



Board of Commissioners Meeting

Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Text Amendment/Town Code Chapter 34: Fire Department**

Board Meeting Date: **July 24, 2023**

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Overview: After carefully reviewing the ordinances relating to the organization of the Fire Department and fire prevention, most all ordinances were outdated on current methodologies, industry standards, approaches, or evolved operations. An amendment is recommended to realign, amend, and strengthen the adopted ordinances relating to the organization of the fire department.

The ordinances appear to address the organization under a blanket of a volunteer agency, either a contracted entity or a non-affiliated town department. The defined rank structure does not reflect the professional development plan or operational guidelines, nor should they place restrictions on positions aside from the approved job description. The significant roles or duties of the Fire Chief are revised and defined, though placing a reference to the approved job description allows for adequate planning and development of all personnel positions. The operations and service delivery approaches are antiquated, having not received any alterations, amendments, enhancements, or updates since 2006. Finally, the organization of the fire department chapter should relate to operational structure versus community risk reduction, as many of the subsections provide oversight for items that should be addressed in Chapter 91.

Background Attachment(s): Ordinance 2023-O10

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-O10 amending Town Code Chapter 34: Fire Prevention

Action: _____
