

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 2014 SAFER GRANT

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department has received a federal Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant award of \$1,119,648; and

WHEREAS, this grant allows the fire department to fully comply with NFPA 1710 for minimum staffing, and OSHA 1910.134 for the minimum standard of two-in/two-out when arriving first on a fire scene; and

WHEREAS; the NFPA's standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations by Career Fire Departments (Standard 1710) calls for a minimum of four personnel on all first arriving apparatus; and

WHEREAS; four-person staffing on all ladder companies has been a goal of the department for a number of years; and

WHEREAS; per the direction of City Council, the fire department's 2016-2017 budget includes funding to staff two of the four remaining ladder trucks with four personnel; and

WHEREAS; this is a Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant for \$1,119,648 that will cover Salaries and Benefits for twelve firefighters from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS; starting January 1, 2018 the city will be responsible for the total cost for maintaining these twelve firefighter positions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the request to accept the SAFER grant award of \$1,119,648 is hereby approved.