

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 22, 2025

TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Scheduled Replacement of Fire Department Utility Truck

The approved FY 2025-26 Budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of Vehicle 704, a utility truck for Fire Station 2. As you may recall, Vehicle 704 was replaced last year due to a significantly worse condition analysis, resulting in Vehicle 700 being replaced this year. The vehicle in question is a 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility formerly used by the Fire Marshal. With 125,000 miles, it has a condition analysis score of 30, warranting priority replacement.

Motor Pool and the Fire Department have worked together to identify a vehicle that is not only available for purchase, but would best fit the needs of the department. Working with our normal slate of dealerships that are available on cooperative bid, Staff has determined that the ideal fit is a 2026 Ram 1500 crew cab. The utility vehicle is used for a myriad of day-to-day activities to support fire operations, requiring it to routinely haul cargo and people.

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of one 2026 Ram 1500 as quoted from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the MiDeal Cooperative Vehicle Purchasing Program, in a total amount of \$41,000. The additional funding is requested to cover the delivery mileage as provided for in the quote. Funding is budgeted and available.

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