

## City Council Resolution No. 2024-20

## A RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE HENNEPIN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC. (HCFCA)

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association ("HCFCA") is an organization of fire departments and others in the fire service industry in Hennepin County whose purpose is to provide a forum to discuss and promote fire safety, to exchange ideas and search for solutions to fire safety and other emergency response problems, to conduct research, to facilitate educational programs, to promote legislation, and to promote the spirit of cooperation between fire departments or other emergency response organizations operating within Hennepin County, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, HCFCA was established as an association in 1961 but was not a formal corporate entity recognized by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the Long Lake Fire Department is a currently a member of the HCFCA; and

WHEREAS, HCFCA's membership and Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interests of the association to organize as a nonprofit corporation in order to formalize its operations and provide the option of applying for federal tax-exempt status; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2024, the Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., was registered as a nonprofit corporation with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 471.96 provides authority for cities and counties "to appropriate necessary funds to provide the membership of their respective municipal corporations or political subdivisions respectively in county, regional, state, and national associations of a civic, educational, or governmental nature which have as their purpose the betterment and improvement of municipal government operations"; and

WHEREAS, Long Lake Fire Department membership in the HCFCA as a nonprofit organization will benefit the City of Long Lake and its Fire Department and will provide for the betterment and improvement of Long Lake Fire Department operations surrounding fire safety and emergency response;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Long Lake, Minnesota, as follows:

- 1. The Long Lake Fire Department's membership in the Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. is approved and payment of annual membership dues is authorized.
- 2. Membership will be through the Fire Department and the Long Lake Fire Chief is designated as the Long Lake Fire Department's representative to the HCFCA.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Lake this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

BY:

ATTEST:

Charlie Miner, Mayor

Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk