

Resolution No. 2024-XXX N.C.S.  
of the City of Petaluma, California

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA AUTHORIZING THE  
PURCHASE OF A PIERCE ENFORCER TYPE 1 FIRE ENGINE WITH A LITHIUM BATTERY  
SYSTEM AND IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY FROM GOLDEN STATE FIRE APPARATUS  
THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE  
PURCHASE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Petaluma seeks to purchase the replacement of one Front-Line Type 1 Fire Engine;  
and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2024, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget, which contained an allocation of \$1,000,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund for the purchase of a replacement fire engine;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) which supports cooperative purchasing, allowing the City the opportunity to access competitively awarded and nationally leveraged cooperative purchasing contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program provides an advantage by creating an opportunity to access competitively awarded nationally leveraged cooperative purchasing contracts in accordance with Petaluma Municipal Code Section 4.01.100 and 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 (Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards); and

**WHEREAS**, an electric-powered fire engine option was researched by the Fire Department and found that although electric-powered fire engines recently have been made commercially available in the United States, Petaluma's fire stations do not yet have the infrastructure or operational capacity to support these fire engines;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department currently has a hybrid style fire engine that incorporates a lithium battery system and idle reduction technology that Petaluma Fire Department estimates will reduce consumption and omissions of more than 500 gallons of diesel fuel annually per engine; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire engine with this technology is available through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for purchase through Golden State Fire Apparatus and is comparably priced to similar fire engines when compared without the additional cost of this technology; and

**WHEREAS**, funding in the amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 is needed to cover the cost of the fire engine;  
and

**WHEREAS**, a budget adjustment is recommended from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund to cover the additional amount of up to \$300,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, in that replacing a Fire Engine does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct

physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, if the proposed action did constitute a project under CEQA the action is exempt under the common-sense exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the replacement vehicle with “idle reduction technology” will reduce emissions and CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as the operation of a public mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

1. Declares the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
2. Finds that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, in that replacing a Fire Engine does not meet CEQA's definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. If the proposed action did constitute a project under CEQA the action is exempt under the common-sense exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the replacement vehicle with “idle reduction technology” will reduce emissions and CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as the operation of a public mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use.
3. Finds that purchasing the Fire Engine through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program is in compliance with the purchasing requirements of the Petaluma Charter and Municipal Code and 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 (Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards).
4. Approves the purchase of one Pierce Enforcer Type 1 Fire Engine with lithium battery system and idle reduction technology from Golden State Fire Apparatus not to exceed \$1,300,000 including tax through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program.
5. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the purchase.
6. Approves a budget adjustment of \$300,000 from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund which will be brought forward in conjunction with mid-year budget adjustments.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

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**REFERENCE:**

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 21st day of October 2024, by the following vote:

Approved as to  
form:

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City Attorney

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor