



ORDINANCE # _____

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 2, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 General Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of November, 2021.

Requesting Department:	Emergency Services
Budget Amendment Item:	Positions and funding for Emergency Services Response

Description: As discussed at the 10/19/21 Commissioner Briefing, Emergency Services is struggling to meet the demands of service due to significantly increased call volume, staff quarantines, and hospital turnaround times. Response times for ambulances and 911 call answer time both exceed industry standard at this time due to the increased volume. Additional vehicles and staff are needed to improve response times. The department is asking for funding to increase the number of units by stocking spare ambulances, purchasing two quick response vehicles (QRV's) and the associated staff as well as provide shift differential and on-call pay to retain existing staff in both Emergency Medical Services and 911 Communications.

This amendment requests \$360,000 for two QRV's, associated equipment, and additional equipment to stock spare ambulances from appropriated fund balance. The request also asks to establish 18 new regular paramedic positions (14 full-time, 4 part-time). Estimated lapse salary in the function will be used to cover new positions and salary changes. This will be monitored and if unable to cover, we would plan to bring another amendment back to the Board.

Funding Source: Appropriated Fund Balance

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 360,000	
Fleet/Emergency Services: Capital Outlay and Non-Capital Equipment		\$ 360,000
TOTAL	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
 THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**

 Clerk to the Board

By: _____
 Chairman of the Board