

**CITY OF WILDWOOD HAS COST RESIDENTS IN WILDWOOD AND CHESTERFIELD MONEY OVER FIRE STATION ISSUE. COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF THE FIRE DISTRICT.** The City of Wildwood first didn't like the location of a new Monarch FPD fire station. Next they did not like the response times from the new station. (Most were improved). Being tied up in court cost the Fire District money along with residents in all of Wildwood, not just those in the Monarch District.



On Friday September 16, 2022 Circuit Judge Richard Stewart ruled in Monarch's favor. This is a portion of the ruling:

The requirement in the City of Wildwood's May 5, 2021 conditional use permit that Monarch Fire Protection District's new fire house, located at 18304 Wild Horse Creek Road, meet or exceed the call time standard set out in NFPA 1710 is hereby declared unenforceable. The City of Wildwood is enjoined from enforcing this provision of its conditional use permit. Having complied with all other requirements of the conditional use permit, Monarch Fire Protection District may move forward with construction of the new fire house.

Here is some background from a memo by Fire Chief Cary Spiegel:

While several concerns were initially raised by the City of Wildwood about the construction of this station, they were eventually whittled down to a dispute how the new station would impact response times. While projections reveal 171 homes and occupied businesses will have faster response times, the issue was that there are 41 homes and one business that will have slower response times that average 10 seconds.