

**Item Title:** Change the Representation Category of One Wake County Fire Commission Board Appointed Seat

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners replaces a Wake County Fire Commission seat representation category currently held by the Wake County Firefighters Association seat to the Wake County Fire Chief's Association.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Wake County Board of Commissioners may change the representation of advisory boards created by the Board of Commissioners.

**Background:** In the late 1990's the Wake County Board of Commissioners established the Wake County Single Fire Tax District. The Board also created the Wake County Fire Commission (the "Commission") to make recommendations on fire protection and emergency services delivery applicable to those departments covering the unincorporated area. The Commission includes representatives from stakeholder groups, including the Wake County Firefighters Association. The Firefighters Association recently dissolved itself due to low participation. The purpose of this action is to change the representation category of this appointed seat on the Fire Commission to the Wake County Fire Chiefs Association. The Fire Chiefs Association will follow the normal Board Appointment process.

**Board Goal:** This action supports routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** This action has no financial impact.

**Additional Information:**

The Fire Commission is presently comprised of: Wake County Board of Commissioner (1), Representatives of the fire service planning and service regions (4), President of the Wake County Firefighters Association (1), Citizen Appointees (7), Representative of the municipality participating in the tax district (1), County Staff ( non-voting).

Based on the very limited attendance and interest shown over the last two years, the Wake County Firefighters Association filed Articles of Dissolution in August of 2020. This dissolution requires a formal change to representation on the Commission. In September of 2020, the Wake County Fire Chief's Association made a formal request to the Commission to represent the vacated seat. This Commission's Administrative Committee recommended the change, which was approved by the Commission at its September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting by a 8 to 2 vote. The Fire Chiefs Association recommend an individual for consideration by the Board and will follow the normal Board Appointment process.

**Attachments:**

1. Wake County Firefighters Associations Articles of Dissolution