# TOWN OF WINDSOR, COUNTY OF BROOME, STATE OF NEW YORK AUTHORIZING A FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE WEST WINDSOR FIRE COMPANY, INC. RESOLUTION #30-2023

**PRESENT**: Supervisor Mark Odell

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Colwell Councilman Gary M. Hupman Councilman Timothy Harting Councilman Daniel R. Price

At a Public Hearing Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Windsor, County of Broome, New York, held at the Town Hall, 124 Main Street, in the Village of Windsor on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023, there were:

Offered By: Seconded By:

**WHEREAS**, there has been duly established in the said Town of Windsor, a fire protection district No. 2 embracing territory in said Town as is more fully described in the resolution establishing such district and duly adopted by the Town Board of the said Town on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1948, and;

**WHEREAS**, the West Windsor Fire Company, Inc. has established and maintains a recognized emergency rescue and first aid squad as part of its fire company under Section 209-b of the General Municipal Law, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Windsor has a contract with the West Windsor Fire Company, Inc., for the furnishing of fire protection and general EMS service to Windsor Fire Protection District No. 2, which contract expires on December 31, 2023, and;

**WHEREAS**, the said West Windsor Fire Company, Inc., now offers and proposes to enter into a new contract with the Town of Windsor for the protection of said Fire Protection District No. 2, and;

WHEREAS, due notice was given that a public hearing was held in the Town Hall, at 124 Main Street, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023, to consider a contract for the furnishing of fire protection and general EMS service to the said fire protection district, and notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid and giving in general terms the proposed contract, having been duly published and the said hearing having been held at the time and place specified and all persons interested in appearing have been heard, it is hereby,

**RESOLVED,** that this Town Board contract with the West Windsor Fire Company, Inc., for the furnishing of fire protection and general EMS service to the Windsor Fire Protection District No. 2, and it is further,

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Town of Windsor to execute and enter into such a contract with the West Windsor Fire Company, Inc., for the furnishing of fire protection and general EMS service to Windsor Fire Protection District No. 2, which said contract shall be in the form and contain the terms and provisions set forth in the agreement annexed hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Elizabeth Pfister, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Windsor and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Windsor at a meeting thereof held at the Windsor Town Hall, 124 Main Street, Windsor, NY on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023. Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Supervisor Mark Odell Deputy Supervisor Daniel Colwell Councilman Gary M. Hupman Councilman Timothy Harting Councilman Daniel R. Price -

Motion Resolution Adopted:		
[Town of Windsor Seal]		
Elizabeth Pfister		

#### **AGREEMENT**

**AGREEMENT,** made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023, between the Town of Windsor, Broome County, New York, a municipal corporation located in the County of Broome and State of New York, hereinafter called the Town, and the West Windsor Fire Company Inc., a domestic corporation with its principal office located in the Hamlet of West Windsor, Broome County, New York, hereinafter called the Fire Company.

#### WITNESSETH, that

**WHEREAS,** there has been duly established in the said Town of Windsor, a fire protection district known as Windsor Fire Protection District No. 2, embracing territory in the said Town as is more fully described in the resolution establishing such district and duly adopted by the Town Board of the said Town of Windsor, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1948, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Company has established and maintains a recognized emergency rescue and first aid squad as part of its Fire Company under Section 209-b of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, after due notice a public hearing was duly called by the Board of the said Town and following which public hearing the Board of the Town duly adopted, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023, a resolution authorizing the modification of this contract with the Fire Company for the fire protection and general EMS service to and for Windsor Fire Protection District No. 2, upon the terms and provisions herein set forth.

- **NOW, THEREFORE,** the Town does hereby engage the Fire Company to furnish fire protection and general EMS service to and for Windsor Fire Protection District No. 2 and the Fire Company hereby agrees to furnish such protection and such EMS service in the manner following, to wit:
- 1. The Fire Company shall at all times during the existence of the contract be subject to call for attendance upon any fire occurring in said district(s) when notified of a fire within the said district(s), the Fire Company will respond and attend upon such fire without delay and with suitable apparatus and appliances properly manned. Upon arriving at the scene of the fire the Fire Company and the firemen thereof shall proceed diligently in every way reasonably possible to extinguish the fire and saving of life and property in connection therewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is hereby mutually understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the Fire Company, its officers or members, shall not be liable for their failure to answer any such alarm of notice of fire as aforesaid if such failure is due to impassability of the highways, absence of equipment from the community, breakdown of equipment and/or any other causes not within the control of the said Fire Company.
- 2. That the emergency rescue and first aid squad shall, during the existence of this contract, be subject to call to the attendance of any sick, injured or disabled person found within the said Fire Protection District No. 2. Said emergency rescue and first aid squad shall respond to such a call without delay to the extent that and whenever suitable apparatus and properly trained personnel are available. That in addition to such general EMS service within the Fire Protection District No. 2, the emergency rescue and first aid squad of the Fire Company is authorized to answer and respond

to emergency calls outside of the Fire Protection District No. 2 for treatment of sick, injured, or disabled persons.

