

## **Marlborough Fire District Request for Immunity as a Government Unit**

### **The Board of Fire Commissioners Marlborough Fire District**

For Your Consideration:

Following the request of authorized representative Wendel Associates to designate the Fire District as Lead Agency, we respectfully request consideration for exemption from zoning regulations that may apply to Inter-Governmental land use. The Fire District, in its efforts to provide emergency service responses for public safety, has authorized Wendel Associates to design additional space and renovations required to upgrade the existing structure, located at 14 Grand Street in the Town of Marlboro. Our concern on behalf of the community and the Volunteer firefighters is to comply with the following Standards:

- OSHA compliance regarding exposure of Volunteer Fire fighters to various health hazards including exposure to Carcinogenic materials.
- National Fire Protection Association regulations to create a “RED ZONE” for firefighters returning from an emergency call requiring the district to have a designated “Clean room” with associated shower and laundry facilities to cleanse themselves, and their firefighting clothing, and equipment being exposed to potential carcinogenic hazards. (also meets OSHA requirements regarding Hazard exposure)
- American Disability act (ADA), as they apply to sidewalks and curb cuts, in addition to access to public meeting room located on second floor, via standard size elevator. Handicap accessible bathrooms, and egress doors are included, as well as alterations to meet all ADA compliance as designated by the Architectural designs.

### **Project Renovations and Additional space needed.**

Fire Trucks and Apparatus have additional space requirements.

- Community Growth, Number of Response calls dramatically increased as did population, and community residential housing units.
- Proposed additional residential housing units currently under consideration
- Increase of Emergency calls in recent years, compels us to plan futuristically for additional apparatus, and type of apparatus required.
- As previously mentioned, Firefighter hazard exposure, ADA requirements, OSHA Compliance and NFPA requirements all tie into this need

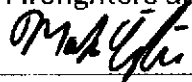
**District summary of concerns:**

Our community has significantly grown in population, and multiple housing units are evident of this growth. The increase in multiple dwellings and population, in effect, has resulted in the sharp rise of fire related emergency calls. Currently the district is barely meeting the space requirement for apparatus, however, as Our population increases the need for Firefighting Apparatus, will also require upgrades and space to meet current and future needs. The plans being presented to you provide for firefighters, health and safety while providing community protection and life safety. The Additional space in the apparatus bay will provide for future needs as well as ability to provide maintenance of the apparatus (Tilt Cab trucks) for many years to come. The impact for local interests, is the ability to protect our Firefighters, while responding to life saving incidents and accidents generated by an increased population.

The current location of the Fire House, and the property owned by the district can adequately meet the Codes and zoning requirements, while providing for the additional space requirements. The impact on local interests would be the ability to properly serve the community life safety needs while protecting our firefighters from imminent danger to life and health, because of carcinogenic, and other hazardous materials exposure.

The Fire District respectfully requests your consideration for immunity from the zoning requirements, to expedite the next steps of procuring public approval, and funding to meet the community needs while protecting our Firefighters and their families, from harm.


This request is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval, on behalf of the Firefighters and the Community by the undersigned Board of Fire Commissioners



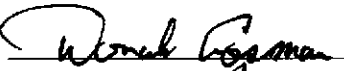
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