



Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of South Carolina Beaufort and the Town of Bluffton for Water Quality Laboratory Services (Fiscal Impact: \$185,000)

Presentation to Town Council

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Background –



- In response to rising fecal coliform levels in the headwaters of the May River in 2007, the Town of Bluffton and the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 25, 2008.
- Obligations included in this MOU were Town financial support for USCB to establish and manage a Water Quality Laboratory capable of receiving and analyzing water quality samples as an indication of environmental health of the region.
- The Town has extended this agreement and its financial support of the Laboratory four (4) times. Increases in financial support went from:
 - \$100,000 in 2008,
 - \$110,000 in 2011,
 - \$120,000 in 2014, and
 - \$185,000 in 2021.

Request



Staff requests Town Council authorize the Town Manager execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of South Carolina Beaufort and the Town of Bluffton for Water Quality Laboratory Services.

The MOU amount is \$185,000, with an annual review of the budget, for a term of five (5) years.

Next Steps



- Execution of this MOU with the University of South Carolina Beaufort.



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

Proposed Motion



“I move to approve authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of South Carolina Beaufort and the Town of Bluffton for Water Quality Laboratory services for \$185,000 in Fiscal Year 2024.”