

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Resolution 2009-R-08

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverdale Park believes strongly that the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department, Company 7, is an integral partner in our most important goal of keeping residents safe, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverdale Park and surrounding areas require fast emergency service in the event of calamitous health or fire events, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverdale Park has for decades provided ongoing financial support and use of real property for the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department demonstrating the Town's resolve to provide much-needed emergency services and assistance to the County Fire Department, AND

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department, Company 7, has a vibrant volunteer community, which faithfully provides emergency services on evenings and weekends, and with hardship to the volunteers has provided those services on several workdays during the recent furloughs, AND

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department along with a nearby station, both having first due responsibility in the Town of Riverdale Park, face the potential for removal of paid staff by the County Fire Department,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park request that no changes be made in the level of career staffing at the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department, Company 7, that is, that the County Fire department provide career staff from 7am to 3pm Monday through Friday.

FURTHERMORE, the Mayor and Council request that the hybrid career staffing plan put forward by Company 7 Volunteer Fire Chief Charles A. Ryan III, and President Stephen Lamphier to Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Chief Eugene A. Jones on 21 June 2009 be considered as an alternative if the prior and preferred request absolutely cannot be met.

FURTHERMORE, we request that the Mayor or designated staff deliver a letter affirming this resolution to the Prince George's County Director of Public Safety Vernon Herron and Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Chief Eugene A. Jones without delay.

Introduced: June 22, 2009

Approved: June 22, 2009

Effective: June 22, 2009

Patrick J. Prangley, Town Administrator

Vernon S. Archer, Mayor