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City of Conway, Arkansas Ordinance No. <u>0-09-83</u>

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT; AUTHORIZING NEW FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Conway Fire Department has the opportunity to seek additional funding through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant which is intended to help municipalities increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities by providing funding for a four year period, and;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the SAFER Grant would require a ten percent match by the City for the first year of employment which would amount to \$12,782 in order to hire three new firefighters; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the SAFER Grant would require a city match of 20%, 50% and 70% for the second, third and fourth year, respectively, of the grant, which would be budgeted through the City's annual budget process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway shall hereby authorize the Conway Fire Department to apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant and, if approved, authorizes the increase in headcount for the Fire Department by three (3) firefighters;

SECTION 2. The City of Conway shall hereby appropriate an amount not to exceed \$12,782 for the City's match of the SAFER Grant, if awarded, with said amount to be prorated over the remaining portion of the year when approved and the remainder portion to be budgeted in the FY 2010 annual budget;

SECTION 3. The City of Conway shall hereby appropriate \$9,630 for equipment required for new firefighters if and when the SAFER Grant is awarded to the City; and

Section 4. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to that extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 14^{trh} day of July, 2009

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

ATTEST:

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Michael O. Garrett City Clerk/Treasurer