

DATE: November 1, 1988
TO: Jonesboro City Council
FROM: Hubert Brodell, Mayor
SUBJECT: Fire Districts

I am pleased to give you an agreement signed by myself and Dr. Shirl Strauser concerning Fire Districts.

I asked a local committee several weeks ago consisting of Bob Schuchardt, Phil Jones, Richard Spelic, Dr. Shirl Strauser, Mr. Buddy Bogan, and Mr. John Bridger to discuss with the Rural Fire Districts our mutual needs for existing and newly proposed annexed areas.

This understanding will save the City of Jonesboro thousands and thousands of dollars and will continue professionalism that all of the Fire Districts now enjoy. With this understanding, all of our local citizens and the newly proposed annexed citizens will continue to have outstanding fire service provided for them. All of the five affected fire districts have endorsed this agreement and I recommend this agreement for council adoption.

HUBERT BRODELL, MAYOR AND SHIRL STRAUER, FINANCE CHAIRMAN, AGREE TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING RELATIVE TO THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

1. Purchase of two air packs per station.
2. To recommend the continuation of the present fee schedule for five years from the date of annexation for all new and existing structures within the newly annexed area.
3. Provide a compensation pool of \$10,000 per year for five years to be divided based on a formula devised by the fire chiefs.
4. Give up to \$1,500 per fire district to apply to purchase radio equipment to communicate with city radios, provide \$8,000 to Philadelphia and \$3,000 to Farrville to purchase equipment. The city will assist Valley View in securing a truck.
5. If all rural fire districts will agree to this then the mayor will call a special meeting of the city council and request approval of this prior to the election.
6. The City of Jonesboro is reluctant to enter into an agreement to set a moratorium on the annexation of residential areas for a given time period. We feel the City should not tie its hands, and give away the right to negotiate, concerning this matter. At the same time the City recognizes that if the referendum of November 8 places the large area into the city, pressure for further annexations of residential developments should abate considerably for several years in the future. The Mayor will recommend to the City Council no city initiated annexations in next two (2) years. As a practical matter, the City will not want additional annexations in the near future.
7. The fire department of the City of Jonesboro will establish written operating procedures with the fire districts to contribute to overall efficiency when the two entities are called upon to respond jointly.
8. At the end of five (5) years, it is known that indebtedness will still exist for some of the districts. Due to the unknowns such as revenue growth, additional indebtedness, and general contingencies, we cannot specifically enumerate a list of proposals at this time. We do pledge our cooperation in working with the County and the Districts to address the matter of indebtedness during the fourth and fifth years.

In return for approval of the above agreement by the City of Jonesboro and the Craighead County Quorum Court, the fire districts will agree to continue to provide fire protection services up to Five years in cooperation with the Jonesboro Fire Department.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1988.

HUBERT BRODELL

SHIRL STRAUER

Ronald M. Coleman
Bono Fire District

Jack R. [Signature]
Farrville Fire District

Daniel E. Turner
Philadelphia Fire District

Tony Glau
Southridge Fire District

Bill Butler
Valley View Fire District