



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: July 15, 2025

From: Randy Frazer, City Manager

Item: Approval of Agreement – Fire Protection Services for Rural Fire District No. 5

Motion: A Resolution authorizing a new five-year agreement between the City of Arkansas City and Cowley County Rural Fire District No. 5, to provide fire protection services to that district, including an increase in the annual levy from 7.5 mills to 7.8 mills. **(Voice Vote)**

Background: The City of Arkansas City has provided fire protection services to Cowley County Rural Fire District No. 5 (RFD No. 5) through a series of agreements dating back to 2007. The current agreement, established through Addendum No. 3 in 2021, is set to expire on December 31, 2025.

City staff has negotiated a new five-year agreement with RFD No. 5 to continue providing fire protection and emergency response services from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031.

The new agreement maintains the service standards outlined in prior agreements but includes a revised funding structure. Specifically, the annual compensation to the City will increase from a 7.5 mill levy to a **7.8 mill levy** on all taxable tangible property within the fire district. This increase reflects rising costs related to equipment maintenance, personnel, insurance, general operational expenses and fire station improvements.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Resolution
2. Disapprove of the Resolution
3. Table the Resolution for further discussion

Fiscal Impact:

Fund:

Department:

Expense Code:

☐ Included in budget

☐ Grant

☐ Bonds

☐ Other Not Budgeted

Attachments: RFD 5 Service Agreement

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager