




TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Authorize Town Manager to purchase a bucket truck from the Town of San Anselmo for \$7,500

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Authorize Town Manager to purchase a bucket truck from the Town of San Anselmo for \$7,500
- 2) Appropriate \$8,500 in Fund 03-923 Field Equipment for the vehicle purchase and tax and license fees.

DISCUSSION

Over the years, San Anselmo has graciously allowed Town staff to borrow its bucket truck for putting up banners on streetlights and across Sir Francis Drake, replacing and installing tree lights, trimming trees, and accessing Town roofs as needed. The bucket truck has a height range of 25-30 ft. The timing to perform these duties has been wholly determined by the availability of the truck. However, San Anselmo has recently purchased a new bucket truck and would like to sell its old truck. The purchase price was negotiated but is reasonable based on the limited data on the value due to the age and type of vehicle: 1994 Ford F350 Bucket Truck with less than 14,000 miles. A search of commercial vehicle websites would seem to indicate most older bucket trucks are all located out of state, have significantly higher mileage (150,000 to 200,000 miles), and are, at a minimum, double the price, although the trucks are not as old (i.e., mid 2000's).

The truck is in good working condition and provides much greater flexibility for Public Works staff to perform their day-to-day duties in a timelier fashion. The Town's fleet is exempt from air quality regulations because of our annual vehicle mileage usage.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fund 03-923 is the fund which pays for vehicle purchases/leases and replacement. The fund currently has a fund balance of \$302,000. The added cost is for sales tax and license/registration fees.