

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 74426 Agenda Number 3.

Meeting Date: 9/13/2017 Department: Budget Office

Subject

Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department; creating certain positions; and repealing Ordinance No. 20170504-004 relating to Fire Department classifications and positions.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: May 4, 2017 – Classification Ordinance No. 20170504-004 was adopted by Council.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 20170504-004 and establishes all positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department.

The number of positions in the Lieutenant classification is increasing by six (6), the number of positions in the Fire Specialist classification is increasing by six (6), and the number of positions in the Firefighter classification is increasing by eighteen (18) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance. The increases in Lieutenant, Fire Specialist, and Firefighter are necessary for staffing in connection with the interlocal agreement between Travis ESD 4 Emergency Services District # 4 and the City of Austin for Fire Services. The number of positions in the Battalion Chief classification is increasing by one (1) in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance and is being accomplished by decreasing the number of positions in the Firefighter classification by one (1). The conversion of a Firefighter position to a Battalion Chief position is needed for management of the Austin Fire Department Operational Support Services. The civil service classifications of the Austin Fire Department and the number of positions in each classifications are established as follows:

Assistant Chief 5 Division Chief 8

Battalion Chief 35

Captain 71

Lieutenant 198

Fire Specialist 211

Firefighter 653