



## Palmer City Council Meeting

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**Meeting Date:** 01/09/2024

**Submitted For:** Chad Cameron, Fire Chief

**Department:** Fire Department

**Agenda Category:** Resolution

**Legislation Number:** Resolution No. 24-007 ☒ **Approved**

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### Subject

A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and Execute a Five-Year Contract with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to Provide Fire Emergency Response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area

### Summary Statement/Background

Since the mid 1960s, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has contracted with the City of Palmer to provide fire protection and response services to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area (GPFSA). This has resulted in a mutually beneficial relationship between the City of Palmer and the GPFSA. The current contract will expire June 30, 2024. The contract before you covers the operational period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

The financial data has been updated to reflect the 2024 Council approved budget. With certain exceptions, such as the City of Palmer and GPFSA paying their prospective vehicle insurance, building insurance, utilities, rescue contract contributions, and rental and lease agreements; the contract calls for the GPFSA to pay 65% of the remaining City of Palmer's Fire and Rescue budget. Operationally, combining fire service response for the City of Palmer and the GPFSA allows for a larger pool of paid-on-call volunteers to respond to a call in either area, and it allows for a smaller, more streamlined overhead expense to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the City of Palmer.

### Administration's Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 24-007

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### Fiscal Impact

**Total Amount of funds listed in this legislation:** \$143,613

**Legislation creates revenue in the amount of:** \$143,613

**Line Item(s):** 01-00-00-3425 Increase in revenues for 2024 from \$765,772 to \$909,385

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### Attachments

Resolution 24-007 - COP/MSB Fire Contract

Palmer-MSB Fire Contract 24-29

2024 Fire Budget Encumbrances

2024 City Contribution Comparison

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Introduced by: City Manager Moosey  
Date: January 9, 2024  
Action: Approved  
Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Mayor Carrington  
Deputy Mayor Anzilotti  
Alcantra  
Best  
Cooper  
Melin  
Tudor

**CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA**

**Resolution No. 24-007**

**A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and Execute a Fire-Year Contract with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to Provide Fire Emergency Response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area**

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer Fire & Rescue plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community by responding to emergencies and providing essential services in the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer has provided service to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area fire emergency services since the mid 1960's, and;

WHEREAS, the contract has resulted in a mutually beneficial relationship between the City of Palmer and Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and;

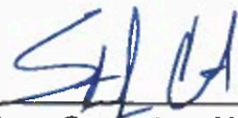
WHEREAS, the existing fire emergency services contract between the City of Palmer and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to provide fire emergency services to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area expires on June 30, 2024, and;

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough agrees to pay 65% of the Palmer City Council approved City of Palmer Fire & Rescue budget with the exceptions of power, heat, water/sewer/garbage, rental & lease, insurance, vehicle insurance, and funds from the Rescue Contract,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Palmer City Council approves the City Manager to sign and execute a five-year contract with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to provide fire emergency response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area.

**Approved** by the Palmer City Council this 9th day of January 2024.

  
Shelly Adeson, CMC, City Clerk

  
Steve Carrington, Mayor