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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	13424	Agenda Number	7.
Meeting Date:	3/8/2012			Department:	Finance
Subject					
Approve an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Financial and Administrative Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-006) to reallocate and appropriate \$950,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingency Program to the Elevator Compliance project.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Financial and Administrative Services Department Capital Budget.					
Fiscal Note					
Fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

This action approves the transfer of \$950,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingency Program to Elevator Compliance project within the Financial and Administrative Services Department Capital Budget.

Chapter 754 of the Health and Safety Code requires every elevator in Texas with more than 25 foot of travel to have fire service and door restrictors. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has previously granted waivers of these requirements to building owners. TDLR has indicated that it is not granting any more waivers to owners, and that if the City elevators listed below are not brought into compliance by September 2012, then emergency shutdown orders will be issued and elevators taken out of service until compliance is achieved.

On March 21, 2011, the Building Services Department received the City's last waiver from TDLR regarding 4 elevators at Austin Police Department headquarters, 2 elevators at Municipal Court, and 2 elevators at the Municipal Building. This waiver states that the City has been granted a delay until September 1, 2012 to bring these elevators into compliance. There is no provision to extend the deadline for fire service and/or door restrictors, and that the

maximum fine available under law is \$5,000 per day per elevator per violation.