

ORDINANCE 2018 - 86

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

WHEREAS, local governments are under tremendous pressure to reduce operating costs, cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions and demonstrate tangible results to heavily-burdened taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Mason and West Chester Township agree to provide automatic mutual aid fire department response to provide safe and efficient staffing levels to emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the Mason and West Chester Fire Departments staff 24-hour, 7-day a week operations for the safety and protection of lives and property within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Mason and West Chester Fire Departments share similar approaches to staffing, fire ground safety, operations and risk management. These jurisdictions are therefore able to respond to the public with the resources and efficiencies of one larger agency and yet maintain their identity; and

WHEREAS, the Mason and West Chester Fire Departments strive to provide the maximum protection by providing the fastest service response to its residents and desire to enter into an agreement whereby each entity may render automatic mutual aid to each other.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio.

Section 1. That City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an automatic mutual aid agreement with West Chester Township for fire department services, substantially in the form of the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 9th day of July, 2018.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council