

AMENDMENTS TO FY2022-23 BUDGET

Motion:

Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget Section 9: Infrastructure Bank by adding the following sentence “The County Administrator is directed to determine and set a single allocation percentage to be used to calculate the County allocated portion of all FILOT fees from bills issued for the 2021 tax year and following years in lieu of the previously established 1996 allocation ratio”.

- Background:
 - In 1996 County Council established a tax allocation process for fees from Fee In Lieu of Tax (FILOT) contracts. Under the allocation process, the portion of fee revenue currently allocated to the County uses a ratio based upon the county portion of 1996 millage that existed in each of approximately 130 tax districts that existed within the county at that time. This method of allocation was instituted to ensure the county portion of FILOT revenue was maintained for purposes of infrastructure bond issuance.
- Problem:
 - Maintenance of the programming required to calculate the county allocation for each of the approximately 250 FILOT tax bills is complicated and cumbersome especially as tax districts are added, combined and modified. Additionally, this complexity is amplified in calculating new GAAP reporting requirements applicable to all tax authorities in Greenville County.
- Recommendation
 - Replace the 1996 ratio calculation with a set percentage for County allocation which satisfies the bond requirements. Prior research by the Auditor with bond attorneys indicates that a percentage that is no less than the largest 1996 ratio could be used in lieu of the by district calculation.