Air Quality Transition

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Air Quality

Background

- **Commissioners are transitioning Air Quality program from a joint City-County entity to a County program**

- **To complete the transition four actions are necessary:**
  1. Adopt resolution to create a county Air Quality program
  2. Amend and Terminate the Interlocal Agreement with the City
  3. Create Air Quality Advisory Council
  4. Adopt Air Quality regulations
     - 30 day public comment period

Resolution to Create Air Quality Program

- **Establishes Air Quality Program under Buncombe County**
- **Creates the Air Quality Advisory Council to replace the Air Quality Governing Board**
  - Majority of Air Quality Governing Board members willing to transition
- **Establishes the BOC as the governing body for Air Quality**
- **Amends the Interlocal Agreement**

Interlocal Agreement

- Extends interlocal agreement with City of Asheville until process is complete (anticipated July 24th)
  - Ensures no lapse in permitting and enforcement responsibilities
- Amends to allow for termination with 30 day notice

Air Quality Regulations

- **Chapter 1 -Update to be a program of Buncombe County**
- **Chapter 4 & 17-Update standards to meet current State rules**
  - Rules conform to state code, no other changes proposed
- **Requires 30 day public comment period**

Timeline Summary

- **June 16 (BOC mtg): Request to adopt Resolution**
- June 17: Issue 30 Day Public Comment Notice for regulation adoption
- June 23: City Council mtg request to extend Interlocal Agreement
- June 24: County to gives City 30 Day notice to terminate Interlocal
- July 9: NC EMC Certification
- **July 21 (BOC mtg): Request to Adopt Air Quality Regulations**
- July 24: Final transition to Buncombe County Air Quality (end of 30 day notice)

Request for Action

- Approve resolution to:
  - Amend and Terminate the Interlocal Agreement with the City
  - Bring Air Quality under Buncombe County
  - Create the Air Quality Advisory Council
  - Begin the 30 day public comment period to Adopt Air Quality Code


Any Questions?