

RESOLUTION 2009-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING PINELLAS COUNTY CONTINUE FUNDING RESCUE 23 FOR THE FY09/10 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, St. Pete Beach Rescue 22 and Rescue 23 have been in continual operation since the mid-1980's and are eligible for county funding under the City of St. Petersburg 1989 litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Pete Beach has been working with Pinellas County staff since March 2009 to address the funding shortfall in the county's EMS budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Pete Beach has been willing to accept the proposed loss of funding for Rescue 22 and Rescue 23 based upon the criteria for call volume established by the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners, with the understanding that all agencies would be treated in a consistent manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed FY09/10 Pinellas County budget contains funding for thirteen rescues in Pinellas County that qualify for funding under the St. Petersburg litigation but do not meet the adopted county criteria for call volume in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of St. Pete Beach are entitled to the same level of EMS funding as the citizens being served by these thirteen rescues;

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, that:**

Section 1. Pinellas County continues funding Rescue 23 for FY2009/10 in the amount of \$325,000.

Section 2. There are funding shortfalls faced in the EMS budget and St. Pete Beach is willing to accept the loss of rescue level funding for Rescue 22, even though Rescue 22 is one of only two being cut out of the sixteen rescue units that do not meet the adopted county criteria.

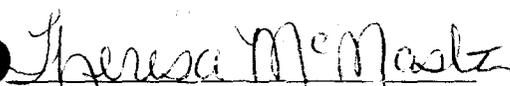
Section 3. Pinellas County reviews the EMS service delivery in Pinellas County in the coming year to develop a system that addresses both service delivery and cost efficiency for all agencies in a fair and equitable manner.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners and Pinellas County Administrator.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSES AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA,  
THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF September 2009.

ATTEST:

  
Theresa McMaster, City Clerk

  
Mayor Mike Finnerty