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Honorable City Council
City Hall - 1 Roosevelt Square
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Through the Office of the Mayor

March 16, 2026

Subject: Urgent Request for Motor Replacement: Engine 206

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing matter regarding Engine 206, a critical piece of firefighting equipment within the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Our commitment to community safety relies heavily on the reliability of our fleet; currently, Engine 206's operational status is compromised, necessitating immediate action.

Assessment of Engine 206

Engine 206 has been a vital asset in our firefighting efforts, responding to emergencies and protecting our residents' lives. Our maintenance team recently conducted a thorough evaluation of the vehicle and determined that the **motor has seized**. The detailed report is attached for your review.

Fiscal Responsibility & Fleet Readiness

While we are grateful for the recent addition of two new pumpers, maintaining a reliable spare apparatus is essential to ensure uninterrupted service during routine maintenance or unexpected breakdowns in the primary fleet.

Replacing the motor in Engine 206 is a fiscally prudent alternative to purchasing a new vehicle. With the current average cost of a new pumper at approximately \$900,000, investing in this repair allows us to extend the life of our existing inventory and ensure 100% operational readiness at a fraction of the cost.

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Purchase

The motor, additional parts/equipment and labor provided by Black Rock Truck Group, Inc. for a total of \$68,482.60. Funds should be satisfied from A3410.414. Black Rock Truck Group Inc. is the awarded vendor on the Westchester County Purchasing Contract RFB-WC-24016, Freightliner OEM Truck Parts (expiration 02/28/2027).

We kindly request a transfer from the contingency fund to complete this motor replacement and for the City Council to enact legislation approving the purchase. Your support and prompt approval to proceed with the motor replacement. This investment is vital to maintaining the high standards of safety and service that the citizens of Mount Vernon expect and deserve.

Thank you for your time and your continued dedication to the safety of our city. I look forward to your positive response.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin B. Holt
Fire Commissioner

Attachments: Black Rock Quote for Engine 206 Motor Replacement
Westchester County Contract RFB-WC-24016