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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: February 26, 2014

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4-15-14

The COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS Committee considered:

SB 157

SENATE BILL NO. 157

"An Act relating to municipal fire protection service area boundary changes."

SB 157-FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS



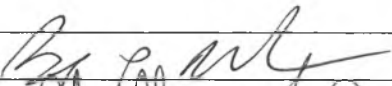
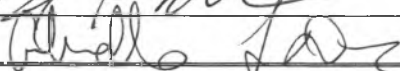
Recommends it be replaced with HCS or CS for SB 157 (CRA)
 For Senate Bills with new title: Technical Title New Title: HCR _____ Same Title New Title

- attach amendments
- add new referral to _____ Committee
- Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:
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 EED
 DEC
 DFG
 GOV
 DHS
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 LAW
 LEG
 MVA
 DNR
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 DOT
 UA

<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
*FN# is assigned by Chief Clerk's Office				
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<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
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	Kito			X	
Chair: 	NAGEAK	X			
Chair: 	WOOD	X			

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux, House C&RA Co-Chair

Rep. Benjamin Nageak, House C&RA Co-Chair

Fr: Senator John Coghill

Da: February 26, 2014

Re: Bill Hearing Request

I am formally requesting a hearing before the House Community and Regional Affairs committee, for Senate Bill No. 157 entitled "*An Act relating to municipal fire protection service area boundary changes.*"

Senator John Coghill,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Coghill".

Signed February 26, 2014

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SB 157: "An Act relating to municipal fire protection service area boundary changes."

Sponsor Statement

State law currently allows municipalities, without a vote of residents in a municipal fire service area, to increase the number of parcels in a fire service area if the increase is not more than six percent and would not add more than 1,000 residents. There is no corollary provision allowing municipalities, even with the full consent of the property owner(s), to decrease or transfer a small number of parcels from a fire service area. Instead, an election of the entire service area must be held to remove any parcel or make other minor changes to a fire service area boundary.

Senate Bill 157 would allow a municipality to decrease or transfer, by ordinance, a small number of parcels in a fire service area without holding an election.

In cases where a fire service area is formed or expanded, or where development has not occurred as anticipated, fire response may not originate from the most accessible station. SB 157 would simplify the process to enable fire response from the most proximate fire department. The ability to establish a less cumbersome process will allow municipalities to define more natural service area boundaries, making it easier for emergency responders to determine which parcels to serve. SB 157 also provides municipalities with the flexibility needed to adjust boundaries based on service levels available.

I urge you to support SB 157.

Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 157
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB157-DPS-FLS-02-16-14
Title: FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS
Sponsor: COGHILL
Requester: Senate Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Fire and Life Safety
Allocation: Fire and Life Safety
OMB Component Number: 2883

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

Prepared By: Kelly Nicoletto, State Fire Marshal	Phone: (907)269-5491
Division: Fire and Life Safety	Date: 02/16/2014 12:10 PM
Approved By: Gary Folger, Commissioner	Date: 02/16/14
Agency: Department of Public Safety	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

**STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB 157

Analysis

This bill amends AS 29.35.450(c) relating to changes to a municipal service area that provides fire protection services.

Passage of this bill would have no fiscal impact to the Division of Fire and Life Safety or the Department of Public Safety.

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Witnesses

The following individuals will either be testifying, or standing by to answer questions the committee has:

David Gibbs- Fairbanks North Star Borough, Emergency Management, (907) 459-1221 or
(907) 322-6542. Off-net/teleconference

Jeff Tucker- North Star Fire Department, Fire Chief, (907) 378-4680 or (907) 488-3400. Off-
net/teleconference.

Possibly Rene Broker- Fairbanks North Star Borough, Attorney, (907) 459-1317 or
(907) 322-0418. Off-net/teleconference.



ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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February 17, 2014

The Honorable Peter Micciche, Chair
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801

Reference: SB 157 "An Act relating to municipal fire protection service area boundary changes."

Dear Senator Micciche,

The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association supports and urges passage of SB 157 "An Act relating to municipal fire protection service area boundary changes."

Several areas of the State including the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as well of other areas of the State, that have adjoining fire service areas, have seen residential enclaves developed after the fire service areas boundaries were established. These enclaves in some cases force the fire department responsible for the enclave to leave their service area and in some cases travel through one or more neighboring fire service areas, past closer fire stations, to provide fire and emergency medical services in the event of a 911 call.

To rectify this situation under current State Statues it requires several votes of both of the affected fire service areas which comes at great expense and effort. SB 157 allows the a Borough to administratively transfer fire protection from one fire service area to another closer and more appropriate fire service area by meeting certain criteria adopted by local ordinance.

