



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Reginal Freeman  
Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Alameda County Fire Department  
Emergency Response Agreement

**DATE:** June 20, 2022

City Administrator Approval

Date: Jun 23, 2022

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends The City Council:**

**Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To: (1) Enter Into An Agreement With The County of Alameda Fire Department, for the Oakland Fire Department To Provide Emergency Services Within The City Of Emeryville For The Period Of July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2024, And For Such Services To Be Compensated In The Amount Of Four Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$437,541.00), With Two One Year Options To Extend The Agreement; And (2) To Accept And Appropriate The Above-Referenced Funds.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2022, the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) requested to continue to receive ongoing fire response and emergency services, provided by Oakland Fire Department (OFD) to the City of Emeryville. By entering into a new agreement with ACFD, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) will augment the emergency response services to the City of Emeryville, thereby, improves public safety to its residents (in close proximity to City of Oakland).

Approval of the proposed resolution will ensure that Oakland Fire Department can continue delivering fire response services for Alameda County Fire Department to ensure City of Emeryville meets the public safety needs required for the city and the residents of Emeryville, while ensuring full cost recovery.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

In 2011, the City of Emeryville conducted an operational review of its fire service operations and fire dispatch, which focused on the City of Oakland's ability to help provide fire protection, mitigation, and emergency response needs for the sistering city and its residents. Upon completion of the review, it was determined by the city and residents, that the City of Emeryville

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had an insufficient quantity of on-duty firefighters and command staff to effectively deploy emergency services within the City and needed additional fire dispatch and support services.

As a result of this finding, through the Alameda County Fire Department, the City of Oakland responded to the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by Alameda County Fire Department and subsequently, was awarded a fire response services contract through Resolution No. 83823 C.M.S., dated April 30, 2012, for said services.

The City of Oakland has continued to provide emergency response services to the City of Emeryville through ongoing agreements that benefited Emeryville and Oakland. The existing contract expires on June 30, 2022.

The Alameda County Fire Department is requesting that OFD continue with emergency response services through June 30, 2024, and, as in previous years, has proposed that OFD consider the option of extending services up to two (2) successive one-year terms, if agreed to by both parties.

### **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

The City of Emeryville needs additional emergency response services. Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) oversees and governs emergency operations for the City of Emeryville. Although Emeryville is largely self-sufficient in responding to emergencies for incidents and/or for medical occurrences within its jurisdiction, operationally, ACFD sought out assistance for additional services from a neighboring city to assist with fire emergency response services in Emeryville.

The City of Oakland has been under contractual obligation with Alameda County Fire Department since 2012 to provide emergency response services to Emeryville. Under those services, Oakland Fire Department is fully committed to emergency response services and assisted in facilitating and mitigating the effects of incidents and emergencies in the City of Emeryville. Adoption of this resolution is in alignment with two of the City's priorities: holistic community safety and responsive transparent government.

The Alameda County Fire Department has requested to renew the contract with the City of Oakland to continue with said services on an as needed basis to sustain public safety to the city of Emeryville its residents.

In this effort, should OFD continue to provide services to City of Emeryville and residents, OFD personnel will ensure they are equipped to provide Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), and otherwise ensure that members of the public receive the best emergency services to prolong and sustain well-being.

OFD intends to provide fire emergency response services within the City of Emeryville from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Approval of this new contract will ensure that Oakland Fire Department can continue delivering fire response services for Alameda County Fire Department to ensure City of Emeryville meets

the public safety needs required for the city and the residents of Emeryville. Both parties have agreed to terms and the stipulations to continue implementing the fire response services contract.

The City of Oakland currently provides emergency services to neighboring cities by deploying resources to confirmed structure fires and other emergencies requiring mutual aid under emergency situations. This is an opportunity for the City of Oakland to receive reimbursement for services currently provided. It should be noted that the City of Oakland public safety services will not be adversely impacted by the implementation of this contract.

In contrast, if the contract is not authorized, the City of Emeryville will be unable to provide fire emergency response services to protect the city, property, and residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The agreement for emergency response services within the City of Emeryville provides for four (4) quarterly payments annually in Fiscal Years 2022-2024 totaling Four Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$437,541.00). The proposed payments reflect increases in salaries and benefits over the term of the contract, in accordance with the existing Memorandum of Understanding with International Association Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 55.

ACFD will pay the City of Oakland quarterly within 30 days of receipt of the quarterly invoice as follows:

<b>FIRE SERVICES</b>		<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>
<b><u>Quarter</u></b>	<b><u>Service Period</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>1</b>	07/01 - 09/30	<b>\$54,375</b>	<b>\$54,375</b>
<b>2</b>	10/01 - 12/31	<b>\$54,375</b>	<b>\$54,738</b>
<b>3</b>	01/01 - 03/31	<b>\$54,375</b>	<b>\$55,464</b>
<b>4</b>	04/01 - 06/30	<b>\$54,375</b>	<b>\$55,464</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$217,500</b>	<b>\$220,041</b>
<b>FY 2022-24 Total</b>		<b>\$437,541</b>	

The contract revenues will be allocated to the General-Purpose Fund (1010), Emergency Suppression Org (20411), Miscellaneous Service Charges Account (45729), Fire Suppression/Field Operations Program (PS17).

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No public outreach is required for the adoption of this resolution.

The public stands benefits from strong partnerships across civic jurisdictions. Oakland and Alameda County Fire enjoy a mutually beneficial partnership that is reflected during incidents where mutual aid is required. The two agencies often participate jointly in Urban Search and Rescue efforts and California Office of Emergency Services deployments to support the mitigation and suppression of wildfires across California and western United States.

### **COORDINATION**

The Oakland City Attorney's Office and the City's Budget Bureau participated in the preparation of the agreement, agenda report and resolution.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Economic:*** The new revenue generated by the adoption of the resolution is an economic benefit to the City.

***Environmental:*** The adoption of the resolution presents no environmental impacts.

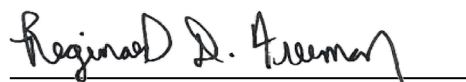
***Race and Social Equity:*** There are no significant race and equity considerations related to the adoption of this resolution.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Jessica Feil, Emergency Services Manager, Emergency Management Services Division at (510) 238-6068.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Reginald D. Freeman", written over a horizontal line.

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