

**City of \_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Policy on Fire & Rescue Service Areas**

It is hereby resolved by the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota that:

WHEREAS; The \_\_\_\_\_ City Council recognizes that the primary responsibility of government is to preserve, protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS; The Council recognizes that in the context of fire and rescue services, the Council has a responsibility to look out for the public safety of township residents residing in the City's fire and rescue service area; and

WHEREAS; From time to time townships approach area cities seeking to either add or withdraw land sections from fire and rescue coverage areas; and

WHEREAS; Such service area changes are sometimes requested for purposes other than to provide for the public safety of residents within coverage areas; and

WHEREAS; Changes to fire and rescue service areas for political or financial reasons can result in a reduction in the quality of public safety services due to longer response times, inadequate personnel or equipment, etc.;

THEREFORE; The City Council hereby adopts a policy that unequivocally states that the City will not accept additional land into its fire and rescue service area that is presently being serviced by another municipality or fire and rescue service district, except when it can be demonstrated that such an action would provide a positive public safety benefit to the residents living within the area in question; and

FURTHERMORE; the Council provides that the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Chief along with the fire chief of the any other municipality or fire service entity shall be solely responsible for determining if there is a public safety benefit to moving land sections from one entity to another and making recommendations to the respective city councils based on their public safety assessments.

Adoption by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk / Administrator