



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Councilors

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
Larry M. Mackey, Fire Chief

DATE: March 21, 2013

REF: Consideration – Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement

BACKGROUND:

In order to establish a six (6) mile rated fire district with the N.C. Department of Insurance, the South Camden Volunteer Fire Department has requested an amendment to the December 1, 2009 Mutual Aid Emergency Protection Agreement that will include automatic aid response by the Elizabeth City Fire Department to the South Camden Volunteer Fire Department in the area outlined in the proposed amendment.

ANALYSIS:

By agreeing to this amendment, the City of Elizabeth City is aiding the South Camden Fire Department in providing better fire protection to the citizens of South Camden County. South Camden Volunteer Fire Department also provides automatic aid to the Elizabeth City Fire Department in the area of the Camden Causeway that is the responsibility of the Elizabeth City Fire Department, as well as providing equipment and personnel for any second alarm incidents within the downtown area of Elizabeth City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, approve the attached amendment to the December 1, 2009 Fire Department Mutual Aid Emergency Protection Agreement as presented.

**Amendment to
MUTUAL AID EMERGENCY PROTECTION AGREEMENT
Made and entered into December 9, 2009**

CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
INTER-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
PASQUOTANK-NEWLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
PASQUOTANK-NIXONTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
PASQUOTANK-PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SOUTH CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SOUTH MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
WEEKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The purpose of this Amendment is to modify the Mutual Aid Emergency Protection Agreement dated December 1, 2009 by and between the above said parties, hereafter referred to as the "Fire Departments".

Since the execution of the 2009 agreement, circumstances have arisen that require changes to the original covenant. These changes are the result of the South Camden Fire Department's desire to extend the area of automatic mutual aid response provided by Elizabeth City Fire Department and South Mills Volunteer Fire Department in the South Camden Fire District. This extension of coverage amendment will result in the following modifications:

The revised agreement will expand the aforementioned boundaries to include provision of automatic mutual aid assistance from the Elizabeth City Fire Department in the area known as the South Camden Fire District to that area extending along US Highway 158 to County Club Road then south to its intersecting point with Sandhills Road and extending along both Sandhills Road and Seymour Lane to their intersecting point with NC 343 S; through the intersection of US Highway 158 to Noblitt Drive and all points therein.

This revised agreement will expand the aforementioned boundaries to include provision of automatic mutual aid assistance from the South Mills Volunteer Fire Department in the area known as the South Camden Fire District to that area extending along NC 343 North to its intersection point with US Highway 158/NC Highway 34; then northwest to the Camden/Currituck County line; areas extending both north and west to its intersecting point with the South Mills Fire District; and all points therein.

This Amendment affects the South Camden Fire Department, Elizabeth City Fire Department and South Mills Volunteer Fire Department only and, except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement dated December 1, 2009 is unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the 2009 Mutual Aid Emergency Protection Agreement, the Fire Departments hereto agree to the modifications as described in this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment to the December, 2009 Mutual Aid Emergency Protection Agreement effective on the day, month, and year written below.

_____, 2013

ATTEST:

**CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (Mayor)

**PASQUOTANK-NIXONTON
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)

**WEEKSVILLE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)

**INTER-COUNTY VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)

**PASQUOTANK-PROVIDENCE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)

**PASQUOTANK-NEWLAND
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT., INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)

**SOUTH CAMDEN VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)

**SOUTH MILLS VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

By: _____
(Name, Title) (President)