



## CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

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Honorable City Council  
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Subject: Emergency Declaration – Fire Department Engine Company 206

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am declaring an emergency to replace the motor in Engine 206 for the Fire Department, which is a critical piece of firefighting equipment that directly affects our community's safety. Our commitment to public safety relies heavily on the reliability of our fleet, and Engine 206's current operational status is compromised, necessitating immediate action.

Replacing the motor in Engine 206 is a fiscally responsible alternative to purchasing a new vehicle. Given that the cost of a new pumper exceeds \$1,500,000 and the wait time is 2.5 to 3 years, funding this repair now will prevent costly delays and ensure continued service. Engine 206 has played a vital role in our firefighting efforts, responding swiftly to emergencies, and protecting our residents' lives and property.

With the addition of two new pumpers, it's even more important to have a dependable spare apparatus. This ensures we can maintain uninterrupted service while the primary fleet is under routine maintenance or if an unexpected breakdown occurs, thereby safeguarding our commitment to public safety.

By addressing this issue now, we can continue to safeguard our community and uphold our promise of public safety with confidence and positivity.

Sincerely,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Mayor, City of Mount Vernon, NY