

# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

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**DATE:** November 17, 2020

**ITEM:** FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: An ordinance approving the seconded amended intergovernmental agreement for services between the Steamboat Springs Areas Fire Protection District and the City of Steamboat Springs. (Bock/Suiter)

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**I. REQUEST/ISSUE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District ("District") and the City currently cooperate to provide emergency services under the 2009 Amended Contract for Services Between the Steamboat Springs Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Steamboat Springs.

Earlier this year, the District's attorneys provided the City with an updated version of this document, deleting the transitional language that is no longer relevant and updating and streamlining certain definitions. The City Attorney's office reviewed the changes with the Fire Chief and the Finance Director, and provided additions regarding the management and accounting of assets. These changes were reviewed and discussed by the Fire Oversight Committee which includes the City Manager and Councilmembers Macys and Crossan.

The document before Council for approval by ordinance is the result of these discussions, the "Second Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for Services Between the Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District and the City of Steamboat Springs." ("Second Amended IGA")

The following are the changes made to the IGA:

- Broaden definition of "Emergency Services" rather than separately describing fire and medical services.
- Clarifying that while assets are jointly owned by the Parties according to their respective contributions to purchase, joint titling of each piece of personal property (ie, a new fire truck) is not necessary.
- Any jointly acquired real property will be titled in both the District and the City as tenants in common.
- Correcting accounting procedures for proceeds of sales going towards replacing one asset with a similar one.
- Adjust fiscal deadlines to better serve the City's budget process.

The District Board approved the Second Amended IGA at its October 19, 2020 Board meeting and have signed the document attached to the ordinance as Exhibit A.

## **II. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

- Adopt the ordinance updating the Second Amended IGA.
- Decline to adopt the ordinance, and direct Staff and Council Members of the Fire Oversight Committee to negotiate with the Fire District on changes to the Second Amended IGA.

## **III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council adopt the ordinance. The Second Amended IGA has been reviewed by Fire, Finance, the City Attorney's office, and the Fire Oversight Committee. Executing the Second Amended IGA will help clarify the City's work with the District to provide Emergency Services for City and District customers.

## **IV. FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

## **V. LEGAL ISSUES:**

None.

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

None.

**VII. CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND POLICIES:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2009 Amended Contract for Services Between the Steamboat Springs Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Steamboat Springs.