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Dates: 1996 - 2016

Reason for Move: Continuous property taxes increase as well as many Mooresville City operated utilities. A large capital improvement plan for the city of Mooresville City started about 8 years ago. The capital budget for Mooresville City reached a total of \$104,000,000 for the start of 2017 with a resident population of slightly over 37,000. As one can easily see from this list the expenses never end but only increase as the years go by. This is just a small portion of the expenses that have occurred in Mooresville over the pass few years.

- 1- Two new Fire Stations built within the pass 5 years as well as four additional fire trucks.
- 2- Built one new elementary school along with one new middle school.
- 3- Complete remodel of one new high school.
- 4- Replacement of 4 rear-loading and side-loading city garage trucks.
- 5- Extension of 42" water & sewer lines throughout the city that needed updating.
- 6- The purchase of a bankrupt city wide telecommunication company of which the town commissioners had none or little knowledge of how to operate. The company has lost an average of \$6,000,000 per year. Why?
- 7- Six new replacement police cars, the cost is unavailable.
- 8- Completely new police station building in excess of \$12,000,000, total cost unavailable.
- 9- 93 full time police staff with 72 being police officers.
- 10- Mooresville City commissioners contributed over \$200,000 to Cornelius, NC for Exit 38 on I-77 road construction. Why?
- 11- The final expenditure for remodeling the local town golf course has reached \$10,000,000 and climbing. Why? Trump purchased the Point Golf Club on Lake Norman in the Mooresville area for \$3,000,000 and has renamed it " Trump National Golf Club - Charlotte ".
- 12- There are currently 5 Mooresville City Employees that have a salary of over \$100,000 per year plus a complete benefits package.
- 13- All tax payers of Mooresville City still must pay all of the Iredell county taxes as well as Mooresville city taxes.

14- Mooresville city purchased a bankrupt communication business for \$80,000,000. It was soon learned that a new cable network needed to be rebuild at a cost of another \$12.5 million. After many years of ups and downs with this project the town would need to sell the project for \$80,000,000 just to break even.

The list has continued on for years which has continued to increase the cost for tax payers of Mooresville City. As anyone can see the cost and the judgement of the commissioners has been in question for years. It is very important to have a city government, if and when incorporated has the knowledge to keep the expenditures from running out of control.