

RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Cook County, Georgia is governed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is authorized to provide fire protection services for the citizens of Cook County, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners are presently providing funding and or equipment for all six of the volunteer fire departments within Cook County, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners are currently working in conjunction with the independent county volunteer fire departments to provide fire services for Cook County, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and five of the independent county volunteer fire departments are now mutually desirous to ratify fire consolidation services for Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, a consolidated fire department will facilitate lower ISO rates throughout Cook County by providing sufficient manpower and consolidated record keeping throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, the County Fire Department shall be managed by a County Fire Chief, duly appointed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be the governing authority over the consolidated fire department, with the County Fire Chief responsible for managerial decisions concerning the fire department, in keeping with the County’s current policies and procedures; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall supersede any past resolutions or agreements pertaining to County fire consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the consolidated fire department shall be known as the Cook County Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby agree to consolidate departments with the undersigned county volunteer fire departments pursuant to the above referenced terms and conditions.

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

LINDSEY PARRISH, CHAIRMAN

(COUNTY SEAL)

VICKI PARRISH, COUNTY CLERK

(Additional Signatures to Follow)

COOK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

PINE VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT, INC.
BY: TIMMY GUTHRIE

SOUTHEAST COOK VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
BY: JOHN MCLAGGLIN

CHASERVILLE-MASSEEE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
BY: SAMUEL KEITH WALKER

CECIL VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
BY: JODY MEELER

LENOX VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
BY: BRANDON RUTLAND

Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

From: Johnny West, Fire Chief **Date:** March 12, 2019

Subject: Resolution – County Fire Department **Item Number:** VIII-B

Attached is the Resolution that will establish a county wide fire department.

Daniel Connell prepared the resolution or adoption.

Motion made by _____

Second made by _____

Any discussion: _____

Votes _____ yes _____ no

Motion carried/ failed