



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Extension of Fire Protection Services Agreement with eight municipalities.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Pinellas County Fire Protection Authority, approve the Extension of the Fire Protection Services Agreement with eight (8) municipalities.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This action extends the current Fire Protection Services Agreement for two (2) years beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2019. All terms of the current agreement will remain in force and effect as if the original term of the contract extended to September 30, 2019.

Background Information:

These contract extensions cover eight (8) Fire Agencies that currently contract with the County to provide the fire protection and suppression services to 10 identified Districts as defined in and pursuant to the 2014 Fire Protection Services Agreement under this extension request. These 10 districts are generally unincorporated areas that are within close proximity to city fire service areas or areas that the fire agency contractor has agreed to the provision of services for a negotiated cost. Although there are more than 10 districts as mentioned below in the fiscal note, this contract extension involves only 10 districts. The remaining have existing contracts in force. Appendix A contained within the 2014 attached contract lists each contractor and the districts they cover. Largo contracts for three (3) districts explaining the eight (8) agencies and 10 districts mismatch.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$13,065,650.00 is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget for the Fire Districts Fund. The Fire Districts Fund accounts for the cost of operating 12 Fire Districts throughout the County which provide fire and suppression services to unincorporated areas of Pinellas County. Each fire district receives funding from the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) to fund those unincorporated areas within a particular fire district. These funds are distributed via the contracts under consideration to finance the provision of fire protection services to the Fire Districts.

The fund is administered by the Safety and Emergency Services Department - EMS and Fire Administration Division.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

City of Clearwater-Serving unincorporated Clearwater
City of Dunedin-Serving unincorporated Dunedin
City of Largo-Serving unincorporated Largo, Highpoint West and Bellair Fire District
City of Pinellas Park-Serving unincorporated Pinellas Park
City of Safety Harbor-Serving unincorporated Safety Harbor
City of Seminole-Serving unincorporated Seminole
City of St. Petersburg-Serving the Gandy Fire District
City of Tarpon Springs-Serving unincorporated Tarpon Springs

Attachments:

2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Clearwater
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Dunedin
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Largo
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Pinellas Park
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Safety Harbor
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Seminole
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of St. Petersburg
2017 Fire Protection Services Agreement Extension - City of Tarpon Springs