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September 29, 2023

Diamondhead City Council
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, MS 39525

Dear Members of the Council:

RE: Annual Fire Rebate Funds

The City has received fire rebate funds totaling \$61,564.30. The City receives these funds annually from the Department of Insurance with restrictions and can only be utilized for equipping the fire department. As you may recall, the City entered into Fire Protection Agreement with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Diamondhead Fire Department.

It is my recommendation to approve distribution of Fire Rebate Funds in the amount of \$61,564.30 to the Hancock Board of Supervisors for qualified expenses specific to the Diamondhead Fire Department.

Thank you in advance for your approval in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeannie Klein'.

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

attachments

DIAMONDHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4440 KALANI DRIVE, DIAMONDHEAD MS 39525

Sep 29, 2023

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk
City of Diamondhead

Re: Fire Insurance Rebate Funds

Mrs. Klein,

Following the agreement between the Diamondhead Fire Protection District and the City of Diamondhead, I respectfully request insurance rebate funds of \$61,564.30 paid to the City from the State of Mississippi this fiscal year be disbursed to Hancock County and credited to the Diamondhead Fire Protection District insurance rebate account. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very Sincerely,



Michael O. Munger
Fire Chief
Diamondhead Fire Protection District

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI,
HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND
THE DIAMONDHEAD FIRE DISTRICT

The City of Diamondhead and Hancock County, recognizing the necessity and wisdom of cooperation in fire protection, do hereby agree to assist each other as described below and in furtherance to and pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Diamondhead and Hancock County.

The Diamondhead Fire District of Diamondhead, Mississippi provides fire protection services to the residents of the City of Diamondhead, and recognizes that fire protection to such residents and areas of Diamondhead is best provided at this time by cooperative agreements between fire protection districts and municipalities, State agencies other entities located within the County.

The Diamondhead Fire District agrees to respond to fires in the City of Diamondhead corporate limits as well as other agreed response areas established by the parties hereto and shown on map maintained by the Diamondhead Fire District Fire Chief. The geographic area shall hereafter be referred to as the "agreed response area". It is understood between the parties that, except as otherwise hereafter provided, the Diamondhead Fire District has a first responsibility to provide fire protection to its Diamondhead municipal residents. The Diamondhead Fire District further agrees to respond to rural fires beyond the agreed response area as it feels necessary and proper.

In accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Code, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has appointed the Hancock County Emergency Management Director as County Fire Coordinator to act as a liaison between the City of Diamondhead, Diamondhead Fire District, State Coordinator, the Commissioner of Insurance and The State Rating Bureau and entities providing fire protection services to City of Diamondhead, including the City signatory to the contract. This duties of the Fire Coordinator include administrative functions, including securing of documents and reports necessary to secure rebate funds through the Department of Insurance. City of Diamondhead, Diamondhead Fire District and Hancock County Board of Supervisors agree the County Fire Coordinator shall be the initial County representative for receipt of documents and reports required hereunder related to inspection, maintenance and use of fire equipment, and for certificates of insurance and other documentation required by the Commissioner of Insurance for release of fire rebate funds.

In return for provision of fire protection services for the residents of the corporate city limits of Diamondhead, the governing body of the City of Diamondhead agrees to transfer to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors all annual insurance rebate allocations which funds shall be earmarked and solely expended for the support, operation, maintenance and equipping of the Diamondhead Fire District for

the purpose of providing fire protection within the corporate limits of the City of Diamondhead; as is provided by State Law under the provision of Section 83-1-39 of the Mississippi Code. The Diamondhead Fire District and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors further agree to follow and comply with guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance in the compliance with Section 45-11-7 of the Mississippi Code, and to establish and maintain a system of record keeping and reports related to the receipt and expenditure of fire protection funds, the training of fire personal and the submission of other data reasonably related to local fire protection responsibilities. Such information and reports shall be provided on a monthly basis to County Fire Coordinator.

Date: 4/17/23

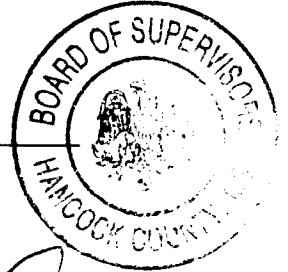
City of Diamondhead, Mississippi

BY: Nancy Depreo
Nancy Depreo, Mayor

DATE: 4/17/2023

Hancock County Board of Supervisors

BY: Scotty Adam
Scotty Adam, Board President



DATE: 4/26/2023

Diamondhead Fire District

BY: David Fozard
Board President **DAVID FOZARD / VICE-CHAIR**

DATE: _____

Approved

[Signature]
Commissioner of Insurance

MAY 01 2023

LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES
CONTRACT AND AGREEMENTS
CHECKLIST

DATE RECEIVED May 1, 2023

LIST CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS: City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, Hancock County
Board of Supervisors and Diamondhead Fire District

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Deport agrees to cooperate with coordinators	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Local funding provided	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Exceeds minimum funding required by law	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
County funds kept in separate account	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Guidelines for disbursement	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Purchase laws must be followed	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Contract renewed annually	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

CONCERNS:

APPROVAL: Yes No

REVIEWER James B. [Signature]

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE REQUESTED Yes No

DIAMONDHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4440 KALAIS DRIVE, DIAMONDHEAD MS 39525

MAY 01 2023

April 26, 2023

Mississippi Insurance Department
Fire Services Development
Brad Smith, Director
brad.smith@mid.ms.gov
P.O. Box 79
Jackson, MS 39205

Mr. Smith,

Please see the enclosed Fire Protection Agreement between City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Diamondhead Fire District, which was approved this morning at the Diamondhead Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners meeting. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Respectfully,



Michael Munger

Fire Chief

chief@diamondheadfire.org