



What it means to you and your family

The Perkins Fire Department is exploring the feasibility of adding a new fire station in your area and we invite your input and feedback.

What will a new fire station do for you?

Enhancing fire and emergency services in your area not only helps keep you and your family safer, **it saves you money!**

Home insurance rates are calculated using guidance from the Insurance Services Office (or “ISO”) based in part on the fire protection capabilities and training of your local fire department. The better your local fire department scores, the lower your insurance rates become.

How does Perkins FD score?

ISO scores a fire department on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being the poorest based in part on its equipment, staff and training.

Currently, the Perkins Fire Department is rated a **4**, which is very good, but the northwest area of our fire district is not currently able to leverage this favorable rating potentially making your home insurance rates higher than they need to be. **Read on to find out why...**

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FIRE STATION #3 PROPOSAL FOR THE NORTHWEST REGION

FACTS AND INFORMATION

● ● ● | Fire Protection Is Everyone's Responsibility!

If my home is in the Perkins Fire District, why am I not getting the best insurance rates possible?

You live too far from one of our existing fire stations. ISO scores fire departments and your home insurance risks differently. PFD is scored based on how well we perform as a fire department. Your insurance risk, on the other hand, is scored in no small part based on how close you reside to the nearest fire station.

Most homes in our fire district pay lower insurance rates based on our department ISO rating of **4** because they reside within 5 driving miles of one of our fire stations.

Unfortunately, around 600 homes in the far northwest region of our fire district are beyond the 5-mile driving distance and therefore pay higher insurance rates based on an ISO rating of **10** (the poorest rating ISO provides to insurance companies) largely because a fire truck is required to drive further to get to them in a fire or other emergency. Placing a fire station in your area reduces this risk and may therefore lower your insurance rates.

How would the new station be funded?

Construction of a new station would be funded mostly by donations and an existing Payne County sales tax that is already in place to support rural fire protection. Construction of the new station will have zero impact on new property or sales taxes.

We need your feedback and input.

Joe Barta, Perkins Fire Chief, would like to hear your feedback and input directly. Please contact Chief Barta by e-mail at firechief@cityofperkins.net, by phone at (405) 547-1042 or contact City Hall at (405) 547-2445. You may also comment on our Facebook page using the QR code below.

● ● ● | What Can I Do To Help?

Contact Your Neighbors

Part of the feasibility study is assessing how interested you and your neighbors are in seeing a new station added to your local community. Pass the word and show your support.

Consider Volunteering

A large deciding factor in placing a new station in your area depends upon people willing to help staff the new station and respond to calls and emergencies in your area. You'll receive all of the training you need, the necessary certifications as a first responder and the support of our entire PFD family. Plus, it's an excellent way to support and give back to your local community!

Get Involved

Placement of the new station is key to its success. For optimum coverage, the ideal location would be in the area between 80th and 92nd streets on Western Road. This area provides easy emergency vehicle access to nearby paved roads in each direction while extending the necessary 5-mile driving limitation to the most available homes in the northwest region of our district.

That said, if you know of a location that would serve your local community better, we welcome your input and suggestions.

The success of this project requires a community solution. While the entire Perkins Fire Department family supports this project, we need you as well. **Please help us help you!**

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