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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal Finance Committee
FROM: Mayor Sam Kooiker *Sam Kooiker*
DATE: January 28, 2015
SUBJECT: Ordinance 6029

This ordinance is a housekeeping item, and codifies the September 5, 1989 City Council vote to affirm the relationship between the Airport and the Rapid City Fire Department regarding Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF).

The 1989 City Council directed an ordinance be brought forward. For reasons unknown, the ordinance never came forward. In 2014, the Airport solicited quotes from 3rd party vendors.

The lack of an ordinance combined with the interest from 3rd party contractors creates consternation amongst employees and problems for management. In summary, the goal is to avoid another 1989 type situation in terms of perception although the possibility of the Airport actually severing ties with RCFD is remote. Recently, the Airport and RCFD have been negotiating an operating agreement, and this ordinance amendment helps provide solid footing for future negotiations.

So to further solidify the relationship between the Airport and the Rapid City Fire Department, please support this amendment to the Rapid City Municipal Code.

