

RESOLUTION 2011-40
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FIRE SERVICE AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN AND WILLIAMSON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the City of Franklin to enhance its firefighting capabilities in an economically efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and cooperation with a neighboring rescue service provider, like the Williamson County Rescue Squad, to provide mutual aid helps further this goal such that both entities are benefitted by increased staffing; and

WHEREAS, adding more rescue personnel on the scene of fires increases safety to citizens and firefighters alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City will adopt the Fire Service Automatic Aid Agreement between the Williamson County Rescue Squad, Williamson County, Tennessee, and the City of Franklin, which is attached to this Resolution as City of Franklin Contract #2011-0097. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute this Agreement.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

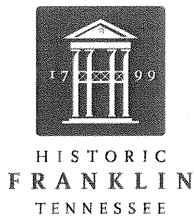
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

By: _____
Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator

By: _____
Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor

Approved as to form:


Kristen L. Corn
Staff Attorney



MEMORANDUM

September 1, 2011

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator 
Rocky Garzarek, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Automatic Aid Agreement with the Williamson County Rescue Squad

Purpose

The purpose of memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider an automatic aid agreement with the Williamson County Rescue Squad (WCRS), and Williamson County, TN for the provision of fire services in specific areas within portions of each other's response area.

Background

The Williamson County Rescue Squad has a station located on West Main Street near 5-points. Among a much larger area, they protect a smaller area of approximately 6.5 square miles that border our city limits to the east and which is identified in the agreement. This area is also located within our Urban Growth Boundary. Much of this area is farther than five miles from their station, and soon all of it will be, which results in extremely high home owners insurance premiums for those living in the area. By entering into an automatic aid agreement with the City of Franklin for reported structure fires, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) would apply a much lower rating to this area enabling homeowners to lower their insurance costs.

The City of Franklin has two designated areas where additional resources from WCRS would prove to be beneficial. In the Westhaven subdivision, consisting of large, residential homes in a high density development without sprinklers, the fire department would benefit from additional personnel and apparatus that would be provided from WCRS. In the Goose Creek response area, consisting of mixed development with low water pressure, the fire department would benefit from additional personnel and apparatus carrying additional water reserves that would be provided from WCRS.

This agreement would be valuable to both communities by enhancing capabilities and forming a more collaborative effort in high and moderate risk areas in both districts. This agreement would prove highly beneficial to both entities without increasing staff. The proposed agreement will have an initial term of six months and will be renewable for an additional six months with mutual agreement by both parties. This will allow the City to explore in more detail long-term benefits associated with annexation of all or some portions of this area. In addition, WCRS and Williamson County are working to finalize a location that will enable them to provide fire protection to this area within the five mile requirement.

Financial Impact

There would be no financial impact to the City, County, or the Rescue Squad due to reciprocating service.

Recommendation

The recommendation is for approval of this agreement for an initial period of six months with a joint resolution with the Williamson County Rescue Squad.