

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-98
INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATION

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LYNDHURST TO
CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HILLCREST REGIONAL
FIRE INVESTIGATION STRIKE FORCE, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Beachwood, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights and South Euclid have entered into an Agreement setting forth the terms, conditions, rights, duties and obligations of each relative to the establishment of a short term mobilization of fire investigators, together with allied resources, to apply high intensity investigator efforts to a fire incident; and

WHEREAS, said group is known as the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Strike Force; and

WHEREAS, the participating municipalities have developed the Strike Force to meet the needs of each municipality regarding the investigation and detection of the causes of fire with a goal of reducing arson related activities; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue the Strike Force it is necessary to enter into a cooperative agreement between and among the various municipalities, and to allocate funds to continue to support the Strike Force. Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST,
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO THAT:**

SECTION 1. This Council authorizes the City to continue to participate in the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Strike Force.

SECTION 2. This Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a cooperative Agreement between and among the various members of the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Strike Force, which Agreement will outline the rights, duties and obligations of each of the members of the Strike Force.

SECTION 3. The Agreement shall be negotiated between the municipalities, and the City's Director of Law is authorized to include in said Agreement whatever provisions are necessary to protect the rights of the City of Lyndhurst.

SECTION 4. In order to support the Strike Force the Finance Director is to pay the membership fee to be determined pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, but in no event to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per annum, effective January 1, 2020.

SECTION 5. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Lyndhurst and its residents because it is necessary to continue to commit to participation in the Strike Force as soon as possible. Therefore this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council, and signature by the Mayor, or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: December 2, 2019

MAYOR

VICE-MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Lyndhurst, hereby certify that there is no newspaper published or having an office of publication in said City, and that I published the foregoing Resolution by advertising the same by title on one day in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, on December 12, 2019 and December 19, 2019.

Clerk of Council

First Reading: December 2, 2019

Second Reading: Suspended

Third Reading: Suspended