



## Legislation Text

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**ITEM:**

**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000045 - Transition of Full-Time Parkwood Firefighters to Durham County Employees**

**DATE OF BOCC MEETING: March 9, 2015**

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000045 for the creation of 15 full-time Durham County fire suppression positions, to transition 15 full-time employees currently employed by Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department, as of March 16, 2015. An estimated cost of \$268,000 for salary and benefits will be transferred from the Parkwood Fire District Fund to fund these salaries.

In a letter dated October 29, 2014, the President of the Board of Directors at Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department requested the County of Durham absorb Parkwood's employees, assets of the corporation, and all fire operations for the Parkwood Service District by June 30, 2015. If authorized by the Board of County Commissioners the public will see no change in service on July 1, 2015, as a result of this change.

The Board is requested to approve the creation of 2 Assistant Chief positions, 6 Fire Captain positions, 6 Fire Driver positions, and 1 Firefighter position, to transition 15 full-time employees currently employed by Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department, as of March 16, 2015, and the transfer of \$268,000 from the Parkwood Fire District Fund to the County General Funds for salary and benefits of the 15 full-time employees.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** This closely aligns with two goals of the Durham County Strategic Plan Goal 3 - Safe and Secure Community and Goal 5 - Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

**RESOURCE PERSONS:** Jeffrey L. Batten, Fire Marshal/Emergency Director

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 15BCC000045 for the creation of 15 full-time Durham County fire suppression positions, to transition 15 full-time employees currently employed by Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department and the transfer of \$268,000 from the Parkwood Fire District Fund to the County General Funds.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_