

RESOLUTION NO. 273

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
KANSAS, ESTABLISHING A FIRE PROTECTION FEE FOR COUNTY
TOWNSHIPS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has provided fire fighting services to surrounding county townships in the past, specifically, Mineral, Salamanaca, Sheridan, Crawford, Lyon and Lola townships; and

WHEREAS, the City has and does devote the use of City-owned vehicles, fire fighting equipment and supplies, and services of paid staff and volunteer personnel to respond to fire events in the townships; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that due to the number and nature of township fire responses that the costs associated with responses in areas of labor, equipment use, supplies use, vehicle use and depreciation, and maintenance and repair to City department equipment are not sufficiently accommodated by the present fee of \$3,500 per year; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that fire protection costs to the townships is and has been subsidized by Columbus citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, that:

Section 1. The rate established for township fire protection fees for Fiscal Year 2002 is set at Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$5,500.00);

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the township governing bodies;

Section 3. The Fire Chief is hereby directed to meet with township leaders as deemed necessary to discuss fire prevention, fire protection, fire fighting and other issues associated with the services provided by the Columbus Fire Department;

Section 4. The personnel of the Fire Department will continue to maintain records of fire response runs to the townships and associated costs of responses for evaluation in future years to determine recommendations for any revisions to the township fire protection fees beyond Fiscal Year 2002.

APPROVED AND DATED this 16th day of 2001 by the City Council of the
City of Columbus, Kansas.



Grant Spieth, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Richards, City Clerk