



City of Lathrup Village
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TO: Mayor & City Council
 FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
 DATE: June 15, 2026
 RE: Southfield Fire Services

Background Brief: For decades, the City of Southfield has provided fire department services to the City of Lathrup Village under a series of contracts. The 2023 Contract was for two (2) years with the option to extend for a one-year term. The City exercised a one-year extension of the Contract in 2025, which expires June 30, 2026. Southfield administration has requested a renewal of the contract for a one-year extension, as presented in the following table:

1) The 5% price increase for the one-year extension is presented below:

Year	Cost Increase	Cost
FY 26	-	\$754,721.90
FY 27	\$37,736.10	\$792,458.00

- 2) 180 days’ notice of termination will be required rather than the current 90 days.
- 3) The City of Lathrup Village must make substantial progress in improving its water system to continue to receive fire protection service from the City of Southfield after Fiscal Year 2026 (*awaiting specifics from Southfield regarding this item*).

For the City of Southfield, this long-established shared services program is beneficial. It allows Southfield to spread the cost of this vital but expensive service over a larger base and allows Lathrup Village to provide its residents with these services at a higher level and for a lower cost than it could on its own.

As the Council is aware, the Fire Chief has had conversations with Lathrup Village staff about continuing provision of fire department services for the next five years. Due to Lathrup’s financial standing, Lathrup Village staff have been exploring alternative fire services, which include contracting for fire protection via Berkley and EMS via a private provider. Based on ongoing conversations with Berkley, we believe a change in service provider could save Lathrup Village 35-40% on this cost.

The proposed one-year extension with a 180-day notice of termination would allow both administrations to explore options going into FY 28, while leaving sufficient notice time in the event Lathrup Village decides to change service providers.

NOTE: At the time of writing, the City of Southfield has not provided the one-year contract extension agreement paperwork. It was noted during the June 10, 2026, Joint Meeting, that Southfield is considering this agreement during their June 15 meeting.

Previous Action: June 2025 – Approval of a one-year extension.

Economic Impact: Budgeted expense for FY 27.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to conditionally approve the one-year fire agreement.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member, _____ seconded by Council Member, _____ to approve a one-year Fire Protection Services Contract Extension with the City of Southfield, subject to City Attorney review.

Bruce Kantor Mayor	Kelly Garrett Mayor Pro-Tem	Jalen Jennings Council Member	Jason Hammond Council Member	John Sousanis Council Member
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