

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Fire RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 24

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Fire Department's fee schedule of Ordinance No. 20100913-004 by establishing a new fee of \$125 for inspecting the storage, handling, transportation and use of liquefied petroleum gas by Mobile Food Vendors

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

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Public Health and Human Services Committee

In response to safety concerns brought forward by Austin residents and by the Public Health and Human Service Committee, the Fire Department is requesting adoption of a new \$125.00 inspection fee for mobile food vendors operating in the City of Austin.

The Fire Department will conduct the inspection of mobile food vendors' storage, transportation and use of liquefied petroleum gas (L.P. Gas). The increase in mobile food vendors over the past few years, and their use of L.P. gas in their trailers and vehicles have raised risks to the citizens of Austin. By requiring an inspection of mobile food vendors' use and storage of L.P. gas containers, the Fire Department will endeavor to reduce any risks to the citizens of Austin. Permits will need to be renewed on an annual basis. The authority to inspect is included in the Fire Code adopted on June 24, 2010 in Ordinance No 20100624-142 to be effective on October 1, 2010.