

Ordinance No. 6029

AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RAPID CITY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD AND THE RAPID CITY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BY ADDING SECTION 2.72.115 TO THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City (the “City”) owns and operates Rapid City Regional Airport (the “Airport”); and

WHEREAS, the City has established the Rapid City Regional Airport Board by ordinance to operate and manage the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City has also established the Rapid City Fire Department (RCFD) to provide fire protection and ambulance services to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required pursuant to federal law to provide aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) services at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the RCFD currently provides ARFF services at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, providing ARFF services requires specialized training and skills that a select group of RCFD firefighters have acquired; and

WHEREAS, the RCFD has provided professional ARFF services to the Airport for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to preserve the relationship between the Airport and RCFD by enshrining it in the Rapid City Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 2.72.115 be and is hereby added to the Rapid City Municipal Code to read in its entirety as follows:

2.72.115 Airport Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Services.

The Board shall utilize the Rapid City Fire Department (RCFD) for aircraft rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) services required at the airport pursuant to federal and state laws and/or regulations. Provision of ARFF services, training of personnel, procurement of equipment, payment of costs, and other matters shall be subject to an agreement between the Board and the RCFD. If the RCFD is no longer able to provide ARFF services in compliance with 14 CFR §139 the airport can contract with another entity to provide such services until such time as the RCFD is able to comply with Federal regulations.

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