Presented by: Finance Committee
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1644

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC FIRE SERVICE COMMITTEE IN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU.

WHEREAS, the city desires to provide the highest quality and most cost effective fire service in the best interests of the residents of the city and borough, and

WHEREAS, the city has benefited from countless hours of unpaid services by dedicated and competent volunteer firefighters as well as the services of paid staff, and

WHEREAS, there are no formal agreements of any kind between the volunteer fire department organizations and the city and borough, and

WHEREAS, the ideas and contributions of the users of fire services, the providers of fire services, and the administrators are needed to evaluate and plan for the best fire service possible for the residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the CBJ Charter allows the city to create service areas to provide services to an area which are not provided on an area-wide basis, and

WHEREAS, there are currently four official and three unofficial fire service areas located within the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the CBJ Charter provides that service areas should be established according to a criteria of need and economic operating efficiency, and

WHEREAS, existing ordinances concerning the fire department provide that service areas shall cooperate with one another and may provide services outside their service areas but should allocate the costs of doing so, and

WHEREAS, the criteria of economic operating efficiency suggests that service areas which provide similar services should be consolidated for efficiency and to eliminate the need to strictly account for the allocation of costs between existing service areas, and to equalize the tax burdens where appropriate throughout fire service areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

* Section 1. Committee Established. There is established the Ad Hoc Fire Service Committee. The committee shall consist of ten members and a facilitator. The purpose of the committee is to make findings and recommendations to the Assembly through the city and borough administration on the feasibility of consolidating fire service areas and the effects of such consolidation. The findings and recommendations should focus on the delivery of services, administrative, operational, and financial issues, including the relationship of the volunteer firefighters to the City and Borough of Juneau.

* Section 2. Committee Membership. The Ad Hoc Fire Service Committee will be made up of:

(a) Five persons appointed by the President of the Gastineau Chapter of the Alaska State Firefighters Association;

(b) Five persons appointed by the Manager; and

(c) A facilitator appointed by the Assembly.

* Section 3. Report of Findings and Recommendations. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Manager by July 12, 1993. The Manager may request that the committee supplement its report with any further information or issues the Manager deems appropriate. The Committee shall promptly respond to the Manager's request. Upon presentation of the report and any supplement to the Manager, and an Assembly decision on the recommendations, the ad hoc committee shall dissolve. The Manager shall present the report and any supplement together with the Manager's comments and recommendations to the Assembly no later than July 19, 1993.

* Section 4. Procedure. Except as provided herein, the rules of procedure for the Assembly advisory committees as established by Resolution Serial No. 1180, as amended by Resolution Serial No. 1213, shall govern the conduct of the business by the committee.

* Section 5. Staff Support. The Manager shall be responsible for providing the committee with staff support and assistance.

* Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 1993.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk