

**RESOLUTION NO. 222**  
**CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA**

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**NFPA PROPOSED STANDARDS 1710 AND 1720**

**WHEREAS**, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is an international association of individuals and trade and professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of NFPA is “to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research and education”; and

**WHEREAS**, NFPA has produced over 275 codes and standards that deal with every aspect of fire and life safety; and

**WHEREAS**, NFPA is an internationally recognized authority in producing codes and standards dealing with fire and life safety; and

**WHEREAS**, NFPA is recommending two new standards: NFPA 1710, *Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments*, and NFPA 1720, *Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments*; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed NFPA standards 1710 and 1720 define minimum response times, minimum fire company staffing levels, initial full alarm response levels, and extra alarm response levels; and

**WHEREAS**, levels of service delivery for fire and emergency medical services (EMS) have always been determined by local jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed NFPA standards 1710 and 1720 would impose onerous, unfounded mandates upon local governments to meet established response times and staffing levels, if adopted by NFPA with subsequent consideration taken by federal agencies, such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and insurance companies; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFPA has clearly gone outside its authority in proposing these national minimum manning, response, and staffing standards; and

**WHEREAS**, because NFPA codes and standards are voluntary and need to be adopted by local jurisdictions, these standards will be “the norm” because of the stature of NFPA in the development and promulgation of other codes and standards; and

**WHEREAS,** these two proposed standards were recommended for adoption at the NFPA annual conference on May 16, 2001 in Anaheim, California; and

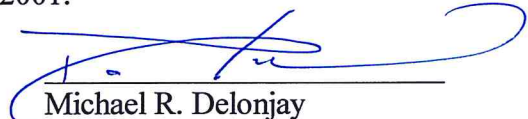
**WHEREAS,** if adopted and issued, these proposed NFPA standards would force local governments to shift dollars from fire prevention programs to fire suppression activities, potentially increasing the risk of fire and the danger to local firefighters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of Parker, Florida opposes any attempt by the National Fire Protection Association to adopt standards for staffing or minimum manning levels of fire, specialized, or emergency medical services vehicles controlled by units of local government; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of Parker, Florida opposes any attempt by the National Fire Protection Association to adopt a standard dictating or affecting the response time of any fire, specialized, or emergency medical services vehicle; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Parker will send this resolution to the National Fire Protection Association registering the city's opposition to proposed standards 1710 and 1720, which preempt local authority and place a one-size-fits-all mandate on our city and on all cities and towns.

Passed, Approved and adopted this 5th day of June, 2001.

  
Michael R. Delonjay  
Mayor

Attest:

  
David Linger  
City Clerk