



## TOWN OF CLAYTON COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

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### **PROCUREMENT DIVISION GUIDES EVERY TOWN PURCHASE WITH CARE**

CLAYTON, NC – April Espinal wakes up each day excited to make a difference in her hometown. A Clayton resident, she has found a way to combine her love for numbers, rules, and public service in her work as a Procurement Analyst.

“I have always wanted to assist with the Town of Clayton. Joining this team allowed me to serve my community in a meaningful way, and I really appreciate that,” shared Espinal.

Procurement may not be a term everyone knows, but it plays a key role in keeping the Town running efficiently. The Procurement Division within the Finance Department handles purchasing goods and services for all municipal needs. From construction projects to everyday supplies, the team follows laws and regulations to manage public funds responsibly, support departments, and maintain fair and transparent relationships with vendors.

“We are committed to maintaining integrity, accountability, and service for our departments, residents, and vendors. Clear communication is key, so everyone understands how resources are used,” Espinal said.

She discovered her interest in procurement through her love of government and financial systems. “I enjoy accounting and math, but procurement is more about learning the policies and regulations. It is challenging, and it pushes you to understand more than just numbers,” she explained.

Each day, Espinal and her colleagues review purchase requests, monitor transactions, and confirm that every step follows established guidelines. Their careful attention helps protect employees, municipal operations, and public resources from potential problems.

“We take the time to examine each purchase because we are looking out for staff, the Town, and its residents,” she added. “Following the rules is not about slowing down the process. It is about managing potential issues and making sure public funds are used responsibly.”

Her role allows her to support every department in Clayton. She works closely with staff to identify needs, manage budgets, and guide them through the procurement process. Espinal also helps employees understand procurement procedures.

“All of our staff complete training to learn the policies and laws for procurement. We are here to guide them, answer questions, and make sure purchases are handled carefully,” she said. This instruction helps employees feel confident in their decisions and promotes consistency across departments.



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The Procurement Division also maintains regular contact with vendors to keep them informed and answer questions, helping projects and purchases move forward smoothly. "Having strong communication with vendors makes it easier for them to work with the Town and helps us provide better services to the community," said Espinal.

March is National Procurement Month, and the Town of Clayton takes this opportunity to shine a light on the people who do procurement work every day. This month celebrates their dedication to thoughtful planning, transparency, and supporting the community in ways that are often unseen but make a meaningful difference.

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Photos 1-5: Procurement Analyst I April Espinal at Clayton Town Hall (111 East Second Street)