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Jesse Dickson, City Manager
City of Mound
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RE: Fire Service Contract Negotiations for 2028 Service Year

Dear Mr. Dickson:

On behalf of the City of Minnetrista, I am writing regarding the proposed terms for renewal of the fire service contract between the City of Minnetrista and the City of Mound. Minnetrista values the long-standing working relationship between our communities and recognizes the importance of maintaining reliable, high-quality fire protection and emergency response services for Minnetrista residents.

At the same time, Minnetrista has significant concerns with certain terms recently proposed by Mound for the next contract term. In particular, the proposed increase in the administrative fee from \$20,392 per year to \$129,634 per year represents a substantial change that would materially affect Minnetrista's costs and budgeting for fire services. Based on the information provided to date, Minnetrista is not prepared to accept that level of increase without additional discussion, supporting detail, and consideration of alternative approaches.

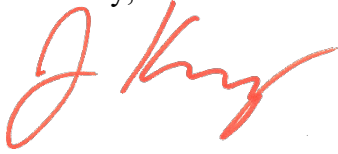
Minnetrista respectfully requests that the parties plan to renegotiate the fire service contract in 2027 for the 2028 service year. We believe that a collaborative negotiation process will allow both cities to review service expectations, cost allocation, administrative expenses, capital needs, and any other proposed contract changes in a transparent and constructive manner.

To support productive discussions, Minnetrista would appreciate receiving detailed documentation explaining the basis for the proposed administrative fee increase, including the specific administrative services to be funded, methodology used to calculate the proposed amount, and any assumptions regarding staffing, overhead, or indirect costs.

We hope to preserve a cooperative relationship while ensuring that any future agreement is equitable, financially sustainable, and clearly supported by the services provided. Minnetrista looks forward to working with Mound in good faith to reach terms that serve both cities and the residents who rely on these essential public safety services.

Please contact me at your convenience so that we may identify a timeline and process for 2027 negotiations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'J Kruggel', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jasper Kruggel

City Administrator