

CITY OF _____

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the _____ City Council (“Council”) called to order by The Honorable _____, on _____, 2007, the following resolution was offered:

Moved by: _____ Supported by: _____

WHEREAS the Council finds it to be in the interest of public health, safety and welfare to investigate and explore all opportunities to provide improved fire and rescue services for the citizens of the City of _____ (“City”); and,

WHEREAS, preliminary studies have disclosed that substantial improvements may possibly be made in fire and rescue services for the citizens of the City if its Fire Department were consolidated with the departments of up to four neighboring cities; and

WHEREAS said preliminary studies have shown that such a consolidation will not increase the initial cost to the taxpayers and that in the longer term could result in more efficient operations and reduced costs; and,

WHEREAS said preliminary studies have indicated that such a consolidation may result in improved safety and protection for firefighters; and

WHEREAS numerous questions including, but not necessarily limited to, union contracts, non-union personnel, management, structure, equipment and facilities must be answered before it will be possible for the Council to make a decision concerning whether or not it should vote to put the issue on a ballot for a vote of the citizens; and

WHEREAS finding answers to these numerous questions and determining the feasibility of such a consolidation requires that an interim board be appointed and authorized to take steps to explore options, research issues and negotiate with interested parties; and

WHEREAS the Council finds that the City should be represented on said interim board; and,

WHEREAS the City Councils of _____, _____, _____ and _____ are considering this same resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby approves participation by the City with the said cities in the study of a plan to form a fire district and establish a fire authority which could serve the City and up to four (4) other cities with a single consolidated fire department and appoints Mayor _____, or a person to be designated by the Mayor, as its representative on the interim board of directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expects the interim board to take all necessary and reasonable actions to accomplish the following:

- A. Reach a tentative labor agreement with the fire fighters.
- B. Make provisions for management and all non-union personnel.
- C. Plan for the deployment of equipment and personnel.
- D. Set out details of the financing of the fire district.
- E. Take all other steps needed to implement the consolidated fire department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall give due consideration to the plan which the interim board shall present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that participation in this study does not constitute a commitment to participate in any fire district or consolidated fire department which may result from this study, and the City hereby reserves the right to withdraw from this study and/or any consolidated fire department at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event the Council finds the plan presented by the interim board to be meritorious, it shall take legal steps necessary to put the matter to a vote of the people of the City as soon as feasible.

Yes: _____

No: _____

Absent: _____

I, _____, Clerk of the City of _____, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution passed by the _____ City Council at a regular meeting held on _____, 2007.

 XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,
 City Clerk