### **RESOLUTION NO. R18-33**

# A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAUREL AND THE LAUREL URBAN FIRE SERVICE AREA ("LUFSA") SAID AGREEMENTS RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana,

Section 1: <u>Approval</u>. The Agreements between the City of Laurel and the Laurel Urban Fire Service Area ("LUFSA") relating to fire protection for the respective fiscal years: 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, copies attached hereto, be and the same are hereby approved.

Section 2: <u>Execution</u>. The Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Laurel are hereby given authority to execute said agreements on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council on June 19, 2018, by Council Member <u>Stokes</u>.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

CITY OF LAUREL

Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

TEST Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer APPROVED AS TO FORM: Sam Painter Civil City Attorney

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#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City maintains a fire department and is willing to provide fire protection, prevention, and investigation services to properties within the LUFSA at the same level as such services are provided to properties within the limits of the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided; and,

WHEREAS, the LUFSA has been duly and properly created by the Board of County Commissioners of Yellowstone County pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7-33-2401 through 7-33-2404, inclusive, of the Montana Code Annotated; and,

WHEREAS, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is the LUFSA boundary description and map; and,

WHEREAS, the LUFSA desires to obtain the said fire services from the City by entering into a contract with the City for such services; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Yellowstone County has transferred the management of the LUFSA to a Board of Trustees in accordance with Section 7-33-2403, MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. <u>Services</u>.

The City will furnish the following services to properties and residents within the LUFSA, at the same level as such services are provided to properties and residents within the limits of the fire districts served by the City:

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The City further agrees to provide grassland, rangeland, and timberland fire protection services to properties located within the LUFSA. This fire protection service will be financed under separate contracts between Yellowstone County and the City of Laurel.

# 2. <u>SERVICE AREA</u>

Fire services will be provided to all properties located within the boundaries of the LUFSA as specified in the resolution of the Yellowstone County Commissioners creating said LUFSA, and as amended from time to time by agreement of the parties. Any enlargement of the LUFSA will not receive fire service unless approved in writing by the City.

# 3. <u>ANNEXATION</u>

In the event the City or its fire districts annex property located with the LUFSA said properties will automatically be excluded from the LUFSA only at the expiration of the contract term or at such time as this Agreement is otherwise terminated. Any properties within the LUFSA which are annexed into the City or its fire districts will continue to be responsible for payments of charges to LUFSA, attributable to the remainder of the contract period following the date of annexation. On the beginning of the new Contract period annexed property will no longer be required to pay charges for services provided through the LUFSA.

# 4. <u>EFFECTIVE</u>

This agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2018, and shall terminate on June 30, 2019.

# 5. <u>RENEWAL</u>

This Agreement may be renewed, with the terms and conditions of the renewal Agreement to be as mutually agreed upon by the parties.

# 6. <u>CHARGES AND PAYMENTS</u>

The fee for providing services for this Agreement shall be <u>eighty-eight thousand</u> <u>six hundred eighteen dollars and 61/100 (\$88, 618.61)</u>. One-half of the said fee shall be paid by Yellowstone County on behalf of the LUFSA, on or before December 31, 2018. The remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2019.

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