



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department**

Date: November 8, 2005

To: Dan Niziolek, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services

Referral to: Barbara Johnson, Chair, Ways and Means Budget Committee  
and Paul Ostrow, Chair, City Council

**Subject: Request for Take Home Vehicles**

**Recommendation: City Council approval for the Minneapolis Fire Department to be authorized 14 marked, Take Home Vehicles, with provision to allow up to 8 Take Home Vehicles for the Fire Inspection Coordinator positions for those who are City of Minneapolis residents.**

<b>No. of Positions</b>	<b>Job Title:</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fire Chief</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Assistant Fire Chief</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Deputy Fire Chief</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Assistant Fire Marshal</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Staff Captain</b>
<b>1 to 8</b>	<b>Fire Inspection Coordinator</b>

**Previous Directives: City Council approval on August 14, 1998 authorizing six Take Home Vehicles.**

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Approved by: Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_

John Moir, City Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

**Note:** To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee: Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact (use any categories that apply)**

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

**Background/Supporting Information Attached:**

**Attached is a detailed listing of the Fire Department's Take Home Vehicle Request.**

**The listing addresses the current operating needs of the Fire Department. Thirteen of the fourteen personnel taking home Fire Department Marked Vehicles are Sworn Personnel. They are required to be on call for immediate emergency response at all hours of the day.**

**The Fire Inspection Coordinator is a civilian position. He promoted to the Fire Department from the City's Inspection Department. The Trade inspectors had a policy for take home vehicles, providing they lived in Minneapolis. As a part of his hire agreement with the Fire Department, it was agreed that he could continue to take home a vehicle.**

**There are 8 Fire Inspection Coordinator positions in the Fire Department.**

**We wish to extend the Take Home Vehicle provision to all Fire Inspection Coordinators who are City of Minneapolis residents.**

**All parking for Fire Department Take Home Vehicles are paid by the Department based on spaces allocated by the Haff Ramp for designated Fire Department Vehicles.**