

**Recommendation for Council Action** 

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting: October 18, 2018

Item Number: 013

## Fire

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Fire Department General Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to increase the number of authorized positions by one for a Lieutenant sworn full-time equivalent position off-set by a reimbursement from the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Convention Center Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001).

Lead Department	Austin Fire Department
Fiscal Note	Fiscal notes are attached detailing the transfer of funds from the Department Revenue Fund to the General Fund Operating Budget.
For More Information	Interim Fire Chief Tom Dodds - 974-0132; Asst. Director Ronnelle Paulsen - 974-5315

## Additional Backup Information:

This budget amendment is for the Austin Fire Department's (AFD) Prevention division and includes the salary, benefits, and associated one-time costs for one sworn Lieutenant position fully reimbursed by the Austin Convention Center. This amendment will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. The Austin Convention Center Department has identified available funding within their Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget to fund this additional sworn position. The Austin Convention Center has seen steady growth in the number of conventions and events over the years. It is therefore imperative to have a knowledgeable and readily available Fire Inspector on premises to ensure compliance and safe operations. The position's chain of command will continue to be within the AFD. However, this position will also report findings to staff at the Austin Convention Center and assist with compliance.