



Municipal Code Amendment:

**Delegating Authority to Contra Costa
County Fire Protection District for Fire and
Emergency Medical Response Services
in the City of Pinole**

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Background

- On October 10, 2022, the City and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (“Con Fire”) entered into Fire Services Agreement for fire and emergency medical response services in the City of Pinole.
- The effective date of the agreement was January 1, 2023, and the formal transition took place in early March 2023.



Background

- The Fire Services Agreement provides the following:
- Section 3(e)(2) – “The Fire Chief is hereby designated by the City as the City of Pinole Fire Chief and will have and possess such authority as the City Municipal Code and general laws provide for the City’s Fire Chief.”



Background

- The Pinole Municipal Code has several references to the duties and responsibilities of the “Fire Chief” including:
 - 16.24.130 – approval of fire hydrant locations;
 - 15.20.030 – authority to approve amendments to the Fire Code to promote public safety;
 - 15.20.040 – authority to approve or disapprove of permit applications that do not comply with the Fire Code



Proposed Ordinance

What Does the Ordinance Do?

- Delegates the power and authority vested in the Pinole Fire Chief as provided in the Municipal Code to the Fire Chief of Con Fire, or appointed designee.
- Provides that all references in the Municipal Code to the “Pinole Fire Department” shall mean Con Fire.
- Limits this delegation of authority to the term of the Fire Services Agreement.



Staff Recommendation

Introduce and waive a first reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 2.06 to the Pinole Municipal Code designating Con Fire as the provider of fire and emergency medical response services in the City of Pinole pursuant to the Fire Services Agreement.

Questions and Discussion

