

# City of Lincoln City

## City Council Communication

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### North Lincoln Fire and Rescue (NLFR) Dispatch Service Contract

Meeting Date: 11/18/2024	Primary Staff Contact: David James Robinson
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Approval: Daphnee Legarza	Estimated Time: 20 minutes
Strategic Priority: Emergency Management Preparedness	

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#### **Question:**

Should the City Council discontinue charging the North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District for 911 dispatch services and terminate the IGA for dispatch services?

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Council terminate the IGA

#### **Authority:**

ORS 190.010, et al. and the IGA itself which allows for unilateral voluntary termination (see section 8 B.) – the IGA will terminate 180 days from one party giving notice of its intent to terminate.

#### **Background:**

Lincoln City and the North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District entered into an IGA on June 24, 2019. The agreement was that the district would pay the city \$25,000 two times each year in exchange for the city taking fire calls at the city's 911 dispatch center. The annual installment payments increased by 4% every year at renewal.

The city's decision to terminate the IGA is not a reflection on the district or its services. On the contrary, the district has voiced concerns about lost tax revenue from the Urban Renewal Area. The city no longer wants to charge the district for services and the city will continue to provide dispatch services to the district. Fire and life safety services are a vital service in our community. The city desires to do what it can to help the district provide excellent services.

With the elimination of the payment requirement the IGA is no longer necessary. As a purely contractual matter, if the city no longer charges for the services, the IGA no longer has "consideration" a legal term meaning the bargained for exchange of obligations. The IGA becomes one-sided.

We hope that eliminating the payment for dispatch services will give the district what it needs to continue its good work.

**Council Options/ Potential Motions:**

Motion to stop charging the NLFRD for services and motion to terminate the IGA.

Motion to continue charging the NLFRD and motion to continue the IGA

No motion (or no second) and maintain the status quo.

**Financial Impact**

\$60,834

**Attachments:**

NFL dispatch service IGA