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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Amending Consolidated Fire Services Agreement with Fire District 10  
Requested City Council Date: February 26, 2019  
**DATE:** February 5, 2019

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**SUMMARY:**

A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County Fire District 10 to extend certain Fire Department fees and penalty charges to the Fire District.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The proposed resolution amends the existing agreement with Pierce County Fire District 10 to allow approved fire prevention fees and false fire alarm and non-emergent lift assistance penalty charges to be assessed in the Fire District, effective March 1, 2019.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Tacoma and Pierce County Fire District 10 (FD10) approved a consolidated fire services agreement in 1994 whereby the District's commissioned employees became employees of the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) and TFD assumed the provision of fire and emergency services in FD10, which includes the City of Fife.

As part of its approved 2019-2020 biennial budget, TFD included the proposed extension of certain fees and penalty charges in the budget to FD10 consistent with their implementation in Tacoma. The proposed resolution amends the existing agreement to allow those charges to be implemented in FD10. The fees and fines that would be extended to Fircrest include the Building Inspection Program Fees (TMC 3.09.050) Commercial Fire Protection Systems Compliance Fee (TMC 3.09.040), Fire False Alarm Fine (TMC 3.06.005), and the Non-Emergency Lift Assistance Fine (TMC 6B.50.070).

Based on historical information for FD10, TFD expects approximately 105 fire false alarms in 2019, no lift assists fines as the District does not have any licensed care facilities – however this amendment allows the fine to be imposed if a facility opens in the District in the future, billing for the 660 building and business inspections completely annually in the District, and 627 commercial fire protections systems that need to be tracked for compliance of their testing and maintenance records.

**ISSUE:**

Shall the existing agreement with Pierce County Fire District 10 be amended to allow the extension of certain TFD fees and penalty charges to the District?

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The District Commissioners are scheduled to consider and approve the proposed extension of TFD charges into the District at their February 12, 2019 meeting. Even so, the City could choose not to extend the fees and penalty charges. That would raise fairness issues for businesses in Tacoma that will be charged. It also will unnecessarily complicate the administration of TFD's charges.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

TFD recommends approval of a resolution amending the agreement with Pierce County Fire District 10, to extend certain Fire Department fees and penalty charges to the District.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
0010 – General Fund (Fire) <i>Building Inspection Fees</i>	252050	4342250	\$341,130
0010 – General Fund (Fire) <i>Fire False Alarm Fine</i>	253000	4342216	\$51,800
0010 – General Fund (Fire) <i>Non-Emergency Lift Assistance Fine</i>	253000	4342225	N/A
0010 – General Fund (Fire) <i>Commercial Fire Protection Systems Compliance Fee</i>	252000	4342251	\$31,350
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$424,280</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** N/A, fees collected will be part of the 2019-2020 Budget.

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** Yes, part of the 2019-2020 Budget.