



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 1/16/2024

New Business

Department: Buncombe County Sheriff's Office **Presenter(s):** Sheriff Miller

Contact(s): Sheriff Miller, Lynn Smith

Subject: Buncombe County Sheriff's Office Downtown Initiative

Brief Summary: The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office received a letter from one of the Downtown Business Districts business owners. In the correspondence the writer cited problems and concerns expressed by owners, managers, and employees who are experiencing problems due to the homeless population in the Downtown Business District. The Sheriff's Office held several meetings with the district's owners, managers, and employees. The problems experienced include assaults, robberies, break ins, damage to property, disorderly conduct, and more. The Sheriff's Office agrees with the concerned parties. The environment created by some of the homeless individuals frequenting the business district is unacceptable.

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office has been asked to get involved to help abate the problems that are being experienced by the Downtown Business District community.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners support in addition to include funding the cost of the Downtown Initiative.