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Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator Fauquier County 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA 20186

Ms. Kozanecki,

In response to your request to confirm whether any actions have been taken by the Town Council regarding the appeal of the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company, to the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management (DFREM), for full-time staffing, there have been no formal actions by Town Council on this matter.

The Town Council held a closed session on October 12, 2021. While there was no formal action, they did express a unanimous desire to begin the process of transferring the two career staff members to the Fauquier County DFREM.

The Town Council does not take such a decision lightly, understanding that the 50year arrangement of the Town career staffing has served our collective citizens well. With an ongoing commitment to quality service, the Town Council believes the transfer of the two career personnel to the County will ensure continuity.

As remarked by the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company, the placement of the Fauquier County Department of Fire and Rescue personnel at the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company, as part of an emergency staffing request, has been beneficial to the community at large. The two Town career staff and County career staff joined forces, working collectively with the volunteer members, resulting in strengthened service to our citizens and businesses.

Speaking directly, Rodney and Billy are both committed employees, often serving far above the call of duty, with a willingness to assist in other areas of Town as needed. The Town Council and I value their commitment and request that the County consider

recognition of their dedication during this transition. Their willingness to be a part of this transition into the Fauquier County DFREM will ensure our citizens continue to receive the highest levels of service.

As part of this process, separately provided, are matters related to personnel the Town Council would request the Board of Supervisors consider in their discussions. Please let me know if there is anything more you require of me in this matter.

Regards,

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