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By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
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Aaron Lojewski
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Savannah Fletcher
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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 52

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PLEASANT VALLEY TWO RIVERS FIRE SERVICE AREA AND PROVIDING FOR ONE ELECTION

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough Administration hosted a town-hall style meeting in June 2022 in the Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers area and determined there was a significant number of property owners in the proposed area interested in fire protection service; and

WHEREAS, The Administration evaluated the feasibility of annexing the community into an existing fire service area as required by state law, or creating a new fire service area; and

WHEREAS, In order to annex the Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers area community into an existing service area, an election would be required of both the existing service area and the area proposed to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, The area desiring service is a long drive from the nearest existing staffed fire stations of the Steese Fire Service Area (24.5 miles) and North Star Fire Service Area (25.0 miles); and

WHEREAS, The North Star and Steese Fire Service Area Commissions each met in early August 2022 to evaluate annexing the Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers communities into either of their respective service areas for the purpose of recommending a preferred course of action to the mayor; and

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WHEREAS, North Star and Steese Fire Service Area Commissions each recommended not supporting the annexation of the Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers communities into their respective fire service areas because the tax revenue generated from annexed area would not be sufficient to cover estimated additional costs of providing fire protection service to the community, thus requiring current service area taxpayers to subsidize the cost to provide fire service, potentially resulting in higher property taxes for all fire service area residents without a corresponding improvement to fire protection services; the effect of this is that passage of the proposition at an election is highly unlikely; and

WHEREAS, It is costly to conduct an election for a service area such as Steese or North Star, which has a significant number of properties and voters; conducting an election that has a low likelihood of passage is not a reasonable use of Borough resources; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14.04 FNSBC requires that new service areas be created by either: 1. filing of a petition with the borough mayor; or 2. the introduction of an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Residents of the Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers communities have expressed a desire to carry their own burden of provisioning a new fire service area; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Borough to conduct a single election for the residents of the Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers areas to make the community decision to establish a fire service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough:

Section 1. Classification. Sections 3 of this ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified. All other sections of this ordinance are not of a general and permanent nature and shall not be codified.

Section 2. Election. One election shall be held pursuant to FNSBC 05.04.050(C) on the third Tuesday in November, November 15, 2022 within the area shown on map in Exhibit A, and parcels identified in list on Exhibit B, attached hereto, to place before the voters the following question:

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83 "Shall the Pleasant Valley Two Rivers Fire Service Area be created as
84 indicated on the attached map in order that fire protection powers may be exercised
85 therein?"

86 The map attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A shall accompany the ballot.
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88 Section 3. A new section FNSBC 14.20.060, Pleasant Valley Two Rivers
89 Fire Service Area – Creation and powers, shall be added as follows:

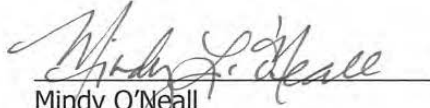
90 14.20.060 Pleasant Valley Two Rivers Fire Service Area – Creation and powers

91 A. There is established a service area within the Borough designated the "Pleasant
92 Valley Two Rivers," including that portion of the Borough as shown on the corresponding
93 map in the Clerk's office.

94 B. The Pleasant Valley Two Rivers Fire Service Area shall have fire protection power.
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96 Section 4. Effective Date. Section 2 of this ordinance is effective at 5:00
97 p.m. on the first Borough business day following its adoption. Section 3 of this ordinance
98 shall become effective December 31, 2022, contingent on certification of the election of
99 a majority of qualified voters casting their ballots in favor of the issue.

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101 ADOPTED THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.
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106 Mindy O'Neall
107 Presiding Officer
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109 ATTEST:

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111 April Trickey, MMC
112 Borough Clerk
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115 Yeses: Kelly, Tomaszewski, Fletcher, Guttenberg, Wilson, Lojewski, O'Neall

116 Noes: None

117 Other: Cash (Excused), Cooper (Excused)

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Exhibit A

- Proposed Fire Service Area
- Building Outlines (2020)
- CHSR Mileposts
- Existing FSA**
 - NORTH STAR
 - Parcels

