

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made as of this 13th day of December 2021, by and between the City of Mequon (“Mequon”) and the Village of Thiensville (“Thiensville”) (collectively, “the two communities”).

RECITALS

A. Mequon and Thiensville each individually provide emergency medical, fire, and rescue services (collectively herein “Fire & EMS Services”) to their respective residents, businesses and institutions, utilizing a combination of their own Fire & EMS Services staff, mutual aid, and shared services agreements.

B. Mequon and Thiensville both seek to continue to provide effective and efficient Fire & EMS Services to their respective residents, businesses and institutions.

C. Mequon and Thiensville have both identified significant challenges to the continued provision of effective and efficient Fire & EMS Services including current and future budget considerations and staffing constraints.

D. The two communities participated in a county-wide study with other municipalities that provide Fire & EMS services, including Cedarburg, Fredonia, Grafton, Saukville, and Port Washington, among others, to examine ways that Fire & EMS Services may be provided with synergy, reduced duplication, and increased flexibility.

E. The county-wide study, completed by the Wisconsin Policy Forum (WPF) in early 2021, recommended a range of six (6) options that participating communities could consider to sustain or improve upon the existing levels of service, while controlling costs.

F. Following a thorough review of the recommendations contained within the WPF study, and ongoing consultation with officials from the other participating communities, a group comprised of the Chief Executive Officers, Administrators and Fire Department Command Staff from both Mequon and Thiensville recommend that the two communities further explore a two-way consolidation, as enumerated in the WPF study.

G. Efforts directed towards establishment of one, unified Mequon and Thiensville Fire & EMS Department do not preclude one or both of the communities from continuing to participate in potentially larger consolidation discussions with the other communities that participated in the WPF study.

H. Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes municipal governments to enter into intergovernmental agreements to share services and/or otherwise provide for the joint exercise of municipal powers.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITALS, and in consideration of the promises and obligations set forth herein, the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville agree as follows:

1. The City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville shall formally establish a Joint Fire & EMS Working Group ("Joint Working Group") comprised of each municipality's Chief Executive Officer, Administrator, Fire Chief and Deputy Chief to establish the necessary framework by which the two departments can consolidate into one, unified entity under the jurisdiction of a combined governing board.

2. The Joint Working Group may from time to time include other representatives of either the City or Village (e.g., an additional elected official, City/Village attorney, finance director, consultant, etc.) that the Joint Working Group's core members may deem necessary to support the establishment of such a unified operating entity.

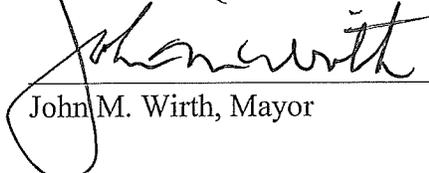
3. In establishing the framework by which the Mequon and Thiensville Fire & EMS Departments may consolidate into one, unified entity, the Joint Working Group will examine the following topic areas, among others, within its work:

- Governance
- Administration/Management
- Finance (Budgeting, Revenues, etc.)
- Staffing
- Equipment
- Facilities
- Emergency Dispatch
- Response Times
- Future Growth/Needs

4. The Joint Working Group will provide periodic updates (not less than quarterly) to each of the governing boards in the two communities to apprise elected officials on the Joint Working Group's progress towards establishing one, unified department, as well as challenges or considerations that may warrant larger or further discussion and/or deliberation.

5. The results and recommendations of the Joint Working Group's efforts are not binding but serve as key decision-making data should Mequon and Thiensville decide to pursue consolidation(s). Further, this MOU shall impose no legal obligation on either of the two communities; rather, it expresses the intent of the two communities. Either or both of the two communities may withdraw from this MOU at any time by providing written notice to the other.

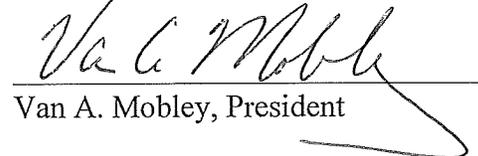
CITY OF MEQUON


John M. Wirth, Mayor

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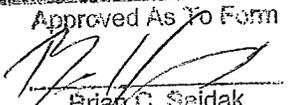

Caroline Fochs, Clerk

VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE


Van A. Mobley, President

ATTEST:


Amy Langlois, Clerk

Approved As To Form

Brian C. Sejdak
City Attorney

VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

A RESOLUTION APPROVING
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE AND THE CITY OF MEQUON
ESTABLISHING A JOINT FIRE & EMS WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, the Village of Thiensville and the City of Mequon each provide emergency medical, fire, and rescue services (collectively herein "Fire & EMS Services") to their respective residents; and

WHEREAS, the communities provide these services individually, through mutual aid, and shared services agreements and the communities seek to continue to provide effective and efficient Fire & EMS Services to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the communities have determined that current and future budget considerations and staffing constraints pose a challenge to providing effective and efficient Fire & EMS Services and the two communities agree to study ways that Fire & EMS Services may be provided with synergy, reduced duplication and increased flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0301 authorizes municipal governments to enter into intergovernmental agreements to share services and/or otherwise provide for the joint exercise of municipal powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Thiensville, that:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Thiensville and the City of Mequon described above in the form attached, is approved.

2. The Village officials identified in the Memorandum of Understanding are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the same on behalf of the Village.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village Board of the Village of Thiensville, County of Ozaukee, State of Wisconsin on this 13th day of December, 2021.



Van A. Mobley, Village President



Amy L. Langlois, Village Clerk