

RES 16-095

Wilmington, Delaware
December 8, 2016

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WHEREAS, due to budget constraints and a current shortage in manpower, the Wilmington Fire Department (“WFD”) has expended significant funding in overtime pay to ensure the department is able to properly serve and protect the citizens of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the WFD is unable to sustain the current overtime spending levels, and as a result has implemented a policy of station house closures and reassignment of firefighters among the fire houses to ensure levels of service can be met throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Station # 6 on North Union Street has been shuttered and the firefighters from Station # 6 have been assigned to other fire houses; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that having Station # 6 closed is not a viable long term solution to the financial problems affecting the WFD; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dennis P. Williams, City Council president Theopolis K. Gregory, Sr., City Councilman Robert A. Williams, and Delaware State Representative Helene M. Keeley have come together to resolve this situation; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Williams, City Council president Gregory, City Councilman Williams, and State Representative Keeley have agreed that the State of Delaware will allocate three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the City of Wilmington, thereby ensuring that Station # 6 remains open for the foreseeable future and thus ensures the safety of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council hereby formally requests the State of Delaware, through State Representative Helene Keeley, allocate to the City of Wilmington three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to be used to ensure that Station # 6 remains open to ensure the safety of the citizens of the City of Wilmington.

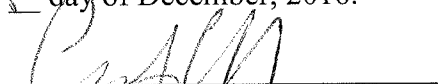
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council wishes to recognize the efforts of Mayor Williams, City Council president Gregory, City Councilman Williams, and State Representative Keeley for their efforts in striking a creative solution to this problem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council, the Mayor, and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate receipt of the above allocation.

Passed by City Council
December 8, 2016

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

Approved as to form this
8th day of December, 2016.


Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution formally requests that the State of Delaware allocate to the City of Wilmington funding in the amount of three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to ensure that Station # 6 remains open.