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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS REGARDING THE ALTERATION OF THE  
BOUNDARIES OF RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY,  
KANSAS BY THE DETACHMENT OF HIGH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Rural Fire District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas (“Fire District No. 1”) was formed in 2003 by the Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County, Kansas (“County”) under K.S.A. 19-3601 *et. seq.*, the Fire Protection Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fire District No. 1 is comprised of the City of Lansing, Delaware Township, and High Prairie Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, the City of Lansing, Delaware Township and High Prairie Township all entered into an Interlocal Agreement under K.S.A. 12-2901, *et. seq.*, the Interlocal Cooperation Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the County delegated all of the governing powers of Fire District No. 1 to a board of trustees in the Interlocal Agreement under K.S.A. 12-3612a; and the Interlocal Agreement set forth the terms and conditions governing the joint operation and management of the Fire District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement was terminated on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the County became and constituted the governing body of Fire District No. 1 under K.S.A. 19-3601 on January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, to ensure the provision of adequate fire protection services within the boundaries of Fire District No. 1 after December 31, 2024, entered into a contract with the City of Lansing to provide fire protection services within the boundaries of Fire District No. 1 for a period of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 12-2908, entitled Contracts between Municipalities authorizes the parties to cooperate in public functions; and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 19-3608, entitled Agreements with Cities or Townships for Fire Protection Services, specifically authorized the County and the City of Lansing to enter into agreement for fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 19-3604(b) sets forth the process for the alteration of a fire district; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2025 the County received a sufficient petition from High Prairie Township pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3604(b)) for the alteration of the boundaries of Fire District No. 1 by detaching and excluding High Prairie Township from Fire District No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners may adopt and publish a resolution attaching or detaching the lands described from the fire district upon sufficient petition to the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN REGULAR SESSION DOES HEREBY FIND AND RESOLVE:

1. High Prairie Township submitted a petition for the exclusion of High Prairie Township from Rural Fire District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas; and
2. The petition submitted by High Prairie Township has been signed by the owners of at least 10% of the area of the lands sought to be excluded from Fire District No. 1; and
3. The petition submitted by High Prairie Township conforms as nears as may be possible to the petition required for the organization of the fire district; and
4. That High Prairie Township established a township fire department pursuant to K.S.A. 80-1919 *et seq.* on March 6, 2025 to provide fire protection services to High Prairie Township; and
5. That High Prairie Township is hereby detached and removed from the boundaries of Rural Fire District No. 1 Leavenworth County, Kansas; and
6. That this Resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official County paper, the *Leavenworth Time*; and
7. The County Administrator and other County staff are authorized and directed to prepare and publish the statutory notices and prepare all other necessary and appropriate documentation to accomplish the detachment of High Prairie Township from Rural Fire District No. 1 of Leavenworth County, Kansas.

ADOPTED the 26th day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

absent

Mike Smith, CHAIR



Jeff Culbertson, MEMBER



Vanessa Reid, MEMBER



Willie Dove, MEMBER



Mike Stieben, MEMBER



ATTEST:



Fran Keppler, CLERK