

Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of La Crosse Fire Department and the La Crosse County Historical Society regarding a renewable loan of historical apparatuses.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Historical Society and the La Crosse Fire Department have shared a long history of cooperation with respect to Fire Department artifacts. The two organizations partnered on an exhibit in 2013, which was a tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, the staff at the La Crosse County Historical Society have educated firefighters on the correct way to preserve historical firefighting items and firefighters have shared information about the fire service in La Crosse; and

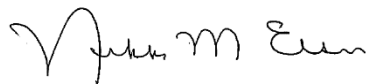
WHEREAS, both organizations recognize the importance of preserving the Nott Steamer and the 1922 American La France Engine. This partnership has required several members with a passion for history to move, clean, store, and care for these items along with hundreds of other items; and

WHEREAS, the 1904 Nott Steamer built by the W.S. Nott Company was donated to the La Crosse County Historical Society by the La Crosse Common Council in 1945; and
WHEREAS, the City is constructing a new Fire Station on Gillette Street in 2023, with a space dedicated to the History of the La Crosse Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nott Steamer will be placed in the new Fire Station 4 on Gillette Street, on a renewable loan from the La Crosse County Historical Society; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city will continue to store the 1922 American La France Engine in a secure space for as long as the Steamer is housed at Fire Station 4 for the entirety of this agreement.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on February 8, 2024.



*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*