

RESOLUTION FOR A SPECIAL ORDER BY CONSENT (SOC)
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WHEREAS, Water Resources requests City Council authorization for the City Manager to intervene in the administrative action objecting to the City's Special Order by Consent (SOC) with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ);

WHEREAS, the SOC addresses discharges of 1,4-dioxane, an unregulated constituent, from the T. Z. Osborne Water Reclamation Facility (TZO);

WHEREAS, In November 19, 2019, the Greensboro City Council approved a resolution to allow the Water Resources Director to negotiate a SOC with NCDEQ to address 1,4-dioxane levels being discharged from the T.Z. Osborne facility;

WHEREAS, a public notice and public hearing was held by NCDEQ and the revised SOC was approved in a unanimous vote at the March 11, 2021 meeting of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission;

WHEREAS, the SOC which goes into effect on May 1, 2021, officially outlines the steps that Greensboro will continue to take to further reduce concentrations of 1,4-dioxane in order to protect downstream drinking water sources;

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Public Works Commission and the Southern Environmental Law Center (on behalf of the Haw River Assembly) filed a petition to challenge the SOC. The department requests City Council approval to intervene, along with NCDEQ, to uphold the terms of the SOC; and

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

That the City Manager is authorized to intervene in the administrative action objecting to the City's Special Order by Consent with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.