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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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This letter serves as a request for approval and award of Urban Renewal/HUD CDBG Grant funds for the approval of two Fire Pumpers for the Mount Vernon Fire Department. The Mount Vernon Fire Department is located just north of NYC and borders the Village of Pelham and Pelham Manor to the east, the Village of Bronxville and the Village of Tuckahoe to the north, and the city of Yonkers to the West. According to the U.S. Census Survey, approximately 73,000 residents live in the city, making it the 8th-largest in New York State and the 2nd-most densely populated city in the state.

Although the official census number is approximately 73,000, we believe the more accurate figure is 100,000, based on the volume of trash collected per annum by the city's Public Works Department and the city's hidden population density. This may be a mitigating factor contributing to the number of fires and related injuries to which Mount Vernon First Responders must respond.

The city's topography is also noteworthy. The city's terrain can be described as "hilly". The sheer volume of calls the fire department responds to daily significantly accelerates the wear and tear on our fire apparatus fleet.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department has a census of 153 Firefighters/Officers and a fleet of 15 Fire Apparatus. This includes Conventional Fire Pumpers, Heavy Rescue, and Aerial Apparatus. Our current vehicle inventory does not meet the NFPA-recommended safety fire standard. On any given month, 35% percentage of the City's fire apparatus is inactive due to mechanical maintenance issues.

We currently have 7 Fire Pumpers: 2 2020 1,500 GPM Pumpers, 2 2010 1,500 GPM Pumpers, 2 2004 2,000 GPM Pumpers, and 1 1993 1,500 GPM Pumpers. Due to age and call volume, maintenance and repair issues are continually placing this aged fleet out of service.

The city had 43 structure fires in 2025, 29 in 2024, 48 in 2023, and 7 in 2026. Our total call volume in 2025 was 12,429 incidents.

Respectfully Submitted

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Fire Commissioner

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