



North Topsail Beach Fire Department

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North Topsail Beach, NC 28460

To: Members of the Board of Aldermen

From: Chad Soward, Fire Chief

Date: 26 January, 2026

Subject: Request for Approval to Sell Surplus Fire Apparatus

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to sell one surplus fire apparatus that has reached the end of its useful service life and has already been replaced by a new unit currently in operation. The vehicle in question has accumulated significant mechanical and maintenance issues that make continued retention impractical and cost-inefficient.

Over the past several years, this apparatus has required increasingly frequent repairs related to its engine, electrical systems. These issues have resulted in rising maintenance costs, reduced reliability, and extended periods out of service. Given the critical nature of fire response equipment, maintaining dependable apparatus is essential for public safety. With the delivery and commissioning of its replacement, this older unit no longer plays a role in front-line or reserve operations.

Continuing to store and maintain this vehicle would impose unnecessary financial and logistical burdens on the department without providing operational benefit. Selling the apparatus will allow the Town to recover residual value, reduce maintenance and storage costs, and responsibly dispose of an asset that no longer meets operational standards.

I respectfully request the Board's approval to declare this apparatus as surplus and authorize its sale in accordance with applicable municipal policies and procedures. This action aligns with sound fiscal management and supports the continued reliability and readiness of the Fire Department's fleet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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