



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Department of Regulatory Services**

Date: December 2, 2003
To: Council Member Barbara Johnson, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Referral to: None

Subject: Technical amendment of Mayor's Recommended Budget to show a transfer of \$138,000 in contractual service dollar appropriations back to Regulatory Services/ Inspections from the Fire Department.

Recommendation: That Council approve this adjustment to the Mayor's recommended Budget to reflect the more recent discussions with the Fire Department that have the nuisance abatement responsibilities returning to Inspections. This still preserves the \$822,000 the Fire Department needs to retain its re-hired Firefighters.

Previous Directives: The Mayor's August 14th Budget recommendations included a transfer of salary and contractual service dollars to the Fire Department with the transfer of Housing enforcement nuisance abatement responsibilities for a total reduction of \$960,000 in expense appropriation. The November 20, 2003 Ways and Means Committee referred further discussion of the Fire and Housing options to the Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee.

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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): Requires a transfer of \$138,000 in appropriations from the Fire Department back to Regulatory Services/ Inspections.

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:

As the planning related to the transfer of some Housing responsibilities to the Fire Department has become more detailed, the Fire Department has determined that the nuisance abatement enforcement should remain with Inspections, that other enforcement responsibilities are a better fit for Fire Department personnel. This formalizes that agreement. This correction is needed independent of any other discussions about other types of funding of Fire Department activities.