

Fire Prevention Inspection Fee Program

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AGENDA

Fee Ordinance Background

Cost Recovery Goal Analysis

Inspections Completed & Fees Remitted

Successes & Ongoing Improvements

Summary

Fee Ordinance Background

Goal: Majority Cost Recovery by Fire Prevention Division

November 2018

Council Discussion of 2019-2020 Budget Fee Program Proposed 2 New FTEs Requested to Begin in 2019

January-November 2019

Outreach to Stakeholders Building Owners Property Management Dept Members

January 2020

Fee Program Officially Begins













December 2018

Ordinance 6443
Initial Fee Program
Calculations and
Parameters

December 2019

Ordinance 6490

Modified Fee
Calculation Model and
Adjusted Program
Based on Stakeholder
Feedback

October 2020 Ordinance 6534

Additional Modifications to the Fee Calculation Model Based on Inspector & Stakeholder Observations

Codified in Ord. 6532

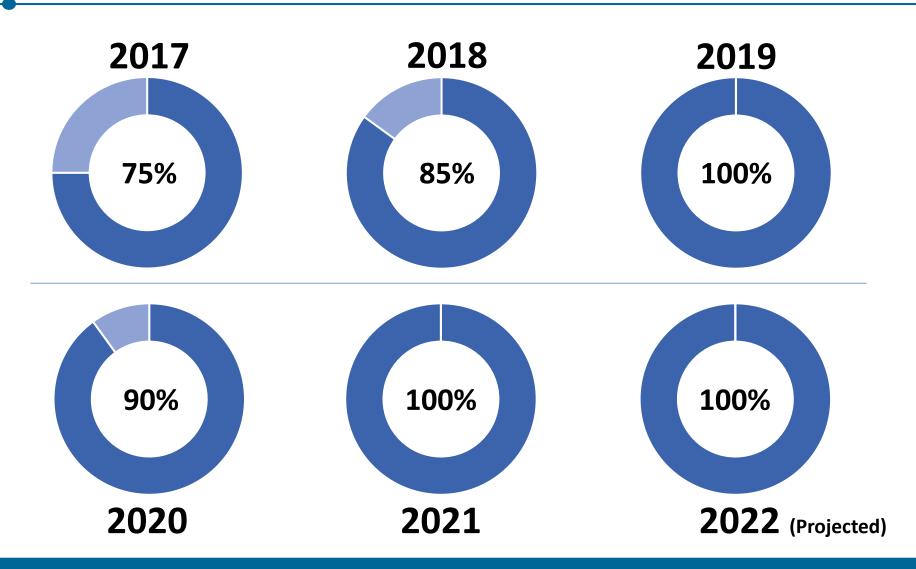
Cost Recovery Goal Analysis

The forecasted cost recovery need for Fire Prevention was calculated based on the time spent on maintenance inspection activity by:

	% Cost Recovered by
Division Members	Fee Program
Administrative Assistant	50%
Program Analyst	75%
7 Fire Prevention Officers	75%

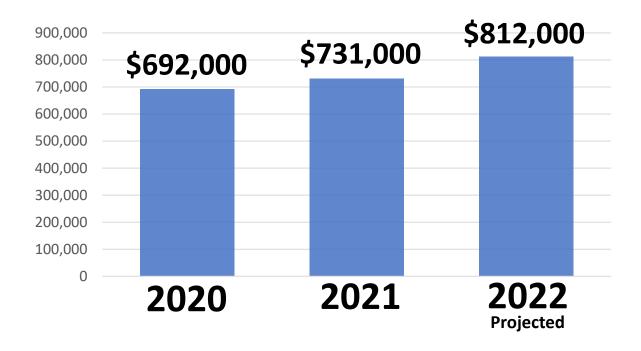
= \$891,000

Inspections Completed Analysis



Inspection Fees Remitted Analysis

Total revenues are in line with expectations



Considerations

- As development continues, revenues will increase
- Revenue will fluctuate in line with bi-annual inspection model

Program Successes

- