



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3096, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

9/12/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Fire Department; creating and eliminating certain positions, and repealing Ordinance No. 20181018-014 relating to Fire Department classifications and positions.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Prior Council Action:

October 18, 2018 - Classification Ordinance No. 20181018-014 was adopted by Council.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 20181018-014 and establishes authorized strength at 1,236 and the number of positions at each rank of the Austin Fire Department effective October 1, 2019. Of the total authorized strength of 1,236, three (3) Captain positions, three (3) Lieutenant positions, and six (6) Fire Specialist positions take effect on June 21, 2020.

The number of positions in the Captain 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 Lieutenant classification is increasing by seven (7) from the number in existence immediately before the effective date of this ordinance; three (3) to staff a new fire station, three (3) in Command Technician Senior assignments, and one (1) in an Arson Investigator assignment.

The number of positions in the Fire Specialist classification is increasing by thirty-two (32); six (6) to staff a new fire station, twenty-four (24) in Command Technician assignments, one (1) assigned to coordination of Pre-Fire planning, and one (1) assigned to coordinate fire hydrant inspections.

The number of positions in the Firefighter classification is decreasing by four (4) overall. Positions in the Firefighter rank are decreasing by thirty (30) to fill the increases at the rank of Lieutenant and Fire Specialist, while increasing by twenty (20) to staff a new fire station and six (6) additional positions assigned to Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

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 74

Lieutenant 209
Fire Specialist 246
Firefighter 657