



City Council Report

Date: January 23, 2023
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
Subject: Ordinance Update – **pertaining to title 3 of the Mesa City Code**

Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request City Council approval of the proposed ordinance amendment to section 3-2-1 of the Mesa City Code, by adding language that reflects the current name of the City's Fire and Medical Department and the expanded scope of services it provides.

Background / Discussion

The City Council established the Fire Department and office of the Fire Chief via Ordinance No. 1166 on August 21, 1978, which is codified in Mesa City Code Chapter 3, Chapter 2, Section 1. The Fire Department's name has changed in recent years to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, and the scope of services provided by the Department has expanded.

The ordinance includes updates to:

- Department name – Mesa Fire and Medical
 - Department shall consist of the Chief and other service positions now existing, or which in the future may be added or changed by Council action or personnel rules and regulations
- Include expanded services provided
 - Fire Prevention
 - Medical Response
 - Transportation
 - Special Teams (including but not limited to: Aircraft Rescue, Firefighting, Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials, and Wildland) and in all things required to safeguard against loss of life and property. The Department shall also educate and provide services to the public to create a safer community

Section 2: RECITALS. The recitals above are fully incorporated in this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 3: SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the

decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Fiscal Impact

These changes will not have a fiscal impact.