

TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CREATING THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A FIRE TRUCK TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF WHITE SPRINGS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Town of White Springs, Florida has the responsibility for providing fire protection services to the Citizens of White Springs through a Volunteer Fire Department or by and through a contractual relationship with a third party fire protection agency; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department shall be supervised by a Fire Chief having substantial fire fighting and supervisory experience; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Chief shall provide for emergency services and ensure that all equipment is serviceable at all times; and

WHEREAS, both fire engine trucks owned by the Town are inoperable and require a considerable amount of repair work amounting to cost which cannot be justified based on the age of the trucks; and

WHEREAS, the response time for the Volunteer Fire Department is negatively impacted by the dependency on other fire protection agencies to respond to fire emergencies within the confines of the Town of White Springs; and

WHEREAS, a diligent search for an adequate fire truck and associated fire protection apparatuses has been executed by the Fire Chief encompassing the required number of Purchasing Quotes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VII, paragraph G of the Town's Administrative Manual, states that at any time in any budget year the Council may make emergency purchases of supplies and contractual services to meet a pressing need for public expenditure, for other than a regular or recurring requirement, to protect the public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, such purchases and contractual services shall be made by resolution declaring the existence of emergency creating an immediate need for the supplies or contractual services; and

WHEREAS, no bids will be required for such emergency purchases or acquisition after said emergency is declared as stated in the Administrative Manual, Chapter VII, Paragraph G.;

WHEREAS, The Town of White Springs, Florida believes it is in the best interest of its residents, business owners and patrons to utilize the Emergency Purchases outlined in the Standard Operating

Procedures

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals.

The above recitals are all true and accurate and are incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. Declaration of Emergency.

The age and condition of two fire trucks currently owned by the Town has resulted in an emergency need for another fire engine in order to ensure the Town is able to comply with its Charter responsibility to provide fire protection services and to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The Town of White Springs hereby declares an emergency with regard to its ability to provide fire protection services with its current trucks. This emergency has created an immediate need for the purchase of an additional fire truck, namely a 2005 E-One International 4400 Commercial Pumper Fire Truck.

Section 3.

Section 3. Effective Date and Expiration Date.

This Resolution is effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon an emergency reading this ____ day of May 2020.

**TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS,
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

By: _____
Helen Miller, Mayor

By: _____

Beverly Brazil, Interim Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

By: _____
Meagan L. Logan
Town Attorney