



**RESOLUTION 23-22**

**A RESOLUTION OPTING TO JOIN THE  
STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PLAN**

**The City Council of the City of Cologne, Minnesota, does ordain:**

- WHEREAS: The City is authorized to join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA); and
- WHEREAS: The City and the City's Fire Department Relief Association have jointly consented to and obtained a cost analysis for joining the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan from PERA not more than 120 days ago; and
- WHEREAS: The City highly values the contributions of City Fire Department members to the safety and well being of our community and wishes to safeguard their pension investments in a prudent manner; and
- WHEREAS: The existing service pension level for the City Fire Department is currently at the \$1,750 pension level per year of service pursuant to current relief association bylaws.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLOGNE, MINNESOTA:**

- 1) The City hereby approves coverage by and requests participation in the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan administered by PERA under the terms provided in the PERA cost analysis at the \$2,500 pension level per year of service, effective January 1, 2024; and
- 2) The City hereby approves coverage by and requests participation in the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan administered by PERA under the terms provided in the PERA cost analysis with the vesting schedule beginning at 40 % after 5 years of service, increasing by 4 % each year until 100% vesting is reached after 20 years of service; and
- 3) The City Clerk and Mayor are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was proposed by Councilmember Bruss and was duly seconded by Councilmember Szaroletta and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Lein, Szaroletta, Bruss, Lenz

And the following voted against the same: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cologne, on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

BY:

ATTEST:





Matt Lein  
Mayor

Michelle Morrison  
City Clerk