



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Katherine Ross
FROM: Mike Bailey, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Mobile stair chair donation
DATE: 11/18/2025

In October, the fire department was contacted by the family of Ethel Stringham. The family wanted to make a donation in her memory to the fire department. Ethel was a nurse and nurse educator and lived in Snoqualmie. The fire department responded to her residence numerous times over the years to assist her. Due to her medical conditions Ethel had a hard time going up and down the stairs at her home. Her family purchased a battery-operated stair chair to assist getting her to appointments. Upon her passing, her daughter and son-in-law wished to donate the stair chair to the department to help others.

The model of stair chair is identical to the one the fire department uses on our aid cars, although it is battery operated instead of our manual model. A brochure of the stair chair is attached to this memo. The estimated value of the stair chair is \$1,400. Per section 3.6 of the City of Snoqualmie financial policy, all donations of money or property donated, devised, or bequeathed to the City, as per Ch. 35.21.100 RCW and Ch. 35A.11.040 RCW, shall be presented to the City Council for approval. Furthermore, the City Council delegates approval and acceptance of donations of up to \$10,000 to the Mayor.

I am requesting your approval to accept the donation of the mobile stair chair by Todd and Lisa Schmalhurst in memory of Ethel Stringham. If approved, my plan is to recognize the donation with a brief background and certificate at the December 8th council meeting. The family will be joining the meeting by zoom from their home in Cle Elum.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Approved by Mayor Katherine Ross.

Signature

11/18/2025

Date