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PRESS RELEASE – North Carolina State Budget

The Town of Surf City is delighted to share some exciting news. The North Carolina State Budget has been finalized, and it includes allocations for essential areas like utility infrastructure and capital projects, as well as funding for our local Community College.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Senator Brent Jackson and Representative Smith, the Town of Surf City has secured \$20 million to enhance our wastewater treatment capabilities. This significant investment will strengthen our town's infrastructure, benefiting both current and future residents. Our leaders, including the Mayor and Council, have actively engaged with legislators in Raleigh to shape strategic policies and support staff in pursuing projects that address our infrastructure needs.

These appropriations are instrumental in easing the financial burden on utility ratepayers for crucial capital projects. Currently, we are in the process of designing and building a new equalization basin to enhance our treatment facilities, ensuring they perform effectively during wet-weather events and accommodate future growth.

Additionally, the final Budget includes a \$4 million allocation for the Cape Fear Community College – Surf City Campus. This funding will support facility expansion and other capital improvements, allowing the campus to broaden its offerings, which is great news for our community.

Furthermore, \$200,000 has been allocated for capital improvements and related equipment for our police department and emergency services. This funding will be used for essential items such as a new drone, radios, message board sign, speed trailer, and a new beach patrol utility vehicle.

Mayor Teresa B. Batts expressed her gratitude, stating, "Investments in our community's infrastructure and capital needs are crucial for Surf City. The ability to fund projects through appropriations and grants helps lessen the burden on our taxpayers, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to our legislators for recognizing these needs."

The Town eagerly anticipates the final adoption of the State Budget and is excited to begin implementing projects using these allocated funds.

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