

CITY COUNCIL OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA



RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE
PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO,
VIRGINIA, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
WAYNESBORO, AND COMMONWEALTH CRUSH LLC**

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Crush LLC (CWC) is a new business in Waynesboro, operating in approximately 17,000 square feet of the Virginia Metal Crafters building. CWC is a custom crush winery, processing grapes from independently owned vineyards throughout Virginia. As such, CWC is eligible for a Governor’s Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID).

WHEREAS, in early 2022, the City of Waynesboro, Virginia (the “City”), upon approval by City Council and in coordination with the Economic Development Authority of the City of Waynesboro (the “EDA”), made application to the Commonwealth of Virginia for a \$25,000 AFID grant, with the required local match of \$25,000 from the City. In late summer 2022, the grant application was approved, and in October of 2022, the Governor announced the award of the grant.

WHEREAS, the grant period is three years, with CWC committing to add value to more than \$1.1 million of Virginia-grown grapes, invest more than \$1.5 million locally, and hire six new employees, while also helping numerous other local, new grape growers and winemakers refine their craft and eventually open their own businesses.

WHEREAS, the City investment of \$25,000 will be a reimbursement of taxes and fees paid by CWC over the next three years.

WHEREAS, CWC, the City, and the EDA desire to enter the Performance Agreement relating to the grant, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

WHEREAS, at the scheduled January 13, 2023 regular meeting, the EDA unanimously approved and executed the Performance Agreement.

WHEREAS, the grant and investments by the City and CWC are in the best interest of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Waynesboro, Virginia as follows:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Performance Agreement between the City, the Economic Development Authority of Waynesboro and Commonwealth Crush LLC, in substantially such form as attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any other actions that are deemed reasonable and necessary to effectuate the terms of the Agreement and/or this Resolution.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Mayor and Clerk of the City Council of City of Waynesboro, Virginia hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution entitled Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Performance Agreement Between the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Waynesboro, and Commonwealth Crush LLC, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on _____.

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ATTEST: _____
Clerk, City Council
City of Waynesboro, Virginia

Mayor, City Council
City of Waynesboro, Virginia