



CITY OF INGLEWOOD

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



DATE: September 9, 2014

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Amendment to Fire Services Agreement between the City of Inglewood and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council approve the attached Amendment to Schedule 2 of the Fire Services Agreement between the City of Inglewood and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (Fire District) modifying fire services to include the continued temporary closure of Fire Station 172 through the end of December of 2015.

BACKGROUND:

On November 30, 2010, while facing tremendous budgetary pressures, the City Council reluctantly approved an amended schedule with the Fire District (dated December 10, 2010) wherein Fire Station 172 was temporarily closed, Engine 172 was temporarily taken out of service, and Paramedic Squad 172 was relocated to Fire Station 171, which continues to provide service to the jurisdictional area impacted by the station closure. This resulted in significant General Fund savings to the City of over \$1.5 million annually. The terms of the three-year December 2010 amended schedule called for the reopening of Station 172 in January of 2014.

DISCUSSION:

In light of the City's slow emergence from the significant financial impacts of the Great Recession it has faced over the past four years, the City began negotiating with the County to continue with the temporary closure of Station 172 and maintain 'status quo' services for two additional years. In July, the City and the Fire District reached agreement on a two-year extension (e.g., beginning January 1, 2014, and expiring December 31, 2015), which essentially leaves the services as they are including the temporary closure of Station 172. The attached Amended Schedule 2, which is effective January 1, 2014, shows the breakdown of the fire services the City will continue to receive broken down by Station, Equipment, Staffing, and Costs.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:

The estimated annual fee for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for fire services for the City of Inglewood is \$11,161,165. This amount is adjusted annually in accordance with the original Agreement for Services dated April 4, 2000, to account for changes in the County's salary and benefit-related costs due to annual salary step increases, collective bargaining agreements, and changes in the County's healthcare premium rates, retirement costs, etc. On average, these rates have risen approximately 2% to 2.5% annually.

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LEGAL REVIEW VERIFICATION: LPC

This report, in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney.

FINANCE REVIEW VERIFICATION: [Signature]

This report in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Finance Department.

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amended Schedule 2 to the April 4, 2000, Agreement for Services with Los Angeles County for Fire Services

APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET

PREPARED BY:

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COUNCIL PRESENTER:

Michael D. Falkow, Assistant City Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Michael D. Falkow
Michael D. Falkow, Assistant City Manager

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Artie Fields
Artie Fields, City Manager

CITY OF INGLEWOOD - DISTRICT ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

**AMENDED SCHEDULE 2
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**

OPERATION BY DISTRICT

<u>Fire Station</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Staffing</u>	<u>2013-14 Estimated Salary and Employee Benefits Cost</u>	
171	Engine	3	\$ 1,936,410	
	Paramedic Squad 171	2	666,918	(District funds 1 fire fighter paramedic post position assigned to this unit)
	Paramedic Squad 172	2	965,430	(District funds 50% of 1 fire fighter paramedic post position assigned to this unit)
172	Engine			Temporary Closure Effective January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015*
173	Engine	3	1,936,410	
	Paramedic Squad	2	666,918	(District funds 1 fire fighter paramedic post position assigned to this unit)
170	Assessment Light Force	6	1,766,412	(Cost is for 1 fire fighter specialist, 1 fire fighter paramedic, and 1 fire fighter post position only)
 <u>Fire Prevention:</u>				
	Fire Prevention Inspectors	1.75	311,246	
	Area Captain	0.30	63,038	
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	Total Salary and Employee Benefits Costs		\$ 8,312,782	
	Overhead @ 34.2651%		2,848,383	
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	ESTIMATED 2013-14 ANNUAL FEE		\$ 11,161,165	
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*See provisions under Page 2 of this Amended Schedule.

City Of Inglewood – District Annexation Agreement
Amended Schedule 2 – Effective January 1, 2014

Provisions:

While it is recognized that contracting with the Consolidated Fire Protection District (Fire District or District) during the first 10 years saved the City of Inglewood (City) over \$15 million, severe economic difficulties necessitated the City Council's request to temporarily close one engine company in the City of Inglewood. Therefore, effective January 1, 2011, Fire Station 172 was temporarily closed, and Engine 172 was temporarily taken out of service. Paramedic Squad 172 was relocated to Fire Station 171, which continues to provide service to the jurisdictional area impacted by the station closure.

Pursuant to the Amended Schedule 2 dated December 10, 2010, the City Council was to restore full funding for Engine 172 effective no later than January 1, 2014. However, the City of Inglewood continues to experience severe economic difficulties with a budget deficit anticipated to be in excess of \$7 million in 2013-14. The Fire District therefore agrees to delay reopening of Fire Station 172 to January 1, 2016. In the interim, the City and the Fire District will continue efforts to obtain additional funding that could fund the reopening Fire Station 172 prior to January 1, 2016.

Effective October 1, 2015 the City of Inglewood will lease Fire Station 172 to the Fire District, and the effective January 1, 2016, the Fire District will re-staff Station 172, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement for Services by and between the City of Inglewood and the Consolidated Fire Protection District dated April 4, 2000.

The Fire District may restore up to 0.75 of the reduction in fire prevention inspector when construction activity increases in the City of Inglewood upon issuing a 60-day written notice to the City, and the Fire District may levy fees related to fire prevention and land development activities in the City authorized by the Los Angeles County Fire Code, as may be amended from time to time.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2014, this Staffing Schedule will replace "Amended Schedule 2 dated December 10, 2010." The salary and employee benefits rates shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the Agreement for Services by and between the City of Inglewood and the Consolidated Fire Protection District dated April 4, 2000.

APPROVED:

CITY OF INGLEWOOD

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By _____
JAMES T. BUTTS, Mayor

DARYL L. OSBY, Fire Chief

Date

Date