



Memorandum

Date: 7/16/2024
Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

File No. CM 24-346
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TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Fire	Adrian Sheppard	425-556-2201
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Fire	Micheal Despain	Interim Deputy Chief
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TITLE:
Regional Fire Authority Formation (RFA)

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:
The fire department has the option to detach from the City of Redmond and join with other fire agencies in the area to form a Regional Fire Authority. Doing so will significantly improve the provision of emergency services to the jurisdictions that join and can also provide sizeable budget relief to the former cities.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information
- Provide Direction
- Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
N/A
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The City of Redmond does not have the budget capacity to fully fund the needs of the fire department to maintain services levels in a rapidly growing community. In lieu of allowing service levels to decline, a solution is to allow the fire

department to detach from the City and form a Regional Fire Authority. This will allow greater efficiencies within the new RFA to provide services in a way that maintain service levels over time but also could provide additional discretionary funding back to the City within the General Fund.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Approximately \$250,000 over fiscal year 2025/2026 to form the RFA. This cost could be significantly lower depending on the number of other agencies that participate and how the cost is apportioned.

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

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Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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Time Constraints:

Timing is only impacted by meeting ballot initiative deadlines.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Examples: increased costs, maintenance delays, loss of grant funding, ect.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: RFA Overview for the City of Redmond (PowerPoint)