

## **CITY OF CAMDEN / EMR METAL RECYCLING**

### **POST – FIRE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The City of Camden and EMR Metal Recycling have reached an agreement in principle whereby EMR will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City to memorialize actions being taken to compensate the community for a series of fires at EMR's location in Waterfront South and document efforts to be undertaken to prevent serious fires in the future. Key terms include:

- **\$4,500,000 total financial commitment in CY'25 with ongoing investments totaling \$450,000 per year in subsequent years for five (5) years**
- Design and installation of overhead fire suppression system including water towers with articulating water supply heads and related water supply improvements. (\$3M)
  - Includes deployment of monitored heat detection cameras around shredding pile to identify hot spots prior to ignition
  - To be certified by fire safety engineers
  - To be reviewed by Camden City Fire Department
- Increased inspections of incoming materials to identify/remove fire risks
- Voluntary reduction in height of shredding pile to 70% of height allowed by ordinance (Not to exceed 53'.)
- Limitation on storming materials to be shredded on-site. (Not to exceed 72-hours worth of shredding materials.)
- Donation of small/maneuverable fire apparatus (B.R.A.T. Deluge Truck) to CFD with concentrated spray to target high temperature fires from a low angle (NTE \$275K)
- Configure existing on-site water tank (≈ 200 gallons) to provide connectivity for Fire Dept (NTE\$25k)
- Participate in one table top emergency response exercise per year
- Participate in up to four (4) full scale fire drill(s) as directed by City OEM/FD
  - Involving community leaders for visibility
- Following issuance of final report of Fire Marshall, potential execution of incident response MOU with Camden FD to include various agreed upon protocols if deficiencies in EMR fire response identified
- Reimbursement to City of Camden for costs of tires, hoses, windshield and similar damages sustained during March event (NTE \$25K )

**ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO THE WATERFRONT SOUTH COMMUNITY**

- Fund community “essential needs” pantry focusing on dry goods (hygiene projects, baby supplies, etc....)
- Fund primary care medical services to residents in Waterfront South

**IMPROVED NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS**

- City agrees to cooperate and support (subject to required reviews of independent planning/zoning boards) EMR efforts to consolidate operations on a smaller footprint resulting in the reduction of EMR operations in the City by 9 +/- acres and the vacation of the entirety of EMR’s entire operation along 6<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Requirement to install bio-diversity walls as a condition of support
- Text notification system to directly communicate w/ community during emergencies
- Conduct annual “open house” for community leaders (HOC) to show/explain the operation and allow visibility into steps EMR has taken to mitigate risks