

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Josh Waldo, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Fiscal Year 2026 Montana State University (MSU) Fire Service Agreement

**MEETING DATE:** July 8, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Agreement - Legal

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Fiscal Year 2026 Montana State University (MSU) Fire Service Agreement

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

**BACKGROUND:** Since 1984, Montana State University has provided support for firefighting personnel, operations and maintenance, and small equipment purchases at Fire Station 2. This support is in exchange for fire safety services that benefit MSU, as described in Section 2 of the agreement. This agreement is in accordance with MCA 7-11-101 "Inter-local Cooperation Act". The agreement is updated annually to reflect current personnel and operational costs.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by Commission

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** The general fund will receive a payment of \$305,808.10 from MSU in November of 2025.

Attachments:

[MSU - City of Bozeman Fire Dept Agreement FY 26.pdf](#)

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