue Service District of Buncombe County was established and created effective July 1, 2016. It comprises the Biltmore Estate property, and portions of the Haw Creek District. The Asheville Fire Department serves the district for fire protection, medical response, and rescue services.

    - The County levies a special tax in the District and appropriates those funds to the City of Asheville.

    - The taxes collected by the County from the District are paid to the City by the last day of each month in twelve equal monthly installments.

    - At the end of the fiscal year, the County reconciles the monthly payments made to the City and the actual amounts collected to make a final adjusted payment in July of the following fiscal year.

- The current agreement with the County expires at the end of June 2025, and staff seeks approval of a new agreement with the County, that will run through the end of July 1, 2026.