

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, AND GUILFORD COUNTY FOR THE JOINT FUNDING OF AN ASSISTANT AGENT POSITION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GARDEN OPPORTUNITIES AND FOOD ACCESS EFFORTS COUNTYWIDE

WHEREAS, food insecurity, or the lack of physical or economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food to meet dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy lifestyle is a pervasive issue in Guilford County;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro recognizes that providing and programming shared garden spaces for food production is one strategy useful in combatting food insecurity;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department has a long and rich history of collaborating with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Guilford County on initiatives related to natural resources, family and consumer science, horticulture, and urban conservation, including work involving the City's community gardens and Community Food Task Force;

WHEREAS, the staff of the City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, City of High Point Community Development and Housing Department, and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Guilford County recognize a need to promote and provide shared garden spaces in a consistent fashion throughout the county; and a need to facilitate the growth of shared gardening opportunities, education, collaboration, and customer service;

WHEREAS, through an interlocal agreement, the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, and Guilford County each agree to be responsible for one-third (1/3) of the amount budgeted for a new Assistant Agent housed in a State position within the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Guilford County, given availability and appropriation of funds, with the understanding that the position will dedicate at least two days per week, or the hourly equivalent of two days per week, to projects within the City of Greensboro and at least two days per week or the hourly equivalent of two days per week within the City of High Point;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. General Statute 160A-461 et seq. entering into such an interlocal agreement requires City Council approval;

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

That the City Manager is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement involving the City of Greensboro, City of High Point, and Guilford County to provide for an Assistant Agent position subject to the terms and conditions included within this resolution and interlocal agreement.