

**RESOLUTION NO. R21-35**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF LAUREL AND THE LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY,  
SAID AGREEMENT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION**

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


Section 1: Approval. The Agreement between the City of Laurel and the Laurel Airport Authority, relating to fire protection for the fiscal year 2021-2022, a copy attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor and the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Laurel are hereby given authority to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council on May 25, 2021, by Council Member Klose.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

CITY OF LAUREL

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Sam Painter, Civil City Attorney



# LAUREL FIRE/EMS

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March 10, 2021

Laurel Airport Authority  
PO Box 242  
Laurel, Mt. 59044

Dear Laurel Airport Authority Chairperson,

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Laurel have discussed the upcoming Fire district contracts and other services for the Rural Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas.

We would like to continue to offer a contract with a 2% increase from last years contract. The increase is due to the rising inflation cost of expenses associated to the fire service. Such increases are for fire apparatus, both new equipment and the maintenance and repair of existing apparatus, personal protective equipment, rising fuel costs and equipment purchases to maintain a highly effective service to our districts.

The proposed increase would be as follows:

Contract Year	Last Contract		% +/-	Increase/ Decrease				Annual Payment
2020- 2021	\$4992.98	x	.02	\$99.85	+	\$4992.98	=	\$5092.83

If your Board of Directors accepts this contract amount, the City of Laurel and the Laurel Fire Department are requesting that the new contracts will be finalized and ready to be presented to the City of Laurel Council before the end of the fiscal year. If you feel that the new rate is unjust and would like to meet with myself or the City of Laurel Mayor, please contact me and arrange a date and time at your convenience to meet.

Enclosed you will find the contract for the next year of service. Please sign and return to the following by April 16, 2021.

Brittney Moorman  
Council Secretary  
PO Box 10  
Laurel, Mt. 59044

Thank you for your support. If there is anything, we can do to help support the Fire District of the Laurel Airport Authority please don't hesitate to call us. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Brent S. Peters  
Fire Chief, Laurel Fire Department  
bpeters@laurel.mt.gov  
406-628-4911

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021, by and between the CITY OF LAUREL, a municipal corporation, Yellowstone County, Montana, hereinafter referred to as "City", and LAUREL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, hereinafter referred to as "Airport Authority".

WHEREAS, the said Airport Authority has requested the City to provide fire protection to the said district and the said City is agreeable to provide said fire protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the mutual benefit and advantage of each, it is herewith agreed as follows:

### I.

That the City, in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the Airport Authority hereafter agrees as follows:

1. To dispatch the City fire equipment and personnel to fight fires, explosions, or any other emergency call to endangered property within the said Airport Authority district upon notification of the City.
2. It is expressly agreed and understood that the amount of equipment, the type of equipment, the number of personnel dispatched, the manner of fighting the fire or explosion, etc., shall be in the sole discretion of the City and its personnel.
3. It is further mutually covenanted, agreed and understood that in the event fire or explosion or emergency calls shall occur simultaneously in the Airport Authority district and within the City's municipal boundaries that the City shall have the preference to use its equipment and manpower in protecting the City property first, and that protection of City inhabitants and property shall have preference and priority over any call, demand of the Airport Authority.
4. The Chief of the City of Laurel Fire Department shall make the investigation of all fires within the organized fire district or explosions and attempting to determine the cause, origin, and circumstances of same.

### II.

The Airport Authority district in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the City, as herein stated, agrees as follows:

1. To pay to the City the total sum of five thousand ninety two dollars and eighty three cents (\$5,092.83). One-half of the said fees shall be paid on or before December 31, 2021 and the remaining one-half shall be paid on or before June 30, 2022.
2. In the event that the Airport Authority district is enlarged or additional buildings built therein that the City may adjust the compensation upwards as required for the additional protection;

3. The Airport Authority agrees to cooperate with the City and the City Fire Department in the inspection of the property to be protected and to cooperate in reducing fire risks as may be suggested from time to time by the Fire Department personnel and/or the City Fire Inspector.


III.

It is mutually covenanted, agreed, and understood that the term of this agreement shall be for one (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022 subject to the extension provision below.

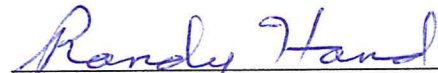
IV.

Prior to expiration, this agreement may be extended for one or more thirty-day period(s) to provide the parties the opportunity to negotiate a new annual agreement. The parties may extend the agreement in writing that is accepted and signed by both the City's Mayor and the Airport Authority's Chairman.

CITY OF LAUREL

  
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Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

  
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Randy Hand, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Bethany Langve, Clerk/Treasurer