City Council Staff Report

Council Meeting Date

- June 9, 2026

Subject

- Reems Creek Fire Department Aid Agreement

Staff Resource(s)

- Mike Cayse, Fire Chief
- Chris Budzinski, Deputy Fire Chief
- Jessica Hughes, Fire Administration and Financial Business Manager

Action Requested

- Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the automatic aid agreement between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department.

Background

- In August 2013, City Council approved a resolution authorizing a multi-year agreement with Reem's Creek Fire Department for automatic aid service.
- Automatic aid is provided to specific areas in North Asheville where a Reems Creek fire unit can be on scene before an Asheville Fire unit. This Reems Creek fire unit is either a pickup-style vehicle or a fire apparatus with 2 firefighters, depending upon the type of call, medical or fire.
- This automatic aid agreement with the Reems Creek Fire Department is formalized through a written contract whereby the City of Asheville agrees to pay the Reems Creek FD for these services in the defined areas of North Asheville.
- The City of Asheville has a need to strengthen its standard of response and cover in the Beaverdam Valley, and the Reem's Creek Fire Department is the most appropriate organization to provide the service.
- The initial agreement costs were $82,656 and as stipulated in the agreement, the costs are to be adjusted every year based on the consumer price index.
- The cost of service is a set amount and not based upon the overall calls for service or any other service related activities.
- The total cost of this renewal agreement is $118,658.23 for the fiscal year 2026-27.
- Price adjustments for this agreement are based upon the consumer price index.
- The term of the renewal agreement will end June 30, 2027.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- No other vendors are able to provide this service.
- There are no Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) firms able to provide this service.

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- A clean, safe, and healthy environment

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- N/A

Committee(s):

- N/A

Fiscal Impact

- Funding for this agreement is available in the Fire Department's operating budget.

Suggested Motion

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement for automatic aid service between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department in an amount of $118,658.23.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement for automatic aid service between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department

Whereas, the City of Asheville has authority to contract with and appropriate money to any person, association, or corporation, in order to carry out any public purpose that the city is authorized by law to engage in; and

Whereas, the City of Asheville has a need to strengthen its standard of fire response cover in Beaverdam Valley and provide for automatic aid response, and

Whereas, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an automatic aid service agreement with Reem's Creek Fire Department on August 13, 2013, and

Whereas, the agreement is up for its annual renewal at a cost of $118,658.23, and

Whereas, the City wishes to continue the automatic aid agreement with Reem's Creek Fire District for response within the City of Asheville;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign for the renewal agreement for automatic aid service between the City of Asheville and Reems Creek Fire Department at a cost of $118,658.23 in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Read, approved and adopted this 9th day of June, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk