



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2636, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

8/12/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department; creating certain positions; and repealing Ordinance No. 20190910-003 relating to Fire Department classifications and positions.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Prior Council Action:

September 10, 2019 - Classification Ordinance No. 20190910-003 was adopted by Council.

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Additional Backup Information:

This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 20190910-003 and establishes authorized strength at 1,241 and the number of positions at each rank of the Austin Fire Department effective October 1, 2020. Of the total authorized strength of 1,241: one (1) Captain position and four (4) Lieutenant positions take effect on December 20, 2020; and three (3) Lieutenant positions and (3) Fire Specialist positions take effect on July 4, 2021.

The number of positions in the Captain classification is increasing by one (1) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance to staff the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) code enforcement in the Prevention Division.

The number of positions in the Lieutenant classification is increasing by seven (7) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance; four (4) to staff the WUI enforcement in the Prevention Division, and three (3) to staff a new fire station.

The number of positions in the Fire Specialist classification is increasing by three (3) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance to staff a new fire station.

The number of positions in the Firefighter classification is increasing by ten (10) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance to staff a new fire station.

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

Assistant Chief 5
Division Chief 8
Battalion Chief 37
Captain 72

Lieutenant 213
Fire Specialist 222
Firefighter 684

Strategic Outcome(s):
Safety.