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**City of Riviera Beach**

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**To:** Honorable Mayor, Chairperson and City Council

**From:** John Curd, Fire Chief

**Through:** Jonathan Evans, City Manager, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**Subject:** **Resolution 114-23: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an interlocal agreement with the Town of Palm Beach Shores, Palm Beach County, Florida, for emergency medical and supplemental fire related services from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2029; and providing an effective date.**

**Date:** August 02, 2023

**CC:** General Public

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**Background:**

Riviera Beach Fire Rescue currently provides Emergency Medical and Supplemental Fire Services to the Town of Palm Beach Shores. The current agreement expired on December 31, 2022. The two parties agreed to short-term extensions through June 30, 2023. The current agreement has now expired.

The City and the Town of Palm Beach Shores have negotiated a new agreement for the provision of Emergency Medical and Fire Services through June 30, 2029. The agreement term is from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2029.

EMS and Transport Fees: Palm Beach Shores agrees to pay Riviera Beach during the initial year of the agreement, \$2,871 per call. The Town Palm Beach Shores will make quarterly payments to the City totaling \$750,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Town of Palm Beach Shores payment, plus receipts collected from patients/insurance, shall

equal the number of calls responded to by the City multiplied by \$2,871. At the close of each contract year, a true-up calculation will be performed. The result of the true-up will adjust the required payment from the Town of Palm Beach Shores in the subsequent year. The \$2,871 was arrived at by a third-party consultant hired to determine the City's actual cost of service per transport.

For contract years two through six, the fees will be increased annually on July 1 to reflect the lower of the Annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the previous calendar year, or 5%.

Under the final year of the current agreement, the annual payment required by the Town of Palm Beach Shores was \$371,149.

Fire Related Fees: The Town of Palm Beach Shores agrees to pay Riviera Beach a fee for service using the following rate structure. These fees will increase annually by five percent (5%) effective July 1.

- Engine \$1,000 (Current Rate - \$775) for the first hour or fraction thereof
- Aerial/Ladder \$1,275 (Current Rate - \$950) for the first hour or fraction thereof
- Rescue \$825 (Current Rate \$625) for the first hour or fraction thereof
- Command \$600 (Current Rate \$450) for the first hour or fraction thereof

Any responses lasting in excess of 1 (one) hour in duration or any fraction thereof shall be billed on the schedule set forth below:

- Engine \$2,100 (Current Rate \$1,550) per hour or fraction thereof after the first hour
- Aerial/Ladder \$2,400 (Current Rate \$1,800) per hour or fraction thereof after the first hour
- Rescue \$1,675 (Current Rate \$1,250) per hour or fraction thereof after the first hour
- Command \$1,200 (Current Rate \$900) per hour or fraction thereof after the first hour

In cases where fire related assistance is requested by Palm Beach Shores and Riviera Beach's dispatch protocol dispatches units other than those requested, and upon arrival Riviera Beach determines that certain units can be immediately made available, no charge shall be made for those units. In the event of a catastrophic incident or emergency where Riviera Beach is required to utilize non-reusable supplies, Riviera Beach may require reimbursement of replacement cost from Palm Beach Shores.

Level of Service: Riviera Beach shall at all times conduct the Fire, EMS, ALS and BLS

transport services in a proper and efficient manner and shall keep all vehicles and equipment properly serviced and maintained in a good state of repair and shall at all times meet the criteria set forth in applicable state and local statutes.

Additionally, the terms contained within the agreement, shall become effective retroactively to July 1, 2023 only upon the adoption by Palm Beach Shores of a resolution establishing EMS Emergency Transport Service fees to be imposed within the corporate boundaries of Palm Beach Shores. The EMS and Emergency Transport Service fees to be adopted by Palm Beach Shores shall be:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
BLS	\$750.00
ALS1	\$800.00
ALS2	\$1,000.00
Mileage	\$14.00/Mile
Immobilization	\$50.00

If Palm Beach Shores fails to adopt the required fee resolution, Riviera Beach will invoice Palm Beach Shores \$2,871 for every call related to EMS and Emergency Transport Services.

**City Goals:**

The City-wide Goals are to Enhance Government Stewardship and to Accelerate Operational Excellence.

**Fiscal/Budget Impact:**

Palm Beach Shores will pay \$2,871.00 per call in the first year. CPIA Escalator will be applied to all future years capped at 5%.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends a Motion to approve Resolution Number 114-23.

**Attachments:**

1. [Resolution\\_114-23.pdf](#)
2. [City of Riviera Beach EMS Contract 2023.pdf](#)
3. [2016 Agreement.pdf](#)