

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE KINGSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the city, is eligible apply for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to temporarily fund an increase in the on-duty strength of fire departments through the United States Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, SAFER grants were created to provide direct funding to fire departments to assist with increases or maintenance of the number of trained firefighters thereby enabling compliance with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant will pay a total of 75% of the base wage, FLSA scheduled overtime wage, and cost of living or step increase during the first two years of the grant, and will cover 35% of the same during the third year; and

WHEREAS, the city will be required to fully fund these positions during the fourth year of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to utilize the grant funds for five (5) positions which if awarded would provide the city an estimated sum of \$274,603 over the first year of the grant period, an estimated sum of \$319,510 over the second year of the grant period, and an estimated sum of \$155,319 during the third year of the grant period; and

WHEREAS, during the first year of the grant period the city's cumulative 25% match is estimated to be \$88,868.08, an estimated sum of \$103,402 over the second year of the grant period, and an estimated sum of \$288,448 during the third year of the grant period;

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the mayor, or in his absence, incapacity, or failure to act, the vice mayor, is authorized to execute, in a form approved by the city attorney, and subject to the requirements of Article X, Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Kingsport, all documents necessary and proper to apply for and receive a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to deliver the necessary documents and take any and all action as may be required on the part of the city to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

SECTION II. That the mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents including those necessary and proper to demonstrate the city's compliance with the grant requirements or its provisions necessary to effectuate the purpose of the grant or this resolution.

SECTION III. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort, and prosperity of the public.

SECTION IV. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of June, 2025.

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY