MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 00-31 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION FIRE STATION #10 – WILKINSON BOULEVARD SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

PROJECT LOCATION

A 3.8 acre vacant parcel located on the northerly side of Wilkinson Boulevard (between Highland Street and Weyland Avenue).

PROJECT PROPOSAL

This is a proposal by City Engineering and Property Management to acquire property to relocate Fire Station #10 from Remount Road (between Monument Street and Camp Greene Street).

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The fire station that currently serves this area is inadequate to meet the growing needs of the area and is not conducive for expansion. The existing fire station has two bays and the site on Wilkinson Boulevard would allow for a fire station with five bays.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS

Fire Station #10 currently abuts the Dowd House and a small neighborhood park. This property is owned by Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department. If the fire station is relocated, the County is interested in purchasing the property to expand the park.

PROJECT IMPACT

Acquisitions of this property to build a larger fire station should improve emergency response time in the surrounding areas.

PROJECT COST

The cost is unavailable at this time. The property is currently being appraised and the fairmarket value of the property has not been determined.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the acquisition of this property to allow for the construction of a larger fire station to meet the needs of the surrounding area.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission approved this mandatory referral on September 19, 2000.



