CITY OF LENOIR

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

I. **Agenda Item:** The Lenoir Fire Department is requesting the appointment of Norman Staines to serve as one of the two selected by the City Council to serve on the Local Relief Fund Board (LRFB).

II. **Background Information:** The Firefighters' Relief Fund (FRF) was established in 1907 to financially assist firefighters that are injured while performing their duties, and to insure that no firefighter would become financially destitute through no fault of their own. The FRF has seen several legislative revisions over the course of its history. Some of these added additional uses for the fund and recent changes placed additional guidelines on the fund. The FRF laws are found under G.S. 58-84 and G.S. 58-85. Laws that govern your departments use of the FRF are concentrated in G.S 58-84.

One of the requirements is appoint a Local Relief Fund Board (LRFB) consisting of five members (GS 58-84-30): two members serving at the pleasure of the fire department elected by the membership who are qualified beneficiaries of the fund; two of whom shall be elected or appointed by the Mayor, Board of Alderman, or City Council if it is a municipal department, or other local governing body to serve at their pleasure, or if it is a non-municipal department, two appointed by the County Commissioners to serve at their pleasure; and one appointed by the State Fire Marshal.

Currently, Donna Bean serves as one of the representatives appointed by City Council and the LRFB needs one additional representative who resides within the City of Lenoir.

III. **Staff Recommendation:** Approve Chief Staines to serve one of the positions appointed by the City Council.

IV. Reviewed By:

City Attorney: _____

City Manager: _____

Fire Chief: _____