

**CITY OF GREENFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-75**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD
REQUESTING THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) OF
MONTEREY COUNTY TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS TO CONSIDER A
REORGANIZATION OF THE GREENFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICT)
AND TO DETACH ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FROM THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the Greenfield Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the City has received fire protection services from the District since the City was incorporated in 1947; and

WHEREAS, on the City and the District approved a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly evaluate the reorganization of the existing fire protection service in the Greenfield Community.

WHEREAS, the District has experienced continuing fiscal challenges since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the District has applied for a SAFER grant to improve and restore staffing and deployment capabilities to effectively and safely respond to emergencies; improve the ability to assemble a sufficient number of firefighters at a structure fire in compliance with NFPA 1710 and 1720; ensure that all first-arriving apparatus are staffed with a minimum of four qualified personnel who are capable of initiating the suppression response, and to improve firefighter safety by meeting minimum staffing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the District will not receive these SAFER grant funds as anticipated and is now facing an imminent fiscal crisis where it may be required to significantly reduce services in order to maintain fiscal solvency; and

WHEREAS, the District is only able to respond to its first due response area less the 19% of the time given its current staffing levels and unable to meet the NFPA 1710 assembly requirements; and

WHEREAS, any reduction of fire protection services would be detrimental to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and District both desire to sustain or enhance current fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the City and District have been engaged in discussions relating to a reorganization of the District and the identification of a funding source that would ensure long-term fiscal solvency and an appropriate level of fire protection services for both jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City and District have mutually agreed to pursue a reorganization of the District involving the City detaching from the District and forming a City Fire Department operating from the current District fire station facility with the remainder District contracting with the City for fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to providing contractual fire protection services to the rural unincorporated area of the District to ensure ongoing, long-term continuity of services; and

WHEREAS, such a reorganization of the District requires approval by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 56650 et seq., the City desires to initiate proceedings to detach from the Greenfield Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed action is to establish a City of Greenfield Fire Department that would also provide contractual fire protection services to the remainder Greenfield Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, such an adjustment of District boundaries would allow the City to establish its own municipal fire department; and

WHEREAS, said reorganization will have no significant environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Greenfield approves and adopts this Resolution of Application, and authorizes the City Manager to prepare and submit an application requesting that the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County take and initiate proceedings to detach all real property within the City of Greenfield from the Greenfield Fire Protection District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Greenfield finds and declares that this application is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), and Section 15320 as follows:

a. Section 15061(b)(3) applies to projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

b. Section 15320 applies to changes in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to prepare and submit such additional documents and notices, including any notices required by CEQA or LAFCO regulations and rules, to fully implement the intent of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to initiate property tax exchange negotiations, as soon as practical, with all affected or interested agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Greenfield at a regular meeting duly held on the 13th day of September 2016, by the following vote:

AYES, and if favor thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

John P. Huerta, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Ann F. Rathbun, City Clerk