

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION 5 AT NEWGATE COURT  
AND FURTHER EVALUATION OF LOCATION FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by motion, approve Fire Department staff to evaluate and recommend a fire station location and design for service delivery to the Fountaingrove area.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fire Department desires to evaluate fire station location options and design needs for a fire station that will enhance emergency services to the Fountaingrove area. The ideal fire station, by design and location, will enhance emergency services to the areas noted as high fire hazard areas. Fire Station 5 was located on Newgate Court in the Fountaingrove area. The station was built in 2014 and destroyed by the Tubbs Fire in 2017. The station housed a single engine company and an unstaffed wildland fire engine. The station, though modern, lacked some essential components to best serve the area. These include the ability to upstaff during significant weather events and special events and the ability to host community meetings. The current station was built based on the 2002 Standards of Coverage and utilized property previously owned by the City of Santa Rosa. A larger fire station would allow fire command staff to operate a forward command post during large emergencies or serve as a safe refuge area for residents during an emergency.

BACKGROUND

Due to the destruction of Fire Station 5 on Newgate Court, the Fire Department desires to restore emergency services to the Fountaingrove area with a permanent and suitable fire station. As part of the fire station rebuild process, staff would like to assure the

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future station best serves the Fountaingrove area for decades to come. A newly constructed fire station should be constructed to last 50-80 years.

The Newgate Court Fire Station 5 was built by design and location based on the 2002 Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan. An opportunity now exists to evaluate all options to best locate an improved fire station to serve the area.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

In 2002 the City Council was provided the Fire Station Location & Deployment Study.

In 2016 the City Council was provided the Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan.

#### ANALYSIS

The Fire Department will utilize “The City of Santa Rosa Fire Department’s Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan”, which serves as a guide in determining the most effective locations for fire stations within the city.

The Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan analyzes the distribution and concentration of fixed and mobile resources. An analysis will evaluate: response time standards as they relate to the most effective coverage of the Fountaingrove area, an evaluation of response mapping, future Fountaingrove development, future population density, responses to high frequency facilities and geographic and weather-related risks and the estimated costs.

The 2016 plan contains data pertinent to call volume and future growth within the described area. The plan did not address the potential relocation for Fire Station 5 due to the timing of the report, and the fact that the station was recently built.

As part of the post Tubbs fire analysis for rebuilding Fire Station 5. Staff evaluated community risks, response resources and service levels as part of the analysis. Many of the components of the 2016 The Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan are relevant and support the recommendation to evaluate the future placement of Fire Station 5.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts to the General Fund to evaluate possible station locations and needs since it is being handled internally. However, there will be costs from the General Fund should the Council choose to relocate Fire Station 5 to the lower Fountaingrove area.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project at this time, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

CEQA may apply shall the station location change and a relocation process occurs.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – 2002 Fire Station Location & Deployment Study
- Attachment 2 – 2016 Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan

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