



SUBJECT: APPROVING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.150 (C),
WILLOW-CASWELL FIRE SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

AGENDA OF: February 18, 2025

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Adopted without objection 03/04/25 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	 Recoverable Signature X Casey Laughlin Signed by: Casey Laughlin 2/6/2025
Emergency Services Director	X Ken Barkley Signed by: Kenneth Barkley 2/6/2025
Finance Director	X Cheyenne Heindel Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel 2/6/2025
Borough Attorney	X Nicholas Spiropoulos Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos 2/6/2025
Borough Manager	X Michael Brown Signed by: Mike Brown 2/6/2025
Borough Clerk	 Recoverable Signature X Lonnie McKechnie Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie

ATTACHMENT (S): Ordinance Serial No. 25-019 (4 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

During the November 5, 2024, borough election, voters approved the consolidation of the Willow and Caswell Fire Service Areas into one joint fire service area. On July 1, 2025, that new service area will take effect and will be known as the Willow-Caswell Fire Service Area. The code section for the new combined fire service area will be MSB 5.25.150.

Both the Willow and Caswell Fire Service Areas are served by a three-person board of supervisors. During the planning for consolidation, it was agreed by the individual fire service area boards to propose that the new consolidated service area receive local oversight from a new five-person board. The plan for a

larger board in the new service area is consistent with other prior consolidations such as West Lakes Fire Service Area, and other larger fire service areas such as Central Mat-Su.

Ordinance Serial No. 24-067 created the consolidated service area and submitted the question to the voters. The voters approved the consolidation. However, Ordinance 24-067 did not address the issue of a five-member board of supervisors. Rather, it remained specified that the combined fire service area would have a three-member board when the combined service area takes effect on July 1, 2025.

This ordinance will amend MSB 5.25.150(C) from a three-member board to a five-member board of supervisors for the new Willow-Caswell Fire Service Area. However, because the ordinance creating the new Willow-Caswell Fire Service Area does not take effect until July 1, 2025, the ordinance here will not take effect until July 1, 2025 as well.

As soon as both ordinances take effect on July 1, 2025, there will be a new service area board consisting of 5 members.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Respectfully request approval of the attached code ordinance which will approve an amendment to MSB 5.25.150(C) Willow-Caswell Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors.