

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	28357	<b>Agenda Number</b>	18.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	10/24/2013	<b>Department:</b>	Legal
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a legal services contract with Parker Hudson Ranier and Dobbs, LLP, for services related to Austin Fire Department 2012 and 2013 hiring issues, in the amount of \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>For More Information:</b>	
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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**Additional Backup Information**

Lawrence Ashe, a partner in Parker Hudson Rainier and Dobbs, LLC, has been the City's outside legal counsel in connection with pending investigations of hiring practices at the Austin Fire Department by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The increase in the cost of this outside counsel contract is to cover anticipated additional work by Mr. Ashe, and members of that firm under his direction, that will be necessary in light of findings made by the two federal agencies concerning the hiring practices under investigation.