**Number of Firefighters and Fire Response Policy, LMC Model Resolution**

*League models are thoughtfully developed by our staff for a city’s consideration. Models should be customized as appropriate for an individual city’s circumstances in consultation with the city’s attorney. Helpful background information on this model may be found in the Information Memo* [*“Fire Department Management and Liability Issues.”*](https://www.lmc.org/resources/fire-department-management-and-liability-issues/)

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT’S RESPONSE POLICY.**

WHEREAS the City of \_\_\_\_\_ has a career fire department that has \_\_\_\_\_ firefighters,

WHEREAS the Fire Department has a policy of responding to a fire call with \_\_\_\_\_ firefighters.

WHEREAS the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) issued standards relating to the deployment of firefighters.

WHEREAS NFPA Standard 1710 applies to career departments and states that 4 firefighters should respond to every fire call.

WHEREAS the Fire Chief has investigated this issue and has determined that in order for the city to comply with this standard, it would need to hire \_\_\_\_\_ additional firefighters and there would also be additional costs for overtime, training, and equipment. He estimates the additional costs to the city as \_\_\_\_\_for wages and benefits, plus \_\_\_\_\_for overtime, training and equipment.

Based upon his experience, training, and observations, the Fire Chief has recommended the city maintain its \_\_\_\_\_-firefighter response policy.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council finds that the additional costs of responding to fires with \_\_\_\_\_ firefighters are significant and the city would have to cut other services to meet the NFPA Standard.

The City Council also finds that its current response policy has provided a good level of fire protection for our citizens and is appropriate for the size of the city, its building stock, and land uses.

After weighing the political, economic, and safety factors involved in how the fire department responds, the council finds that given the city’s limited resources, it will maintain its present number of firefighters and its policy of responding with \_\_\_\_\_ firefighters for a fire call.

Passed by the City Council of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota this \_\_\_\_\_ day of Month, Year.

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Mayor

Attested:

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City Clerk