

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Jennifer Hennessy, Director of Finance

DATE: September 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Approve Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside, Fire Department to Provide Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, Rescue, Fire Marshal, Hazmat, and Medical Emergency Services for the City of Temecula for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve a cooperative agreement with the County of Riverside, Fire Department to provide Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, Rescue, Fire Marshal, Hazmat, and Medical Emergency Services for the City of Temecula for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30.

BACKGROUND: Since the City of Temecula's incorporation, Fire services have been provided through a Cooperative Fire Service Agreement to provide fire protection, fire prevention, rescue, fire marshal and medical aid with the County of Riverside. At its June 10, 2025 meeting, Council approved a 4-month extension to the existing contract to extend services through October 30, 2025, to complete the negotiations of the attached 5-year Agreement.

The attached Agreement includes the continued cost sharing arrangement for staffing and fleet support costs at Fire Station 95, whereby the County will continue to pay for the following:

- 1 Fire Captain	\$305,922
- 1 Fire Apparatus Engineer	\$268,884
- 1 Firefighter II	\$232,324
- 1 Firefighter II Paramedic	\$261,769
- ½ Fleet Support costs	\$45,428
Total Estimate (FY2025-26)	\$1,114,328

Exhibit A to the Agreement provides the estimated staffing costs, which are summarized in the table below. The County will bill the City actual costs as they are incurred.

	Contract Cost	Less: Structural	Estimated Cost
Fiscal Year	Estimate	Fire Tax Credit	to City
2025-26	24,526,900	(12,991,081)	11,535,819
2026-27	25,790,756	(12,991,081)	12,799,675
2027-28	27,056,741	(12,991,081)	14,065,660
2028-29	28,385,922	(12,991,081)	15,394,841
2029-30	28,385,922	(12,991,081)	15,394,841

Given the current shortage of Paramedics, CalFire has mandated a redistribution of Paramedics throughout Riverside County. The Agreement reflects the current redistribution of six Firefighter II Paramedic positions, which are currently filled at the Firefighter II level. Once the Paramedic shortage is resolved, the Agreement allows for staffing levels to revert to the original configuration and a budget adjustment will come forward to the Council if needed.

Staffing levels will remain at the 4-person per engine standard. If the City wishes to enter into a new agreement with the County or request a change in the level of Fire Services provided, a written notice must be provided to the County one year prior to the expiration of this Agreement (June 30, 2029).

FISCAL IMPACT: As reflected in the Exhibit A of the attached Amendment, Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fire Contract services, net of the County Structure Fire Tax Credit, are estimated to be \$11,535,819 which is reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Operating Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Cooperative Agreement