

**September 17-18, 2014**

**ITEM: 164-2007-R0914**

**Request for Authorization to Enter into an Inter-local Agreement for Fire Safety Services**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University (MSU) to enter into an inter-local agreement with the City of Bozeman to provide Fire Safety Services for Montana State University.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. City of Bozeman, Fire Station No. 2, is located on South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, approximately 400 yards north of the MSU campus. It is in the best interests of MSU for the City of Bozeman to maintain full staffing at Fire Station No. 2, and to designate Fire Station No.2 as the full-time, first response station for emergency services to MSU.
  2. MSU and the City of Bozeman have maintained an arrangement for over twenty years which assured the continued, full-time operation of Fire Station No. 2. The City has requested that the agreement be restructured as an inter-local agreement, governed by Section 7-11-101 et seq., MCA, which requires approval by the Board of Regents and the Bozeman City Commission.
  3. Dispatching emergency services immediately from Fire Station No.2, to MSU, assures the quickest response time and the best service for the safety of MSU's student residents, and for our commuting students, faculty, staff and members of the public using MSU on a daily basis.
  4. This Regents ITEM authorizes MSU to enter into an inter-local agreement and future annual renewals, so long as the City and MSU mutually agree.
  5. Previous payments for these services were processed via invoices from the City of Bozeman. This new agreement includes a 1.3% inflationary adjustment.
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment #1