

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance authorizing 1) the execution of an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase two replacement fire ladder trucks for the Bellevue Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$5,077,861, plus all applicable taxes, and 2) amending the 2025-2026 adopted budget to increase appropriation to the Equipment Rental Fund by \$5,077,861.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Ordinance authorizes execution of an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc., to purchase two replacement fire ladder trucks for the Bellevue Fire Department and increase appropriation to the 2025-26 adopted budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6884

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The current production lead time for the manufacturing of these ladder trucks is approximately 53 months due to specific options needed in combination of commodity shortages and surges of national demand for new fire apparatus. Ordering now will lock the order in the production queue to ensure the new ladder trucks arrive by 2030.

The Fire Department directly serves the City of Bellevue and contractually provides fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical services to six neighboring jurisdictions, encompassing a total of 43 square miles and more than 153,000 residents. Those jurisdictions are Beaux Arts Village, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, Newcastle, and Yarrow Point. The department currently operates three ladder trucks (two front-line plus one reserve) within the City to provide timely response to emergency calls for service.

The new ladder trucks will replace two trucks that have met their serviceable life. Replacing emergency response apparatus on schedule ensures the City is well-equipped to provide emergency services to the community, and enables the Fire Department to meet these performance measures:

- Fires Confined to room of origin
- Total Emergency Response time less than six minutes
- Total dollar loss from fire

This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and the Houston-Galveston-Area-Council that has a contract in place of purchase from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., The City has benefitted from this cooperative purchasing arrangement for many years as it is a large consortium of public agencies and consequently obtains very competitive pricing.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Washington State law (Chapter 35A.33 RCW) and the City of Bellevue's Comprehensive Financial Policies (12.0 Budget Adjustments & Amendments) require Council approval for budget amendments that will cause the existing appropriation level for a fund to change.

Bellevue City Code

- BCC 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required for purchases more than \$350,000.
- BCC 4.28.150 authorizes the Director of Finance and Asset Management to join cooperative purchase agreements with other public agencies, cooperatives or consortiums when it would be in the best interest of the City.

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

- Neighborhood Element: N-2. Ensure police, fire and emergency services provide high levels of public safety that respond to growth and changing community needs.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement will obligate the City to pay \$5,077,861, plus all applicable taxes, for the purchase of two replacement fire ladder trucks for delivery in 2030.

The source funding for the purchase is the Mechanical Equipment Rental Fund (MERF) replacement account. This expenditure is planned, and funds have been reserved as is required by MERF policy. Funds received from the surplus sale of the equipment being replaced will be deposited into the MERF replacement account for future replacement needs. This action increase appropriation to the 2025-26 budget to encumber the contract amount as required by RCW 35A and the City's Comprehensive Financial Policies.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance authorizing 1) the execution of an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase two replacement fire ladder trucks for the Bellevue Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$5,077,861, plus all applicable taxes, and 2) amending the 2025-2026 adopted budget to increase appropriation to the Equipment Rental Fund by \$5,077,861.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Ordinance No. 6884

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed purchase agreement between the City of Bellevue and Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.
Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract signature page