



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0465

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2020

TITLE: Ordinance Amending Sec. 13-58. – Fire Detecting and Extinguishing
Appliances Required in or on Designated Buildings and Premises; Third-
Party Reporting Requirements for all Fire Protection Systems; Siamese
Connections – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an ordinance amending Section 13-58- Fire Detecting and Extinguishing Appliances Required in or on Designated Buildings and Premises by adding Third-Party Reporting Requirements for all Fire Protection Systems.

Background

The City's Fire Prevention Bureau inspects all commercial and residential buildings with three or more units. Fire Inspectors are required to verify fire suppression and alarm detection third party contractor inspection reports that are performed on a monthly, quarterly, and/or yearly frequency dependent on the schedule of Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) task frequencies required by the State of Florida. These inspection reports are seldomly sent directly to the City's Fire Prevention Bureau, making it difficult to verify compliance in buildings where these systems are installed. A third-party reporting system will allow the Fire Prevention Bureau staff to verify compliance within the third-party software.

Another benefit to the third-party inspection reporting is the ease for documenting the inspections of fire suppression systems for the Insurance Service's Office (ISO) compliance reviews. ISO requires copies of the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) reports completed in order to provide the appropriate credit to the City's insurance rating. The City of Fort Lauderdale currently has the Public Protection Classification rating of Class 1.

Everyday more departments across the country are using a reporting service to assist in the ITM verification process required by the fire code. The service offers many benefits to the department and makes the city safer for its residents and visitors.

Resource Impact

Upon adoption of this amended Ordinance, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue will be contracting with a Brycer, a third party vendor, for the registration and subsequent inspections of these fire safety systems.

As currently proposed, this vendor will be collecting a registration and monitoring fee and will be providing the City of Fort Lauderdale with the net proceeds after collection of its fee.

There will be an estimated positive fiscal impact, in the current fiscal year, to the City in the estimated amount of \$1000.

There is an ongoing positive impact of approximately \$24,381 to \$36,120 for the first year in additional revenues from the fees charged to the fire suppression and alarm detection contractors who use the reporting service.

Subsequent revenue projections are attached as Exhibit 2.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact of approximately \$1,000 in the current fiscal year.

<i>Funds available as of June 19, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
001-FIR010401-J102	Fire Prevention	Charges for Service/Fire Suppression and Alarm Inspection Fees	\$250	\$250	\$1,000
			APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►		\$1,000

Strategic Connections:

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6 - Build a safe and well-prepared community
- Objective: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*: We are Community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

Exhibit 2 – Revenue Projections

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