

Legislation Text

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Continue Funding Staff in the District Attorney's Office

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts with the Administrative Office of the Courts for the funding of five positions in the District Attorney's Office's Property Crime Court, and partial funding of four positions in the District Attorney's Office's Drug Crime Unit, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.**

Staff Resource(s):

Johnny Jennings, Police

Explanation

- Under NC General Statue Section 160A-289.1, the City may contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide additional resources to assist with the timely disposition of cases involving threats to public safety.
- These contracts are to help address the backlog of cases in Mecklenburg County and support crime fighting initiatives.
- Since 2008, the City has provided annual funding to the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office to support:
 - the full cost of two Assistant District Attorneys and three Victim/Witness Legal Assistants in the District Attorney's Office's Property Crime Unit, and
 - 12.5 percent of the cost of four Assistant District Attorneys in the District Attorney's Office's Drug Crime Unit.
- These actions authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract with the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts for continued funding of these nine positions.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$401,481.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Police Operating Budget