

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
December 16, 2025	5.b

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Jeff Adkins, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration to approve purchase of a 2018 Pierce 100 Ft Aerial Platform Fire Truck

SUMMARY:

Fire Department staff have located a 2018 Pierce Enforcer 100' Aerial Platform fire truck that it would like to purchase from Forest Grove Fire & Rescue. The Fire Department's 1995, 75' ladder truck is at the end of its service life, has ongoing mechanical and parts issues, and has operational limits. The proposed fire truck meets the departments needs and is at a far lower cost than a new aerial, which would cost \$2.1–\$2.3 million and take three to five years to deliver. Industry standards recommend retiring apparatus after 20 years of service. Coos Bay's aerial is currently 30 years old.

Most comparable used aerials are located on the East Coast, which increases transport and inspection costs; this Oregon unit avoids those expenses and requires only minor upfitting estimated to be under \$20,000. The purchase of the aerial can be completed through a bank loan that will be supported through contract for service fees the department already has in place.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, approve the purchase of a 2018 Pierce Enforcer 100' Aerial Platform fire truck from Forest Grove Fire & Rescue and authorize the City Manager to execute all related purchase documents and upfitting expenses.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department currently operates a 1995 75' ladder truck that has reached the end of its practical service life. Age, limited parts availability, and recurring mechanical issues reduce its reliability. Its reach is also limited; because of ladder angle and building setbacks, it can access only about the 5th floor of the Tioga, which affects operations at other multi-story buildings such as the SWOCC Tioga building, the Chandler, and Myrtle Arms.

Staff learned that Forest Grove Fire & Rescue was considering selling their 2018 Pierce 100' Aerial Platform. The aerial was inspected and staff determined it would meet the needs of the fire department at a fraction of the cost of a new aerial ladder. A new aerial ordered today would cost between \$2.1 and \$2.3 million and carry a three- to five-year delivery timeline. By the time a new truck arrived, the current aerial would be nearly 35 years old. Industry standards recommend that aerials be removed from service and retired after 20-years.

Most used aerals in this age and price range have been located on the East Coast, which drives up inspection, travel, and transport costs. This unit is located in Oregon, making inspection and retrieval possible within a single day and reducing overall project costs. After purchase, the truck will require minor upfitting—radios, striping, equipment mounts, and similar items—estimated at under \$20,000.

The aerial that staff is recommending for purchase will address the limitations of our current aerial by providing increased reach and offering a stable platform for rescue and fire operations. In addition, its newer chassis, electrical system, and safety features reflect current expectations for aerial work and improve overall operational reliability. The added capability also supports regional response needs, as surrounding agencies may depend on Coos Bay for aerial coverage.

Staff reviewed financing options and is recommending an 11-year loan at a 4.39% financing rate to support the purchase. This structure results in an annual payment of \$69,0964.44. Payments will be made from the Fire Department's Equipment Reserve Fund using revenue from fire service contract fees.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Loan payments will be made from the Fire Department's Equipment Reserve Fund #27 through contract for service fees that the fire department already has in place.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 2018 Pierce Aerial2.jpg
- 2018 Pierce Aerial1.jpg
- USBGLF Proposal - TEIP - City of Coos Bay 102725.pdf
- COPY certificate of origin.pdf
- OR DMV vehicle Bill of Sale.pdf
- Truck Bill of Sale City of Forest Grove 12 02 25 final.pdf