



## CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Adam Steurer **MEETING DATE:** June 5, 2025  
**AGENDA SECTION:** Consent Agenda **DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**TITLE OF ITEM:** Letter of Support for the City of Saluda Water System Merger Integration Assistance Grant – *Adam Steurer, Utilities Director*

### **SUGGESTED MOTION(S):**

I move City Council to adopt the Resolution By the City Council of Support for the City of Saluda Merger Integration Grant.

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### **SUMMARY:**

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) previously awarded a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) study grant to the City of Saluda. The study investigated the challenges, benefits, and implications for the Saluda water system to merge, in part or in whole, to regionalize, or some combination thereof with the partnering utility - Hendersonville.

The MRF study identified several needs/projects necessary for a merger of the Saluda water system into the Hendersonville water system. The identified needs/projects will also improve the resilience of the Saluda water system regardless of its ownership.

Additional funding administered by NCDEQ is available for local governments for advancing regionalization efforts that improve utility system resiliency. The City of Saluda intends to request funding in an attempt to implement some of the needs/projects identified in the MRF study.

A Letter of Support from the partnering utility, Hendersonville, is required for the funding application. The Letter of Support does not commit Hendersonville to act on a merger, in part or in whole, regionalization, or some combination thereof.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \$0

**Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget?** n/a

**If no, describe how it will be funded.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution

2. Letter of Support
3. MRF Funding Needs – City of Saluda