

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Ken Johnson, ES Chief  
**SUBJECT:** Retain Fire Engine Slated for Surplus  
**DATE:** October 1, 2002

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider retaining one fire engine, scheduled for replacement, to serve as a piece of reserve apparatus.

- FACTS:**
- 1 The City is scheduled to take possession of two new fire engines in mid-October
  2. The new engines are intended to replace two engines that have completed their useful life as first-out apparatus.
  3. All fire apparatus experiences downtime. Units are routinely taken out of service for repairs and preventative maintenance. Even brand new apparatus will have occasion to be taken out of service.
  4. The ladder truck is moved up as a first-out unit when either of the two primary fire engines is taken out of service.

**ANALYSIS &  
CONCLUSION:**

Emergency Services' services are predominately provided by means of two fire engines. Whenever one of these two units is taken out of service for repairs or preventative maintenance, the ladder truck is used in its place. The ladder truck is an expensive piece of specialty apparatus that has significantly higher operating costs and is far less maneuverable in most call situations. Additionally, the Department has no reserve fire engines to assist during major operations or to service subsequent calls. Retaining one of these older fire engines slated for replacement in mid-October would be operationally advantageous and could be done at a minimum of cost.

No funds shall be accrued for the replacement of this reserve fire engine. Future replacements shall be in concert with the replacement of front-line engines (i.e., front-line engines will be rotated to reserve status as they are replaced and older reserves surplus).

**POLICY  
REFERENCE:** None

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:** \$6,000 annually. These costs are to be covered from within existing allocations. This money is made available through an anticipated reduction in repair costs.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 02-xx approving an increase of one fire engine to the City's fleet by designating Engine 8191 (City Unit 214) as a reserve fire engine.
  - b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
DESIGNATING FIRE ENGINE 8191 / CITY VEHICLE NUMBER 214  
AS A RESERVE FIRE ENGINE

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WHEREAS, the City is acquiring two new fire engines in mid-October; and

WHEREAS, the new engines will serve as first-out apparatus; and

WHEREAS, Fire Engine 8191 (City Unit 214) is one of the engines being replaced as a first-out unit; and

WHEREAS this 1989 Piece Arrow fire engine still has a useful life as a backup unit when one of the new engines is scheduled for maintenance, when an engine is needed for subsequent emergency calls, or in the event of a major incident; and

WHEREAS Engine 8191 is the newest existing engine and falls under the standardization of the Emergency Services fleet; and

WHEREAS Engine 8191 would only require approximately \$6,000.00 per year for maintenance and fuel.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that Engine 8191 (City Unit 214) be designated a reserve fire engine and be maintained as such, increasing the City's fleet by one fire engine.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Frank Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk