



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/19/2021

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:** Air Quality

**Presenter(s):** Ashley Featherstone, Director

**Contact(s):** Ashley Featherstone

**Subject:** WNC Regional Air Quality Board Interlocal Agreement Amendment Resolution

#### Brief Summary:

At the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WNC Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors, the members voted to request amendments to the Interlocal Agreement between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville that established the agency and governs its operations. Attached is a resolution to the full Board of Commissioners for consideration. Below is a summary of the proposed amendments.

1. Change name of agency to Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency (ABAQA). Years ago, the Agency represented a region, now it's jurisdiction is the County and the City. "WNC" and "Regional" are no longer representative of the agency.
2. Remove paragraph entitled "facilities" from the agreement. This paragraph states that the agency's office is located at 49 Mount Carmel Road. The agency vacated this space in 2015 and as such, this paragraph is no longer applicable.
3. Amend paragraph that addresses finances to reflect current operations. Buncombe County is providing other services in addition to financial services, which the agency is reimbursing the County for per the indirect cost allocation plan.
4. Delete the paragraph that addresses the Clean Air Community Trust, which was associated with the Agency when the current agreement was written in 2000. The Trust is no longer active and they have not met in the last 10 years. As such, this paragraph is no longer applicable.
5. Update the mission of the agency as approved by the board in Exhibit A. The mission of the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency is to protect and monitor the area's air quality to safeguard the public health and the environment.
6. Correct other minor typographical errors and a cross reference in the agreement.
7. A line through strike out version of the changes is attached for more information.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** Adopt the resolution.

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:** Recommends approval.