

1 [Authorization to Join the Federal Excess Personal Property Program - Acceptance of Loans  
2 of Equipment to the Fire Department]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for**  
4 **the Federal Excess Personal Property Program under which the Department may**  
5 **receive temporary loans of equipment for fire suppression and pre-suppression use for**  
6 **an initial term of five years.**

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8 WHEREAS, Federal law has authorized the creation of the Federal Excess Personal  
9 Property (FEPP) Program as an element of the Cooperative Fire Protection Program (16  
10 U.S.C. § 2106(b)); and

11 WHEREAS, Under the FEPP Program, the United States Department of Agriculture  
12 (USDA) Forest Service lends federal excess personal property needed for wildland and rural  
13 community fire protection to states and local fire departments for their use; and

14 WHEREAS, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) has  
15 been authorized by the USDA Forest Service to administer the FEPP Program in California;  
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17 WHEREAS, Under the FEPP Program, the USDA Forest Service lends excess  
18 personal property to CAL Fire and CAL Fire then lends the property to local fire departments  
19 for fire suppression and pre-suppression use; and

20 WHEREAS, To be eligible to receive federal excess personal property from CAL Fire  
21 through the FEPP Program, a fire department must enter into a Cooperative Agreement with  
22 CAL Fire; and

23 WHEREAS, A fire department that receives property under the FEPP Program must  
24 primarily use the property for activities directly related to wildland and rural community fire  
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1 protection and is responsible for the proper care, maintenance, security, and storage of such  
2 property; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department has evaluated the FEPP Program and  
4 determined that the Department could significantly benefit from joining as a cooperator so that  
5 it would have access to such property for use in the Department's fire suppression activities;  
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7 WHEREAS, The Fire Department believes that the benefits of having access to the  
8 property for fire suppression and pre-suppression purposes outweigh any costs associated  
9 with transporting, insuring, maintaining, securing, and storing such property; and

10 WHEREAS, By entering into the Cooperative Agreement, the Department is not  
11 obligated to receive any property, but will have the ability to review and submit requests to  
12 obtain property available through the FEPP Program that it believes would be of use to the  
13 Department; and

14 WHEREAS, Administrative Code, Section 10.100-305 generally requires the Board of  
15 Supervisors to approve the acceptance and expenditure of any gift of cash or good with a  
16 value of \$10,000 or more; and the Fire Department anticipates that its participation in the  
17 FEPP Program under the Cooperative Agreement could result in the acceptance of loans of  
18 equipment valued at \$10,000 or more; and

19 WHEREAS, The Fire Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve  
20 the Fire Department's participation in the FEPP Program and authorize it to execute the  
21 Cooperative Agreement for an initial term of five years; and

22 WHEREAS, A copy of the Cooperative Agreement is on file in Board of Supervisors  
23 File No. 220295; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the Fire Department's  
2 participation in the FEPP Program and approves the Department's acceptance and use of  
3 equipment as provided under that agreement without further approval by the Board; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the Cooperative Agreement being fully  
5 executed by all parties, the Fire Department shall provide a copy of the final agreement to the  
6 Clerk of the Board for inclusion in File No. 220295.

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