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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Resolution 2018-07
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT CLARIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GIRDWOOD FIRE AND RESCUE, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Whereas, the community of Girdwood is outside of the area served by the Anchorage Fire Department, but within the Municipality of Anchorage; and,

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has need for local fire and EMS services, and has been well-served by the Girdwood Fire Department since its creation in 1959, and incorporation in 1998 as a non-profit organization, Girdwood Fire and Rescue, Inc. (GFRI), and

Whereas, in addition to the community of Girdwood, GFRI is responsible for response on the Seward Highway from Bird Creek to MP 75 of the Seward Highway, within the Municipality of Anchorage; and

Whereas, the specifics of fire and EMS services are outlined in a contract between the Municipality of Anchorage and GFRI; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) contributes, through the annual budget process, a substantial portion of the GFRI's annual budget, as well as maintaining a 406 account for capital expenses; and

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage also contributes through the Areawide service taxes, a portion of the GFRI budget for EMS operations within the Girdwood Service Area and the Seward Highway; and

Whereas, GFRI Board of Directors are publicly elected from the community to perform their fiduciary responsibilities required by the GFRI articles of incorporation and such include hiring and supervision of the Fire Chief, who is responsible for the overall direction of GFRI to ensure effective and efficient delivery of such services; and

Whereas, the GBOS appoints one supervisor annually to maintain close contact with the leadership and management of the GFRI, who should be made aware of any significant events within the membership and management of the department in a timely manner, and who shall attend GFRI Quarterly Board of Directors Meetings, which are scheduled to occur in March, June, September and December, annually; and

Whereas, to facilitate communication and awareness of their roles in the community, the GBOS and the GFRI Board of Directors are to hold Joint Meetings not less than twice per year, currently scheduled to occur in May and November annually; and

Whereas, if the GFRI or the GFRI Board of Directors require additional support, this should be brought forward to the GBOS to resolve; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors holds public meetings monthly, where reports from the designated Fire Department Supervisor and the GFRI Chief are expected, and the GFRI Board is invited to participate; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors expects the GFRI and the GFRI Board of Directors to work collaboratively as outlined in their governing documents and post, hold, and attend meetings as outlined therein.

Therefore, the GBOS thanks the GFRI and the GFRI Board of Directors for continued service to the Girdwood Valley.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves that the GBOS, GFRI and the GFRI Board of Directors recognize the challenges ahead, specifically in non-contractual staffing expectations, response requirements, and budgeting constraints.

The GBOS, GFRI and GFRI Board of Directors are tasked with updating contracts, further understanding community expectations, local area requirements, municipal assistance and clarification of roles and responsibilities for all involved parties.

Passed and approved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 5 to 0 on this 19th day of March, 2018.


Robert Snitzer, GBOS Fire Supervisor

3/27/18
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