The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association supports SB 157 "An Act relating to municipal fire protection service area boundary changes." This bill would allow the closest and most appropriate fire department to respond in an emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Tucker", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Tucker, Fire Chief
2nd Vice-President Alaska Fire Chiefs Association
Legislative Committee Chair
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February 20, 2014

Honorable Senator Peter Micciche,
Senate Community & Regional Affairs
Butrovich Room 205
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: SB 157

Dear Senator Micciche,

The Alaska Municipal League has spoken to the Fairbanks North Star Borough with regards to SB 157. They have stated that they have needed help pertaining to boundary changes for fire districts and this is a tool they have requested in order to achieve their goals.

We thank you for paying attention to the needs of municipalities in their goals to become more efficient and effective. To that end, the Alaska Municipal League offers full support for SB157.

Sincerely,

Kathie Wasserman
Executive Director

Boundary Adjustments

Steese Sta 1 to 1628 Crestline
Dr 3.4 Miles or 8 min drive time

CGFR Sta 3 to 1628 Crestline
Dr 8.4 Miles or 12 min drive time

Legend



Fire



Fire Stations

— CGFR2_Route

— SteeseRoute

- - - Proposed Change

FIRE SERVICE AREA

CHENA GOLDSTREAM

STEESE

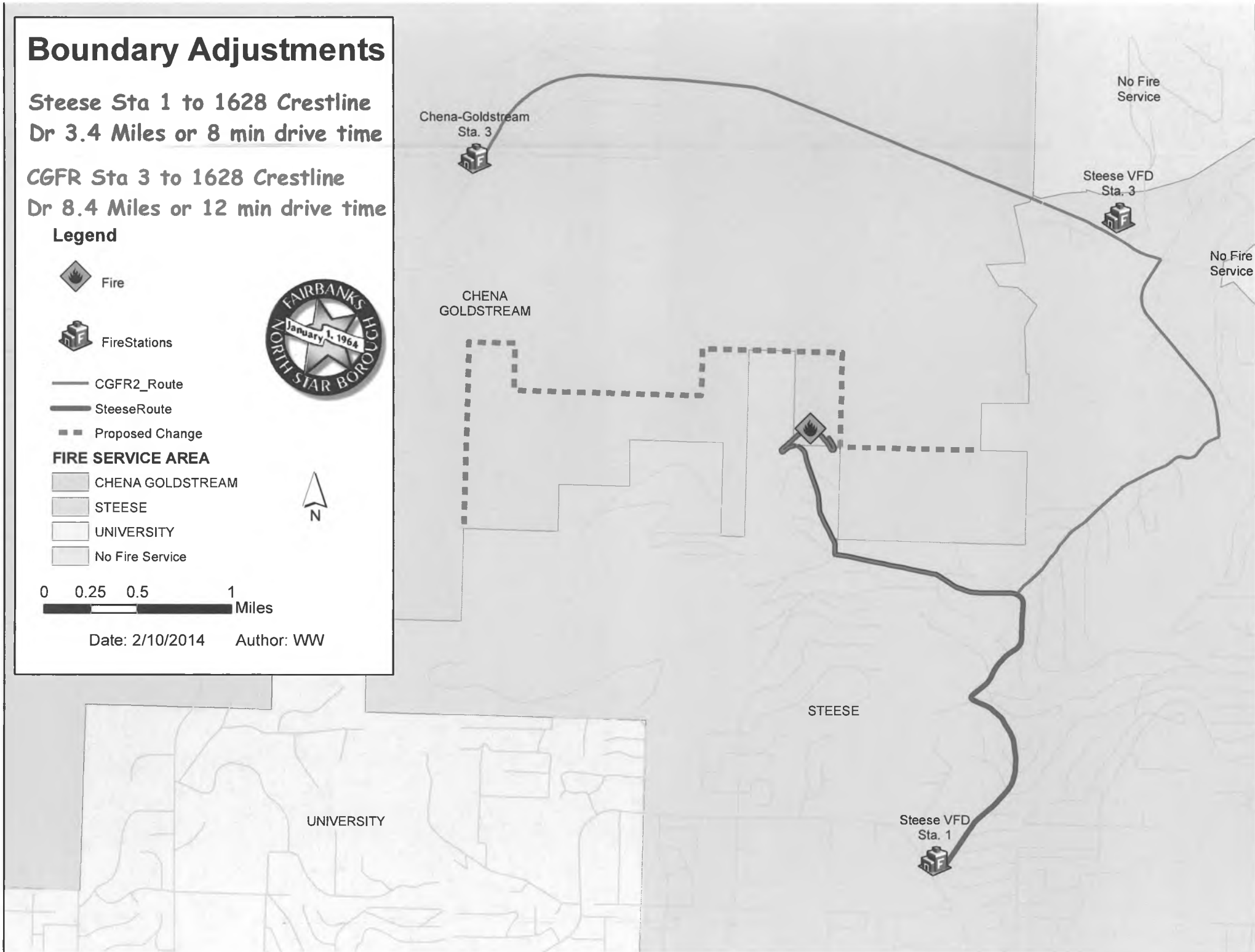
UNIVERSITY

No Fire Service



0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

Date: 2/10/2014 Author: WW



Legend

FIRE SERVICE AREAS

- CHENA GOLDSTREAM
- ESTER
- UNIVERSITY



Fire



Fire Stations

EVFD Route

Chena-Goldstream Route

Proposed Change



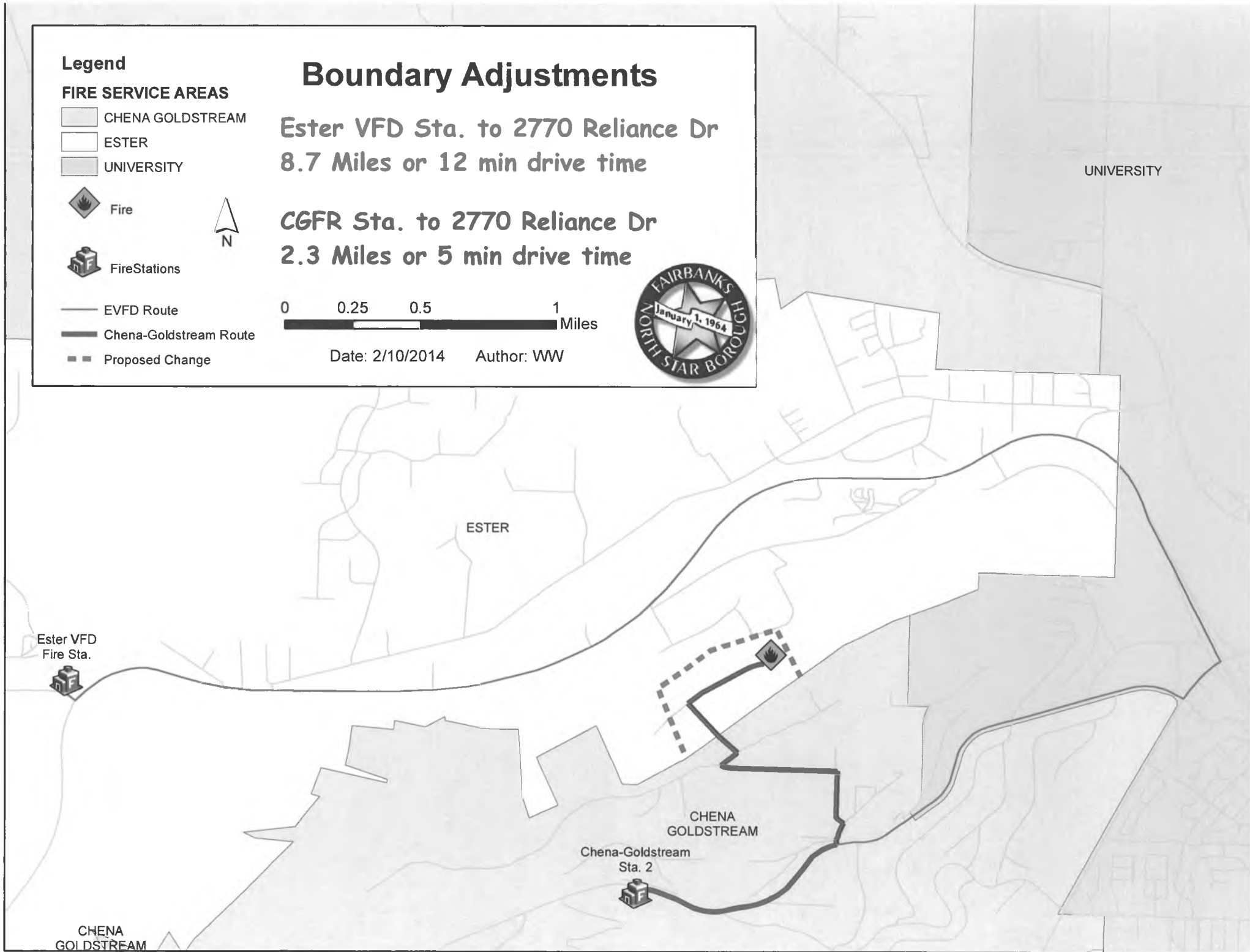
Boundary Adjustments

Ester VFD Sta. to 2770 Reliance Dr
8.7 Miles or 12 min drive time

CGFR Sta. to 2770 Reliance Dr
2.3 Miles or 5 min drive time



Date: 2/10/2014 Author: WW



FIRE SERVICE AREAS

Legislative Change Needed to alter boundaries!

- Process is cumbersome
- Development has not necessarily occurred as anticipated when service areas created
- Fire department response does not necessarily originate from closest station
 - Flexibility needed to adjust boundaries based on service levels available.

