

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-11
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH AUGUSTA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND
SUPPORT AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, as amended on June 3, 2016, South Carolina Code Annotated Section 23-20-10, et seq, provides for contractual agreements between and among state, county, municipal and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of providing the proper and prudent exercise of public safety functions across jurisdictional lines; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety for the City of North Augusta has recommended to the Mayor and City Council that he believes that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to allow his department to enter in to such agreement(s). This would allow the City to be better prepared for the purposes of securing to the City of North Augusta, as well as assisting other cities and counties by way of mutual aid in the event of natural disaster, disorder, special events, emergency situations, and any other law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Department of Public Safety has either been approached by other departments requesting mutual aid agreements or has contacted other departments requesting the same; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, after reviewing this matter, have determined that the entering into of such agreements is beneficial to the City of North Augusta and its citizens, as well as other jurisdictions and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the afore cited law specifically provides that if a law enforcement agency is to enter in to such agreement(s) that such agreement(s) must be approved by the local law enforcement's Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-9-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina as amended, etc., the Mayor under the mayor/council form of government, is the Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has indicated his approval of the Department of Public Safety entering into mutual aid agreements, but would desire that the Council also indicate their approval of such action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

1. The City, by and through the North Augusta Department of Public Safety, is specifically authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements in accordance with South Carolina Code Annotated Section 23-20-10, et seq, with the following law enforcement agencies:
 - a. Aiken Department of Public Safety
 - b. City of Edgefield Police Department
 - c. Edgefield County Sheriff's Office

2. John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety is authorized to execute such documents on behalf of the City.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Lark W. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna B. Young, City Clerk