

INVERNESS FIRE DEPARTMENT

AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE



No one knows the City of Inverness better than the people of Inverness.

That's why it makes sense to have a Fire Department dedicated to the City, one that exclusively serves our community. By offering an expanded selection of services without any of the special fees or charges like those imposed by the county, we can make the Inverness Fire Department a beacon of pride and safety in our community. This is a common-sense choice that will save taxpayers money and bring a more focused level of service.

INVERNESS FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL MEAN NO HIDDEN FEES



The new Inverness Fire Department will be provided without special fees or charges as done by the county. Compared to unincorporated areas, Inverness does not impose non-ad valorem fees as county businesses and residents pay. When the county controls fire services, it has the authority to tack on extra fees that end up costing taxpayers more. The City will not do that, so residents and businesses don't have to worry about hidden charges suddenly pulling more money out of their pockets to pay for fire services.

WHAT WE'LL GAIN FROM A CITY OF INVERNESS FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. QUALITY SERVICES

A dedicated Inverness Fire Department will provide our community with a greater level of pride and quality services. The team of fire personnel will also make a point to organize and provide a solid outreach program to work with homeowner associations and schools on fire safety precautions.

2. LOCAL DECISIONS

Decisions on how to allocate resources should be made at the City level, by people whose only interest is what's best for the citizens and businesses of Inverness. This ensures that our needs are heard and addressed in a way that works best for us.

3. COST SAVINGS

Change often carries an upfront cost, and even some confusion. But once our Fire Department is up and running, it will stabilize operations at less than what the county would charge – and that saves **you** money.

4. INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

Establishing a dedicated Fire Department for our City is another step forward for our community. According to the Florida League of Cities, 55 percent of cities provide fire services directly to their citizens. As our City continues to grow, our excellent services will be able to grow with it.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF INVERNESS

