



Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District



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Steamboat Springs City Council
Post Office Box 775088
Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477

Dear Council Members:

The Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District is writing in support of moving forward with the plan to relocate the downtown fire station to the location commonly known as the 10th Street site. A new downtown station has been in the strategic plan for several years and after extensive investigation of potential sites, as well as the current location, the 10th Street site addresses the needs of the fire/EMS better than any other viable alternative.

This site will allow for the station to remain in close proximity to a high call volume area, eliminate the disjointed location of equipment and staff that is the case at the 840 and 911 Yampa Street buildings, provide more appropriate facilities for staff, and meet current requirements for first responders' safety and storage of equipment. These improvements will enhance the ability of the fire/EMS service to meet the needs of the city and district.

In anticipation of the station replacement, the district has worked to prepare for the capital expense by enhancing our cash reserves. We are prepared to meet our obligations under the intergovernmental agreement to provide 33% of the costs of the station. This includes the value of land currently owned by the city that would be used for the station. Upon final approval of the site and authorization to move forward, the district will commit resources to work with the city to determine the appropriate allocation of costs of land value and the best way to work with the city in financing this project.

We recognize that the location of the station at the 10th Street site will necessitate the relocation of city offices. As we have discussed, the costs for this relocation will be borne fully by the city.

The district looks forward to working with the city to accomplish this long-term goal and urges timely action to move the process forward.

Sincerely,

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Eric Schmidt, President
Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District