



## Memorandum

**Date:** 3/15/2022

**Meeting of:** Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

**File No.** CM 22-250

**Type:** Committee Memo

**TO:** Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Fire	Micheal Despain	Interim Deputy Fire Chief
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**TITLE:**

Update on Contract Negotiations with King County Fire District 34

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

An updated contract for service is currently in the negotiation process to continue providing Fire/EMS services to King County Fire District 34. There is a deadline of June 30, 2022, to reach agreement in accordance with current contract language.

☐ **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 has maintained a contract with King County Fire District 34 (District) for Fire/EMS services for over 74 years. The current contract for service expires on December 31, 2022, however, the contract stipulates that a successor agreement must be signed by June 30, 2022. Fire staff has been meeting at least monthly since August 2021

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with the majority of efforts to date dedicated to updating a complex cost model used to determine the price of the contract. For calendar year 2022, the cost of service paid to the City of Redmond by the District will be \$8,983,622. The District will be unable to pay this amount, or any amount higher, without a levy increase starting in 2023. The Commissioners have stated their intent to ask for a levy increase in August 2022.

**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:**

\$9,863,968 proposed/actual cost of service

**Approved in current biennial budget:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

N/A

**Budget Priority:**

N/A

**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)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

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**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
4/26/2022	Special Meeting	Receive Information

**Time Constraints:**

An updated service agreement must be signed by June 30, 2022.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

If no agreement is reached, the current contract will expire on December 31, 2022. Without an extension, Fire Stations 13, 14, and 18 (District Stations) would revert back to the District. The District would then decide to operate their own fire agency or contract out to another entity. All firefighters assigned to District Stations would be reassigned to City of Redmond Fire Stations (11, 12, 16, or 17). The Fire Department budget would see a revenue reduction of approximately \$9 million but also see a reduction in expenses, primarily in overtime, for approximately the same amount depending on current staffing levels.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Emergency Services Operating Agreement - January 1, 2017-December 31, 2022

Attachment B: KCFD34 Cost of Service - 10 Year Forecast Estimate