



May 14, 2011

Dear Future Charlotte Resident(s):

On behalf of the City of Charlotte, I would like to extend to you a warm welcome as a city resident. While you do not officially become Queen City citizen(s) until Tuesday, June 30, 2011, we want to provide you a packet for new citizens as early as possible. It has information about City government, City services and programs.

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 combined operating and capital budgets total \$1.64 billion. 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 these services is generated from many sources including property taxes, 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 taxes, 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.

We look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Foxx
Mayor