

**ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NEED FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, Estes Valley Fire Protection District (“District”) is a special district operating as a quasi-municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, by virtue of organization under Title 32, Article 1, C.R.S., and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(1)(h), C.R.S., the Board of Directors of the District has the power to manage, control, and supervise the business and affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains a combination department of both paid firefighters and unpaid volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the District participates in a volunteer firefighter pension plan under C.R.S. § 31-30-1101, *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the District has established a Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board (“Pension Board”) to administer and oversee the District’s volunteer firefighter pension plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-30-1132, a retired volunteer firefighter receiving a pension may return to active service if the governing body of the District determines by resolution that additional volunteer firefighters are needed and such person does not receive any additional pension service credit; and

WHEREAS, the District passed Resolution No. 2026-01 finding that it currently has an operational need for additional volunteer firefighters due to continued member shortages, training needs and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the District has at least one retired volunteer firefighter who is anticipated to receive pension benefits under the District’s pension plan and has expressed a willingness to return to active volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, the District’s pension plan documents do not prohibit the return of a retired volunteer firefighter to unpaid volunteer service while continuing to receive a previously approved pension benefit, provided no additional pension service credit is earned; and

WHEREAS, the Pension Board has considered District Resolution No. 2026-01, has reviewed its Bylaws and the language in C.R.S. § 31-30-1132 and determines that the requirements related to a retired volunteer firefighter receiving a pension who seeks to return to active service understanding that the person will not receive any additional pension service credit have been satisfied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Estes Valley Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board as follows:

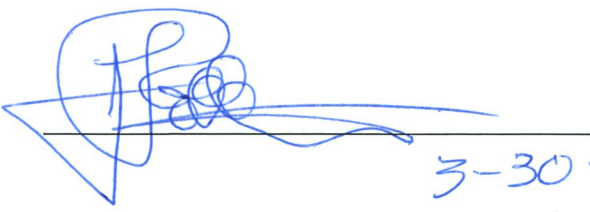
1. Pension During Return to Service.
 - a. The Pension Board hereby recognizes the return of qualified retirees to active volunteer firefighter status as recommended by the District's Fire Chief;
 - b. The Pension Board hereby approves that such retiree's previously approved pension benefits shall continue without interruption during such volunteer's return to service consistent with C.R.S. § 31-30-1132.
 - c. The Pension Board confirms that there shall be no additional pension credit provided to retired volunteer firefighters who return to active service, and that associated pension benefits will not increase as a result of such service unless otherwise permitted by future lawful act.
 - d. The Pension Board acknowledges the District's current operational need for additional volunteer firefighters and finds that the action taken herein serves the District's and community's best interests.
2. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.
3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced immediately upon its approval by the Pension Board.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2026.

ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD

By: Sandra E Smith
Sandra E. Smith, President

Attest:



3-30-21