

Date December 9, 2024

**APPROVING 28E AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FOR
POLK COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Polk County Fire Chief’s Association has submitted an updated 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Polk County Area Fire/Rescue Services; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code (2024) allows any public agency in Iowa, including municipalities, to enter into agreements with public or private entities for joint or cooperative action with respect to any power, privilege or authority exercised or capable of being exercised by the public agency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved prior versions of such a mutual aid 28E Agreement since at least 2003; and

WHEREAS, the updated version of this 28E Agreement, superseding the 2017 agreement in full, will retain all terms of the prior agreement while adding the option to request assistance using pre-determined response tables utilizing Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and further clarifying the initiation or assumption of Incident Command operational control for incident safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the residents of Des Moines to continue to participate in a mutual aid agreement to assist its neighboring governmental agencies in the case of medical or fire emergency in which additional skilled personnel or equipment are needed, including the updated terms described above and set forth in full in the updated 28E Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the updated 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Polk County Fire/Rescue Services is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the 28E Agreement for Mutual Assistance for Polk County Fire/Rescue Services is approved; the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to her signature; and the Fire Chief is directed to administer and monitor the Agreement.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Second by _____.

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
MANDELBAUM				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk