

Exhibit C

Relief Association Affiliation Requirements

Topic:

A question was raised as to whether more than one volunteer fire relief association could be affiliated with a municipal fire department or independent nonprofit firefighting corporation. Minnesota statutes are written based on a fire department having only one affiliated relief association. Administrative problems, including the division of fire state aid, would arise if a fire department were to have multiple affiliated relief associations. Draft language is provided below that would clarify the legislative intent that a fire department may have only one affiliated volunteer fire relief association.

Optional Change:

424A.002 AUTHORIZATION OF NEW OR CONTINUING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** A municipal fire department or an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation, with approval by the applicable municipality or municipalities, may establish a new volunteer firefighters relief association or may retain an existing volunteer firefighters relief association. A municipal fire department or an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation may be associated with only one volunteer firefighters relief association.

Subd. 2. **Defined benefit or defined contribution relief association.** The articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the volunteer firefighters relief association must specify that the relief association is either a defined benefit relief association subject to sections 424A.015, 424A.02, and 424A.091 to 424A.094 or is a defined contribution relief association subject to sections 424A.015 and 424A.016.