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### **TITLE:**

Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Reimbursement of Costs Related to Preliminary Engineering and Community Outreach for the Rogers Road Sewer Project

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen an opportunity to authorize the Town Manager to execute the draft interlocal agreement between the Towns of Chapel Hill Carrboro, and Orange County. The interlocal agreement establishes a responsibility for the Towns to reimburse Orange County a portion of the costs of the preliminary engineering and community outreach associated with the Rogers Road sewer project.

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**INFORMATION:** On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Aldermen authorized the allocation of Town funds to be used to contribute to a 14 percent share, \$18,200, of the cost of preliminary engineering of the sewer installation for the 86 parcels identified in the 2012 conceptual sewer layout. OWASA and Orange County entered into an agreement for reimbursement of costs and URS was selected to provide the engineering services. The current expected schedule sees Phase 1a of the work, which looks at the conceptual alignment and preliminary project budget estimate, finishing up around the end of November. Phase 1b, if authorized by the County to start immediately after the first phase finishes, and includes field surveying, geotechnical and subsurface investigation, and a budget level cost estimate, would finish in March. The field work included in Phase 1b can be delayed by weather and property access issues. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Town Manager to sign relevant agreements pertaining to community outreach for the sewer project. In mid-June, Orange County entered into an agreement with the Marion Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History for community advocacy and outreach associated with the sewer project. The Town's share of this effort is \$7,000.

Staff and attorneys with the Towns and Orange County have developed an interlocal agreement that seeks reimbursement from Chapel Hill (43 percent) and Carrboro (14 percent) for a share of the engineering and outreach costs (Attachment B). Copies of the contracts between Orange County and OWASA and the Jackson Center are also attached as references (Attachments C and D).

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** The Town's share of the preliminary engineering and community outreach cost is \$25,200.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen review the information presented in this agenda item and consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign relevant agreements on its behalf. A resolution conveying this authority has been drafted for the Board's consideration (Attachment A).