

RESOLUTION NO: 41 - 2012
INTRODUCED BY: Henry

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HILLCREST REGIONAL FIRE INVESTIGATION STRIKE FORCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Beachwood, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights and South Euclid have entered into an Agreement setting forth the terms, conditions, rights, duties and obligations of each relative to the establishment of a short term mobilization of fire investigators, together with allied resources, to apply high intensity investigator efforts to a fire incident; and

WHEREAS, said group is known as the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Strike Force; and

WHEREAS, the participating municipalities have developed the Strike Force to meet the needs of each municipality regarding the investigation and detection of the causes of fire with a goal of reducing arson related activities; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue the Strike Force it is necessary to enter into a cooperative agreement between and among the various municipalities, and to allocate funds to continue to support the Strike Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Council authorizes the City to continue to participate in the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Strike Force.

Section 2. This Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a cooperative Agreement between and among the various members of the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Strike Force, which Agreement will outline the rights, duties and obligations of each of the members of the Strike Force.

Section 3. The Agreement shall be negotiated between the municipalities, and the City's Director of Law is authorized to include in said Agreement whatever provisions are necessary to protect the rights of the City of Richmond Heights.

Section 4. In order to support the Strike Force, the Finance Director is to pay the membership fee to be determined pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, but in no event to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum, effective January 1, 2012.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Richmond Heights and its residents for the further reason that it is necessary to continue to commit to participation in the Strike Force as soon as possible for the health and safety of the citizens of the City; wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage by the Council and the signature of the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

Daniel J. Ursu, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

David H. Roche
President of Council