3. In consideration for the furnishing of aid and the use of its apparatus as aforesaid, the Fire Company shall receive the following consideration:

The year 2024 ...... \$137,609.26

and the Town covenants and agrees to pay the same on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February in each and every year of and during the term of this contract.

- 4. The Parties agree that it is to the interest and benefit of both contracting Parties to operate in a transparent and accountable matter. In further consideration of the compensation set forth in Paragraph three (3) above, the Fire Company agrees to provide the following to the Town:
  - a. On a quarterly basis, within 20 days subsequent to the following dates: March 1, 2024, June 1, 2024, September 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025, an itemized summary of revenues and expenditures; a monthly headcount of active, deployable volunteers for the prior three months, and an itemization including the date and address of calls responded to by the Fire Company during the three months immediately preceding the date of the report.
  - b. On an annual basis, on or before February 1 of the current calendar year, prior to the release of funds by the Town to the Fire Company pursuant to this contract, the Fire Company shall provide to the Town a year-end financial statement of its operating revenues and expenses for the previous calendar year.
  - c. The Fire Company further agrees to provide the Town within 20 days of its completion, a copy of any audit statements and related summary financial statements of any audit: required pursuant to New York State Law including but not limited to New York State Town Law or General Municipal Law; performed by the New York State Comptroller's Office or other New York State Agency; initiated by and performed for the Fire Company. At the Town's discretion, the audit summary and associated financial statements described herein may be substituted for the year-end financial statement set forth in Paragraph 4-b above.
- 5. All monies to be paid to the Fire Company under the terms and provisions of this contract to be a charge upon the said fire protection district to be assessed and levied upon the taxable property within said district and collected with the Town taxes.
- 6. It is mutually understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the Town by this contract shall assume no control of and/or responsibility for the members of the Fire Company or any others employed by them carrying out this contract or any terms or provisions thereof and that the Fire Company enters into this agreement and assumes the responsibilities thereunder as an independent contractor retaining at all times full and complete control over its own members, over its own equipment and over any persons employed by the said Fire Company on its behalf in carrying out the terms and obligations of this contract. It is further mutually covenanted and agreed between the parties thereto that the Town assumes no responsibility or liability for any damages to the fire

apparatus or other equipment of the Fire Company or for any personal injuries or other injuries which may be suffered by the members of the Fire Company or by any other persons under their direction or employ or for any damages to the property of such members or such persons in the course of carrying out the terms and conditions in this contract, except that, during the existence of the contract, all members of the Fire Company shall be protected under the Volunteer Fireman's Benefit Law of the State of New York and the said members of the Fire Company will engage in the performance of their duties and in answering calls or attending upon or returning from any call provided for under the terms and provisions of this contract including the providing of the general EMS service pursuant to Section 209-b of the General Municipal Law will have the same rights, privileges, and immunities as volunteer firemen and as provided for in the Volunteer Fireman's Benefit Law of the State of New York. In connection therewith the Fire Company covenants and agrees upon its part that it will file with the Town Clerk of the Town a list containing the names of all its members and that it will keep such list current at all times by informing and advising of any changes in said membership.

7. The Fire Company shall during the existence of this contract secure and maintain suitable insurance protecting the Town from liability for any personal injury or property damage occasioned by the Fire Company's motor vehicles of the emergency and first aid squad while on their way to and from fires and EMS calls within the said District. The insurance shall be in these amounts listed in Schedule "B."

The Fire Company agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, decisions, and all other incidents arising from claims under this contract.

8. This agreement shall continue for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2024, and terminating on December 31, 2024.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the said parties have duly executed and delivered this agreement and have caused their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed by their duly authorized officers the day and year first above written.

BY:	
	Supervisor
	WEST WINDSOR FIRE CO., INC.
BY:	
	President

TOWN OF WINDSOR

## SCHEDULE "A"

### **SCHEDULE "B"**

STATE OF NEW YORK	) SS:
COUNTY OF BROOME	)
personally known, who, being New York; that he is the Supe executed the above instrument	, 202_ before me personally came Mark Odell, to me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in the Town of Windsor, ervisor of the Town of Windsor, the corporation described in and which t; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to such seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Town Board of the Town of is name thereto by like order.
	Notary Public
STATE OF NEW YORK	) SS:
COUNTY OF BROOME	)
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