

Staff Report

Subject: Renewal of the fire services agreement with The City of Springfield for a one year period.

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Department: Purchasing / Fire

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Item Description: Consideration to allow the Fire Services Agreement with the City of Springfield to renew for a one-year period.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends renewal.

Executive Summary/Background:

- In 2015, the County completed a comprehensive review of its fire protection services. One of the recommendations of the study was the consolidation of County Fire Services with the City of Springfield's Fire Services. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 with automatic renewals for successive one (1) year terms unless 90 days written notice is given by either party prior to a new renewal period.
- The Agreement outlines the terms under which Effingham Fire Rescue provides fire protection within the corporate limits of The City of Springfield.
- Effingham County will no longer submit Service Delivery fire payments to The City of Springfield.
- Effingham County will collect fire fees from properties within The City of Springfield. The fire fees will be collected at a rate equal to the fees charged in unincorporated Effingham County.
- The Agreement has a 90 day prior to renewal termination clause.
- The County Attorney has previously reviewed and approved to form the agreement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve renewal of the Fire Services Agreement with the City of Springfield for one year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
2. Do not approve renewal of the Fire Services Agreement with the City of Springfield, and issue a non-renewal letter.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Purchasing & Fire

Funding Source: Fire fees

Attachments:

Fire Service Agreement