

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-14**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A  
FIREFIGHTER HEART AND CIRCULATORY MALFUNCTION BENEFIT FUND PROGRAM**

**RECITALS.**

Senate Bill 14-172, codified as C.R.S. 29-5-301 *et. seq.* requires that certain employers of firefighters shall maintain accident insurance, self-insure, either separately or as part of a pool, or participate in a multiple employer trust in order to provide benefits required by law to firefighters eligible to receive the benefit(s). The law is effective January 1, 2015.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), according to law and for so long as there is sufficient funding, will reimburse the City for the direct cost of maintaining the coverage benefit(s)/self-insurance plan for qualifying firefighters as required, provided and specified by Senate Bill 14-172 and the interpretations thereof by DOLA, the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and Colorado Courts. If/when the State funds required to maintain the coverage benefit(s)/self-insurance plan are depleted then the City Council may elect to terminate the benefit fund authorized by the resolution. State funding is deemed to be an express condition to the provision of the benefit fund program authorized by this resolution.

The City staff has carefully reviewed the law and all options currently available to provide the prescribed benefit(s) and recommends to the City Council that it self-insure for the provision of the benefit(s) in accordance with and as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the City Manager to design and implement a firefighter heart and circulatory malfunction benefit fund program in accordance with and pursuant to the recitals stated above, which authorization shall include the creation of a self-insurance fund and the promulgation, in consultation with the City Attorney and the various Departments of the City, of the procedures necessary or required for the administration of claims/benefits for the qualifying firefighters; and,

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Manager shall take the steps necessary or required to apply for the reimbursement and provide to the Council an annual report on the funding provided by the State of Colorado with the express understanding that the continuation of that funding shall be a pre-condition to the continuation of the benefit program.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

Phyllis Norris

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Mayor and President of the City Council

ATTEST:

Stephanie Tuin

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City Clerk

