REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Date of Meeting: August 4, 2025

10.B. Medic Memorandum of Understanding

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Andrew Grant, Town Manager

Action Requested:

Cornelius' Fire Department provides first responder/emergency medical services to our community by way of an agreement with Medic (Mecklenburg County's designated countywide EMS service provider). Due to concerns regarding Medic's response times to patients, the amount of time that the Fire Dept. is tied up on non-emergency calls preventing or slowing responses to fire & rescue calls, and the level of funding received from Medic for the first responder services provided, the Town and Cornelius Volunteer Fire Dept. have been working with the other municipalities and fire departments in Mecklenburg County to achieve improvement in these areas. Additionally, the Town and Cornelius Volunteer Fire Dept. provided notice of termination of the agreement with Medic with a termination date of August 15, 2025.

The Town and other municipalities requested that Mecklenburg County conduct a comprehensive third party EMS study to recommend means to improve the countywide system, and Mecklenburg County and Medic have agreed to conduct this study by working with a third party consultant. The Town and other municipalities also requested that the study include representation from the Towns and Charlotte for developing the study consultant RFP (request for proposals) and selecting the consultant, and Mecklenburg County and Medic have agreed to this. Also requested and agreed to is the provision of historical response time data at the town or zip code level. The Town and Medic have agreed to the proposed MOU (memorandum of understanding) that captures the preceding agreed-to terms.

The MOU will extend the termination date for an initial period of 90 days to allow the study to commence, extend again for 180 days to allow for the study to be completed and allow time for recommendations to be considered for the FY27 Mecklenburg County Budget, and finally ending on June 30, 2026. The Town will evaluate the progress being made at each juncture to determine if the Fire Dept. will continue to remain under contract to provide first responder services.

Manager's Recommendation:

Approve the MOU (memorandum of understanding) and provide the Town Manager and Town Attorney the authority to finalize the terms & conditions and execute it.

ATTACHMENTS:
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING