

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: L. ASHLEY SMITH, CITY ATTORNEY

- THRU: MICHAEL C. PEOPLES, CITY MANAGER
- DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

RE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR INSPECTIONS AT GATEWAY85 (NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT)

The Gateway85 project on the former Lineberger property north of I-85 will be one of the largest economic development projects in the history of Gaston County. The property is split between Gastonia and Lowell. Gaston County currently provides some building inspection services to Lowell under an existing Interlocal Agreement. In order to expedite building permit applications and construction plan submissions, Gastonia, Lowell, Gaston County and NorthPoint Development have agreed that Gastonia should be the lead agency in conducting those reviews. Lowell will participate in the plan reviews by sending a member of their planning department to the plan review meetings that will be held in the Garland Center.

The attached agreements have been reviewed by all entities involved. City staff recommends approval. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.