

**CITY OF DUNDAS
COUNTY OF RICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019 - 12

*A Resolution Requesting the NAFRS Board Review Possible
Costs of Providing Fire Protection to Urbanizing
Areas of the Northfield Rural Fire Protection Association*

WHEREAS, the Northfield Area Fire and Rescue Service (the “NAFRS”) is organized to provide fire protection services to incorporated and developed urban areas and to unincorporated primarily undeveloped rural areas, and

WHEREAS, one of the NAFRS Members, Bridgewater Township, a Member of the Northfield Rural Fire Protection Association (the “Rural Fire”), which is a Party of NAFRS, is considering incorporating and creating zoning districts to allow development of urbanized uses including larger residential developments, commercial uses and a large industrial zone, and

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township has held several meetings to provide information regarding the proposed incorporation and development of properties at which Township Supervisor Glen Castore (“Castore”) has stated that fire protection would continue to be provided by Rural Fire through NAFRS, and

WHEREAS, Castore has further stated that the development of urbanized areas in the proposed city would not require municipal water and sewer, and

WHEREAS another large auto-oriented development is being proposed in the area served by the Rural Fire; and

WHEREAS, the auto-oriented development has represented it will be established to provide “owned, rented and/or timeshare condos/garages...”; and

WHEREAS, the auto-oriented development has further represented it will include a “country club with banquet room...restaurant and bar...attract other businesses types: detail shop, mechanic shop, high end parts shop, auto body shop, hotels, restaurants, high end automotive companies...”; and

WHEREAS, some of the equipment necessary to provide fire protection to rural areas is different than equipment which can be used where a well-developed municipal water supply is available; and

WHEREAS, a review of available public information including minutes of the NAFRS Board does not indicate any consideration regarding how fire protection will be provided to the areas proposed to be developed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dundas, that the NAFRS Board (the “Board”) begin a review of the need for additional equipment, training and personal necessary to safely provide fire protection in the areas proposed to be urbanized; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board begin a review of the method of distributing the costs, if any, of providing fire protection to the areas served by Rural Fire proposed to be urbanized or more intensely developed.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Dundas, Minnesota, on this 11th day of March 2019.

CITY OF DUNDAS BY:

ATTEST:

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

John M. McCarthy, Administrator/Clerk

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