

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 09

**A RESOLUTION TERMINATING EXPIRED
FIRE STATION CELL SITE LEASE AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District (the “District”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district pursuant to Title 32, Article 1, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(1)(d) (I), C.R.S., the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) is authorized to adopt and enforce rules, regulations and policies affecting the affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the former organizations that comprise the current District, including the Parker Fire Protection District, South Metro Fire Rescue (successor to the Castlewood Fire Protection District), and Littleton Fire Protection District, have entered into lease agreements with cell service providers since 1997 to install cell sites at fire stations, and those agreements are beginning to expire; and

WHEREAS, the presence of cell sites at fire stations is concerning to the District and IAFF Local 2086 based on the potential health effects of living and working in close proximity to the equipment, training and operating near transmission portions of a cell tower, and the growing trend of job-related firefighter cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, the District has supported efforts focused on the reduction of the harmful impacts of the firefighting profession, particularly through aggressive cancer prevention initiatives; and

WHEREAS, past research and position papers from reputable, third-party organizations have consistently recognized the potential relationship between cell equipment and cancer, and the need for more research to explore this relationship; and

WHEREAS, while many variables can lead to an increased risk of cancer, the presence of cell sites in the work environment is a variable that is outside of a firefighter’s personal choice of acceptable risk in their life; and

WHEREAS, until there is more definitive research that significantly reduces the actual and perceived risk related to these fire station cell sites, their continued presence is a distraction from the District’s cancer prevention efforts; and

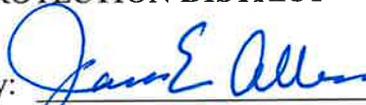
WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that adopting a philosophy and direction on fire station cell site lease agreements is appropriate and necessary to the function and operation of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District that lease agreements allowing the installation of cell sites at fire stations shall be terminated upon expiration of the agreement. The Fire Chief, or appointee, may allow a reasonable extension of time for the cell service provider to secure an alternative location.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced immediately upon its approval by the Board.

ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2022.

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By: 
Jim Albee, Chair

Attest:


Sue Roche, Secretary