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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Mount Vernon
One Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

September 18, 2025

Dear Honorable Members

I hereby request permission to accept a "loaner" on a ninety-day temporary basis of a Fire Engine (Pumper) from the City of Yonkers, New York.

This request is due to a recent breakdown of our pumbers, this fire apparatus will be outfitted as a reserve spare engine, not to be used on a regular basis.

The City's fleet of seven Engine (pumper) companies are aged they consist of the following:

- 2020 Pierce Sabre (E203)
- 2019 Pierce Sabre (E204)
- 2010 Pierce Arrow XT (E205)
- 2010 Pierce Arrow XT (E206)
- 2005 Ferrara (Spare E201)
- 2005 Ferrara (Spare E202)
- 1993 Pierce Arrow (Reserve E207)

Mechanical breakdowns recently have revealed a critical need to purchase three (3) new pumbers. Breakdown of first line apparatus and parts availability have forced the department to rely on our spare 20-year-old and 32-year-old equipment to ensure current fire protection protocols. But we are experiencing breakdowns with our spare and reserve equipment also.

2005 Ferrara (Spare E201) experienced an issue with the braking system and the availability of parts for a twenty-year-old fire apparatus was difficult to obtain.

2005 Ferrara (Spare E202) experienced a similar issue with the braking system and the availability of parts again participated in delays in the repairs.

2010 Pierce (E205) experienced an issue with the steering and the apparatus, steering box replacement is necessary availability of parts again played a major role, this apparatus is fifteen years old.

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2010 Pierce (E206) experienced major engine failure, diagnosis performed by both our Motor Mechanic and DPW Garage foremen concluded that an engine replacement is needed. Vendors have been contacted to quote for the engine to be replaced or repaired.

The department's Motor Mechanic along with Fire Leadership have reviewed the recent mechanical issues of the firefighting fleet, the following have been concluded. Purchasing replacement parts for these aged fire apparatus is becoming more difficult to obtain if not nearly impossible.

The request for a spare engine (pumper) from the City of Yonkers on a temporary basis is necessary to ensure present fire protection protocols, if our present fleet experiences again mechanical failure with our fleet.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin B. Holt".

Kevin B. Holt
Fire Commissioner

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