

**RESOLUTION TO
REVIEW AND APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT/DNR MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MUTUAL AID AND FIRE
SUPPRESSION SERVICES**

**SPONSOR: EMILY MCFARLAND
FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, there is a forest fire suppression agreement in place between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Watertown Fire Departments; and,

WHEREAS, the current forest fire suppression MOU in place is five (5) years old and the DNR reached out to update to the most current document; and,

WHEREAS, s 26.11, Wis Stats, vests the DNR with the power, authority, and jurisdiction in all matters relating to prevention, detection, and suppression of forest fires outside the limits of villages and cities; and,

WHEREAS, these updates can be noted in separating “prescribed burning” into its own category and increased payment for staff on prescribed burns and added 13.C which allows consult with the Fire department Advisory Council for increased hourly rates of pay. The Fire Department will also allow reimbursement for the initial fire response on DNR lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:**

Approve the Watertown Fire Department to continue an MOU with the DNR for mutual aid and fire suppression services.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BOARD		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
SCHMID		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED December 3, 2024

CITY CLERK

APPROVED December 3, 2024

MAYOR