

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHULA VISTA ADDING TWELVE FIREFIGHTERS TO THE  
AUTHORIZED STAFFING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista Fire Department delivers Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services to Chula Vista residents, and visitors every day; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER federal grant was created to fund fire department staffing to increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in communities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SAFER grant is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by NFPA 1710; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017 the City Council approved resolution 2017-153 to accept the 2016 SAFER grant award for the Fire Department to hire twelve (12) firefighters to staff four engine companies with four firefighters each; and

WHEREAS, 12 new firefighters department wide, will increase NFPA 1710 compliance by 11% with the arrival of four firefighters arriving at a fire within 380 seconds; and by 23% with the arrival of 14 firefighters arriving at a fire within 620 seconds; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant is a cost sharing grant that covers personnel and direct benefits with a three-year performance period starting on January 24, 2018 through January 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Federal award share is \$2,264,466 and the City's share is \$1,407,642 for a total project cost of \$3,672,108; and

WHEREAS, the cost to recruit, hire, and train 12 new firefighters to staff four engine companies with four firefighters each for this fiscal year is \$800,169; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing fiscal impact to the City beyond the grant performance period is estimated at \$1.7 million dollars per year and will be included in the City Manager proposed budget and will be considered by the City Council as part of the annual budget process.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends that Council approve the addition of 12 new firefighters to the Fire Department's authorized positions; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is working with City Management and Finance to identify potential cost savings and additional revenues to offset the impacts of the academy; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department, City Management, and Finance are not requesting additional funding at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it approves adding 12 firefighters to the authorized staffing of the Fire Department.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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Jim Geering  
Fire Chief

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Glen R. Googins  
City Attorney