



## CITY OF KOTZEBUE

### RESOLUTION NO. 26-22

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000.00 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, VEHICLE REPAIR, TRAINING, FIRE HOSES, AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- WHEREAS,** the City of Kotzebue is responsible for supporting fire protection and emergency response services for the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kotzebue Fire Department responds to fires, emergencies, and other public safety incidents that require reliable equipment, proper protective gear, trained responders, and safe facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fire Department has identified a need for repairs to their aerial ladder truck, and purchases of fire turnout gear, fire hoses, firefighter certification training, and facility improvements to better support emergency response and firefighter safety; and
- WHEREAS,** an aerial ladder truck is necessary to assist the Fire Department in responding to fires and accessing elevated areas during emergency situations; and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated cost for repairs to the aerial ladder truck is approximately **\$50,000.00**; and
- WHEREAS,** firefighter turnout gear, including boots, gloves, helmets, and other protective equipment, is necessary for firefighters to safely respond to fires and emergency incidents; and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated cost for 5 new sets of firefighter turnout gear is approximately **\$33,000.00**; and
- WHEREAS,** fire hoses have a recommended life cycle of 10 years and are a necessity to extinguish fires; and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated cost of purchasing 20 lengths of new fire hose is approximately **\$15,000.00**

- WHEREAS,** firefighting training is necessary to ensure firefighters can properly train and respond to fires with safe and functional equipment; and
- WHEREAS,** if training-related needs are not funded through this application, the City may need to use local funds to cover these necessary expenses; and
- WHEREAS,** the estimated cost for training 3 employees in the TEEX Firefighter-II certification program, including travel expenses, and coverage while they are absent is approximately **\$40,000.00**; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fire Department has also identified approximately **\$42,000.00** in construction-related facility improvements, including installing new windows for upgrades needed because the building is not up to fire code without these new windows being installed; and
- WHEREAS,** these improvements and equipment purchases will strengthen the Fire Department's ability to provide emergency services, protect public property, and improve responder safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village Improvement Fund provides important funding opportunities for communities to address public safety, infrastructure, and community improvement needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Kotzebue seeks to apply for Village Improvement Funds in the total amount of \$180,000.00 for the Kotzebue Fire Department for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck, turnout gear, training turnouts, fire hoses, construction-related facility improvements, and other necessary fire department equipment; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council finds that this project is necessary and in the best interest of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Kotzebue authorizes the submission of a Village Improvement Fund application in the amount of **\$180,000.00** for the Kotzebue Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds may be used for repairs to the aerial ladder truck, purchases of fire turnout gear, training for Firefighter Certifications, fire hoses, construction-related facility improvements, and other eligible fire department equipment and project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or their designee, is authorized to prepare, submit, and execute any documents necessary for the Village Improvement Fund application and related project requirements.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue, Alaska, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

**CITY OF KOTZEBUE**

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Saima Chase  
*Mayor*

ATTEST:

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Donald Jones Jr  
*City Clerk*