



MEMORANDUM

TO: *Tiffany Antol, Planning Director*

Via: *Mark Gaillard, Fire Chief*

FROM: *Mark Wilson, Deputy Fire Chief*

SUBJECT: *Development Fees related to the Fire Department*

DATE: *06-17-20*

The Flagstaff Fire Department has worked extremely hard to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect and serve our community on average of 14,500 times a year. These 911 requests continue to increase annually and are simply summed up by, we aim to provide excellent “All-Risk” services to the members and visitors of our community.

Based on the most recent Land Use Assumptions, Infrastructure Improvements Plan, and Draft Development Fee Report dated April 7th, 2020, it clearly projects that our community will continue to see increased growth. As this growth increases, so do our responses, needs, and even more important, it often changes our overall response risks based on the elevated type facilities growth we continue to see. The study projects 10-year growth and corresponding fire service needs to cost an estimated 6.5 million dollars in order to maintain current service levels.

We continue to see growth happen and we feel the ability to capture these increased costs for service should be through appropriate and necessary development fee structures and not burdened solely on the current tax base and limited general funds. For the past several years we have faced ongoing structural funding deficits due to the lack of general funds to support the increases in growth and demand as an organization. As result, we strongly advocate for implementing an accurate development fee process to meet these new risks, increased costs and general growth demands.