
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2017

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL No. 2017-528

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Leslie Haase

Fire Chief: Jimmy Furgerson

City Attorney: Peter Edwards

City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the fire department.

DISCUSSION:

The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 6, 2017. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service. As detailed in the biennial user fee review, certain user fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services, while other fees need to be removed to better reflect the services provided by the fire department.

In the fee review, staff proposed various changes to fire department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the hood suppression inspection fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00
- Change the operational permit fee from the annual charge of \$100 for the first permit and \$25.00 for additional permits to \$50.00 per permit
- Remove the construction permit fee of \$100.00
- Change the general burn permit fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for a consecutive three-day burn period

The fee change will be effective on February 1, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.