# City of Charlotte



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## **Charlotte Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Lease**

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve a lease amendment between the City of Charlotte and The Meritex Corporation for a facility for Charlotte Fire's Urban Search and Rescue Team, and
- B. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the lease amendment between the City of Charlotte and The Meritex Corporation.

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

Phil Reiger, General Services Tony Korolos, General Services Reginald Johnson, Fire

#### **Explanation**

- The Charlotte Fire Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team has leased 18,338 square feet of space in a warehouse facility at 3140 Yorkmont Road in Council District 3 since March 2010.
- The USAR Team provides a regional service by responding to emergencies or disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods.
- The equipment housed at the leased facility includes, but is not limited to: five tractor trailers, six 28-foot trailers, two 25-foot generators, and eight 8-foot generators. There are also five offices and a conference room used for training and deployment preparation.
- In November 2018, the city signed an extension of the existing lease for a one-year term, which terminates March 14, 2020, with no renewal options.
- The proposed lease includes:
  - A five-year term, and
  - Annual base rent of \$7.15 per square foot, plus an additional \$1.85 per square foot for operating expenses and common area maintenance. The total rent cost will be \$13,753.50 per month, with three percent annual increases. This rate is consistent with market rates.
- This transaction is consistent with Charlotte Fire Department's Facilities Master Plan and with the City-Owned Real Estate and Facilities Policy adopted by City Council in June 2017.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Grants Fund and Fire Operating Budget

### Attachment(s)

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