



March 15, 2009

Dear Future Charlotte Resident(s):

On behalf of the City of Charlotte, I would like to extend to you a warm welcome. While you don't officially become Queen City citizen(s) until Tuesday, June 30, 2009, we wanted to provide you this new citizen kit as early as possible. It contains information about City government, services that will be available to you, specific programs that will affect you as a Charlotte resident, information on City Council representatives, and a menu of City Services.

In 1984, Charlotte and the six Mecklenburg County towns developed an Annexation Agreement which adheres to State law. The North Carolina annexation law and our plan have allowed the Mecklenburg County municipalities to plan for future growth and let residents know in which jurisdiction they will ultimately be living.

The City's total \$1.83 billion budget consists of the operating and capital budgets. The operating budget provides the City's basic services including public safety, garbage collection, aviation, water and sewer, public transit and storm water. The City's revenue to fund services is generated from many sources including property tax, user fees, sales taxes, federal and state contributions and other sources.

The capital budget funds construction of roads, sidewalks, fire stations, police facilities and other public buildings. Funding for the capital budget comes from property tax, land sales, a portion of the hotel occupancy tax, a one-cent sales tax and a contribution from the State of North Carolina highway maintenance fund.

If you have any questions concerning annexation or Charlotte's services, please call 311 for CharMeck customer service or visit the City/County web site at [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org).

We look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. McCrory  
Mayor