



Eugene Springfield Fire Governance Options

Fully Contracting for Services

Summary Description of Option(s):

The State of Oregon grants local governments the power to contract for a broad range of purposes. Contracted services could include, but aren't limited to, Fire/EMS operations, Fire Marshal permitting and investigations, billing, training, and general administration. For instance: The City of Eugene contracts with the City of Springfield for services or the City of Springfield contracts with the City of Eugene for services.

The City Councils determine the desired level of services and negotiate an agreement based on the level of emergency and support services desired and contracted for, taking into consideration Standards of Coverage and response standards. The agreement could create a single point of budget, purchasing, accounting, human resource, IT solutions, and employee equity. Depending on the scope of the contracted services, some or all of the employees of the contracting city could become employees for the city providing the service under the successor City's governance and employment structure.

Financial Considerations:

Costing Scenarios would include numerous factors including:

- PERS, Sick Leave, Vacation Leave, Long-Term disability
- Facilities, apparatus valuations- transfer decisions
- Inter-governmental Service Fees (communications center, radios) IT, HR, Legal, Fleet
- Revenues, Debts, Levies, Bonding

Legal Considerations and Process:

Eugene: The City Manager has the authority to execute a contract for the provision or purchase of services. If the contract has budget implications the City Council would have to approve the necessary budget changes. Depending on the scope of the contracted services, the IAFF contract will need to be amended.

Springfield: The contract for the provision or purchase of services would most likely exceed the City Manager's spending authority of \$100,000 and need Council approval.

Comments from Governance Review Panel:

Attachments:

None