

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 16-249, **Version:** 1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, MISSOURI AND THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI FOR FIRE TRAINING. (PSAB 11-15-16)

Issue/Request:

The City of Greenwood owns a vacant house which is slated for demolition to make way for new development. Greenwood has offered this vacant house to the Lee's Summit Fire Department for practical, "hands on" training exercises for LSFDF firefighters. Lee's Summit Fire Department is requesting to enter into a intergovernmental agreement with the City of Greenwood for the use of a structure for fire training exercises.

Key Issues:

Continual training for firefighters is vital to stay proficient in their skills and abilities. Practical, "hands on" training in structures the firefighters are not familiar with adds value to their job knowledge. The City of Lee's Summit has a contract to provide fire and EMS services with the City of Greenwood. The City of Greenwood will have the property inspected for asbestos, lead, mold, and PCB by a certified inspector. The City of Greenwood will also disconnect all utilities and tanks prior to the training. Examples of training at this structure by LSFDF include hose line advancement and flow, search and rescue, ventilation, and forced entry. There will be no live fire training involved. Theatrical smoke will be used to simulate reduced visibility within the structure.

Proposed City Council Motion:

I move to recommend to City Council approval of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, MISSOURI AND THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI FOR FIRE TRAINING.

Background:

The City of Greenwood contacted the Training Division of the Lee's Summit Fire Department, offering up a vacant residence that the City of Greenwood owns to the Lee's Summit Fire Department for practical, "hands on" training, prior to the structure being demolished for future development. The residence was inspected by LSFDF staff, and was determined to be a valued opportunity for important training by LSFDF members. The offered vacant residence is the type of structure that a majority of structure fires LSFDF responds to, and by having a structure unfamiliar to LSFDF firefighters, this training will be very useful.

At Greenwood's November 9th, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting, the intergovernmental agreement passed unanimously.

Impact/Analysis:

There will be no perceived financial impact of this agreement. Very valuable practical training will be conducted.

Timeline:

Start: December 5, 2016

Finish: December 9, 2016

Presenter: Rick Poeschl, Fire Chief; Dan Manley, Assistant Fire Chief - Training

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, MISSOURI AND THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI FOR FIRE TRAINING.

Committee Recommendation: At the November 15th meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to the full City Council.