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Mayor Steve Douglas
Members of City Council
City Manager Jason Rogers

Dear Mayor Steve Douglas, Members of City Council and City Manager Jason Rogers,

South Adams County Fire has been seeing the effects of inflation and legislation in recent years that have created an imminent need for additional funding.

The State legislature passed 2024 HB 1001, which reduced the assessment rates and limited the district's ability to retain all funding it receives from the constituents. That, coupled with inflation across fire equipment rising to 70 percent over the past three years, has caused the need for additional funding to ensure the district's highest-level response.

Therefore, we are placing a measure on this year's ballot for a \$0.005 sales tax to augment our funding. A one-half cent sales tax allows everyone who visits our district to share in the costs for fire protection and rescue services.

I am humbly requesting, should the council wish, a resolution of support from the City Council. It is important for the district to pass this measure for the future of fire services in Commerce City. City Council's support aids us in this quest.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Olme
Fire Chief