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INFORMATION:

Lee Institute To Conduct Survey on Community-wide Affordable Housing Efforts
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At the October 16, 2012 Affordable Housing Strategy session the City Council discussed strategies for addressing affordable housing and the role and composition of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Coalition for Housing (Coalition).

As a follow-up to that session, the Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC) has partnered with the City to conduct a community survey to receive input on how to achieve greater success in expanding and increasing the supply of affordable housing and how the Coalition can best be utilized to that end.

The survey will be funded by the FFTC and conducted by the Lee Institute. Survey interviewees will consist of neighborhood representatives from each Council district, and individuals from the philanthropic, faith and business community. City Council members will also be included in this survey.

Interviews will begin the week of February 11, 2013.

Changes to Permanent License Plates
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On October 1, 2012, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) announced the introduction of a new permanent license plate. A press release announcing the change is attached (**see "License plates.pdf**"). A law passed by the General Assembly changing who was eligible for permanent license plates necessitated the new plate. The law required NCDOT to issue new permanent license plates to the City and other eligible permanent license plate holders by December 31, 2012.

By late October of 2012, City staff knew meeting the deadline for the over 4,800 vehicles the City managed would be extremely challenging. By late November staff knew it would not meet the deadline. This was caused by a combination of administrative and logistical issues impacting the license replacement process. These included:

- A cumbersome process for submitting and receiving the new plates from the local DMV office;
- A software upgrade in the State of North Carolina vehicle inspection software in late November 2012 that resulted in a number of lost inspection results on City and County vehicles and slowed the licensing issue process at the DMV;
- Only having approximately 50% of the new licenses plates that were requested by December 31, 2012 and having still not received over 400; and

- The challenge of scheduling tag replacement for vehicles and equipment engaged in 24/7 operations.

This is a statewide issue. Fleet Management received notification on January 8 that there was a statewide shortage of the new license plates. Shared Services/Fleet Management contacted the cities of Raleigh, Asheville and Mooresville on January 30 and found that they also had not yet completed the license plate replacement process. All of these jurisdictions have smaller fleets than the combined fleet for which the City is responsible. The Fleet Management staff is continuing this work and anticipates being 100% complete by the end of February should they receive all of the requested license plates.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report **(see "Council follow up.pdf")**

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