

RESOLUTION 4507

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTRATERRITORIAL
EXTENSION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES BY CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, fire suppression is an essential municipal service that protects life and property; and

WHEREAS, there are adjacent properties outside the boundaries of the City that are currently unprotected by any Fire Department and could be well-served by the City Fire Department on a contractual basis; and

WHEREAS, should such adjacent properties seek fire suppression services, the City should be able to offer its services at a rate equivalent to that of other service area providers who could offer fire suppression services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to the requirements of FGC Sec. 2-656, the Mayor is authorized to enter into agreements for extraterritorial fire suppression services with contiguous unprotected properties at a rate equivalent to that of other service area providers who could offer the same services.

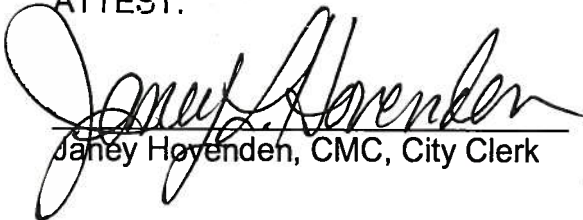
PASSED AND APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2012.



Jerry Cleworth, City Mayor

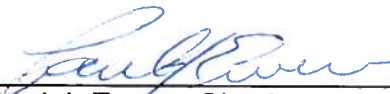
AYES: Stiver, Matherly, Gatewood, Hilling, Eberhart, Roberts
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: January 23, 2012

ATTEST:



Janey Hoyenden, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

City Of Fairbanks



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members 
From: Jerry Cleworth, City Mayor
Subj: Resolution 4507
Date: January 23, 2012

Last year we visited the issue of fees we would charge to offer fire protection in areas of south Fairbanks that are outside our boundaries. The issue arose after one of the firms we provided service for requested to be annexed into the University Fire Service Area. The mill rate for the Service Area was less than the City rate which prompted the request. I brought this to the Finance Committee asking if there would be support in making our rate competitive with the Service Area. At that time, there was little support to change our fee structure.

Since then, we learned that Lakeview Terrace had been sold and now the current owners are also requesting to be annexed into the University Fire Service Area. This is potentially a significant future development, and it would be desirable to be able to provide service there. Simply viewing this from a public safety perspective, the City is much closer and can provide a higher level of service.

The council may not wish to change current policy. However, I believe it is our duty to bring this forward for your discussion and consideration.

Thank you.

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