



ORDINANCE 2025-07

AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RURAL DELTANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (RDVFD) BOARD FOR JOINT COMMUNITY FIRE SUPPORT

The City Council of the City of Delta Junction, Alaska finds that:

- A. RDVFD's former fire chief failed to disclose that he had not made any insurance payments from 2018 to the time he was relieved of duty in January of 2024.
- B. On January 11, 2024, 2 RDVFD board members met with Delta Junction city officials and a joint service non-written agreement was made for the RDVFD firefighters to join the Delta Junction Volunteer Fire Department ("DJVFD").
- C. The City has provided insurance for fire volunteers and fire vehicles at its own expense for the safety of the Deltana area. At this point, this is the only viable option RDFVD has found.
- D. This newly written agreement intends to combine RDVFD with the DJVFD and initialize a united fire department called the Alcan Fire District.
- E. With this agreement the 3 fire stations and all equipment would be available to all volunteer fire responders for emergency calls.
- F. The intent of this agreement is to be a temporary agreement until RDVFD can obtain all the insurance necessary to function on its own.
- G. The City faces little risk in entering into a joint merger agreement because it may be terminated by the City without cause at any time on a thirty (30) days' notice.

WHEREAS, the reason for the agreement - Joint operation of fire services can provide efficiency and cost savings by minimizing duplication of volunteers and resources and is expected to provide consistency in training and operations.

WHEREAS, according to the terms of this Agreement, provide fire services to the area comprising the City and RD service areas under a unified command, organizational structure, and operations of all three fire stations and related facilities and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of those Findings, it is enacted by the City Council of the City of Delta Junction, Alaska:

1. The City agrees to a JOINT MERGER AGREEMENT with RURAL DELTANA VOLUNTEER FIRE BOARD according to the terms and conditions of the AGREEMENT FOR JOINT FIRE SERVICES.

2. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character, shall be included in the City of Delta Junction Municipal Code of Ordinances, and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Introduction:	March 18, 2025
First Reading:	March 18, 2025
Public Hearing:	April 1, 2025
Second Reading:	April 1, 2025
Adoption:	April 1, 2025

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of April 2025 by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Delta Junction.

<hr/> Igor Zarembo, Mayor		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
	Seat A: Leith				
	Seat B: Mitchell				
	Seat C: Prestegard				
	Seat D: Zarembo				
<hr/> Pat White, City Clerk	Seat E: Stricklin				
	Seat F: Hallgren				
	Seat G: Reisner				

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