



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/4/2021

Consent Agenda

Department: Health & Human Services (HHS)

Presenter(s): Jessica Silver, Environmental Health Administrator

**Contact (s): Jessica Silver, Environmental Health Administrator
Stoney Blevins, HHS Director**

Subject: Additional Environmental Health Onsite Wastewater & Wells Position

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County Health & Human Services Public Health Division, Environmental Health Section, Onsite Wastewater & Wells program has experienced a 22% increase for septic system evaluations over the last five years. Building projects, not serviced by public sewer, begin with a request for an evaluation to determine the suitability of a site to accommodate a septic system and/or well. Due to this continued growth, the program is experiencing wait times that exceed the two week turnaround time expectation for new site visits.

In an effort to reduce the turnaround time, improve the customer experience, and ensure positive public health and environmental outcomes we are requesting an additional position within the Onsite Wastewater section.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Authorize one full time position within the Onsite Wastewater Section and cover with current year lapsed salary.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends approval as presented.