



Law Enforcement Service District Overview

The Board voted to terminate the 1996 “Agreement Between the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for the Continued Consolidation of the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Police Departments” with the City of Charlotte effective June 30, 2018 and asked the County Manager to negotiate Interlocal Agreements (“ILAs”) with the City of Charlotte, Pineville, Huntersville, and Cornelius for each to provide law enforcement services within designated ETJ areas of the County (including Mint Hill and Davidson).

The County Manager is also proposing that the Board terminate the existing County-wide Law Enforcement Service District (an “LESD”) created in 1996, and create six (6) new LESDs, one for each of the ETJ areas -- City of Charlotte, Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Mint Hill, and Pineville. This action provides the Board with the option and flexibility to set different tax rates for each ETJ area over time.

Creation of Six New Service Districts

The Board has authority to create LESDs per the statutory requirements set forth in GS 153A-302. In general, the Board must: cause a report(s) to be created demonstrating that each service district meets statutory standards; provide a plan (e.g. ILAs) to provide policing services for each district; mail a notice to all property owners in each proposed district notifying them of a public hearing to establish the districts; and hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution establishing the service districts.

Abolition of Existing Service District

The Board must also notice and hold a public hearing to adopt a resolution abolishing the existing County-wide district, effective at the end of the current fiscal year, once the new LESDs are established.

Proposed Timeline

- **February 20:** Seek authorization from the Board to proceed with creating the required reports
- **March 20:** Seek the following actions from the Board:
 - Receive and Approve Reports;
 - Set Public Hearing(s) on the Reports for May 1st;
 - Direct the Clerk to the Board to Publish the required Notices of Public Hearing; and
 - Direct the Tax Office to mail notices to appropriate property owners.
- **March 26:** Mail Notice of Public Hearings to Property Owners to the 6 separate ETJ areas
- **April 16:** Publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on May 1 to create 6 new LESDs
- **May 1:** Seek the following actions from the Board:
 - Hold Public Hearing(s) to create 6 new LESDs; and
 - Adopt resolutions creating each LESD.
- **May 1:** Seek the following actions from the Board:
 - Set Public Hearing on abolishing current County-wide LESD for May 15th; and
 - Direct the Clerk to the Board to Publish the required Notice of Public Hearing.
- **May 4:** Publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on May 15 to abolish the current LESD
- **May 15:** Seek the following actions from the Board:
 - Hold Public Hearing regarding the abolition of current LESD; and
 - Adopt resolution abolishing the current LESD.