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Corolla Survey Shows Strong Support for Studying Incorporation

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COROLLA, NC — A community survey conducted by the Corolla Civic Association (CCA) found strong support among Corolla residents and property owners for conducting a fact-based study of possible municipal incorporation. The survey was initiated after the May Community Meeting with Currituck Commissioners during which they announced their support for Corolla incorporation.

Out of the 923 people who responded, 652 (70.6%) favored studying incorporation. Support was even stronger among Corolla's full-time and part-time residents, with 396 of 537 (73.7%) favoring a study. Among full-time residents alone, 70.5% supported the idea, while 76.4% of part-time residents agreed.

Of note, 287 (31%) people indicated a willingness to work on the study to the point where they provided their name and contact information.

The survey also revealed considerable interest in understanding the financial implications of incorporation. More than 91% of respondents wanted information about potential tax impacts, while nearly 80% wanted to know which services a town government would provide.

Respondents identified taxes and local revenues, beach management, local representation, and development as major considerations.

Importantly, support for studying incorporation does not necessarily mean support for incorporation itself. The survey found that many respondents remain undecided or want additional information before forming an opinion. There is a small number who are vehemently against even studying incorporation.

The voluntary survey, which closed November 3, was open to residents, property owners, and others with connections to Corolla's 27927 ZIP code. Results were presented to the Corolla Civic Association on November 5th and provide a strong starting point for the ensuing study.

Barb Marzetti, CCA President, summed up the current status, "The interest is large but so too is the work this will require. We'll keep everyone informed about this. Especially those volunteers!"

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