

AGENDA



Monday, September 13, 2010

**Budget
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department; creating positions; establishing pay rates; and repealing Ordinance No. 20090924-037 relating to the Fire Department Classifications and Positions.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: Classification Ordinance 20090924-037 adopted by Council on September 24, 2009.

This ordinance repeals the classification ordinance adopted by Council on September 24, 2009 and establishes all positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department.

The number of positions in the classification of Firefighter in this ordinance is an increase of ten (10) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance. These additional Firefighter positions support a 2007 Council resolution to convert all remaining units to four-person staffing, in conjunction with the replacement of ladder units to quints by 2019. Currently, of the 54 units in place at the Fire Department's 45 stations, 49 are already at four-person staffing. These additional positions accelerate the implementation of four-person staffing on an additional unit, raising the total number of units at four-person staffing to 51.

The civil service classification of the Fire Department and the number of positions in each classification are established as follows:

- (A) Assistant Chief 5
- (B) Division Chief 5
- (C) Battalion Chief 33
- (D) Captain 69
- (E) Lieutenant 177
- (F) Fire Specialist 196
- (G) Firefighter 599