



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Date: 1/9/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Discussion of Interlocal Agreements for Code Enforcement with the cities of Hawthorne, Archer, and Waldo

Presenter:

Missy Daniels, Assistant County Manager

Description:

The cities of Hawthorne, Archer and Waldo have requested the County's assistance with Code Enforcement. This is to discuss the potential interlocals with the three cities.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to prepare interlocal agreements to assist Hawthorne, Archer and Waldo with Code Enforcement with the cities covering the cost of a code officer.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The estimated cost of a new code officer would be \$128,804.04 the first year. This includes an estimate of \$40,000 for a new vehicle. The following years would not include the original vehicle purchase cost but would include the vehicle replacement and computer replacement cost. The cost of the position should be reviewed and updated with the County's yearly budget cycle. The estimated expenses/revenues are not currently included in the FY24 budget. If approved, a budget adjustment would be necessary to adjust the current budget. Funding for Code Officers is in the General Fund – Unincorporated budget – 008.65.6510.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The cities of Hawthorne, Archer and Waldo have requested the County's assistance with Code Enforcement. The potential volume of work for all three cities would require a new, dedicated Code Officer employed by Alachua County. Staff is proposing that the three cities cover the cost of the Officer including vehicle, uniforms, computer, etc. The County would be covering some overhead with housing the Officer in the Alachua County Code Administration office. Each city would need to adopt the portion(s) of the Alachua County Code they want enforced by Code Enforcement. The County's code enforcement process would be followed, including presentation of cases before the Alachua County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate. Based upon the direction of the Board of County

Commissioners (“Board”), Interlocal Agreements with the cities would be prepared and brought back before the Board at a later date. Also based upon the direction, an ordinance may later come to the Board for a public hearing to amend a portion of the Alachua County Code regarding enforcement jurisdiction.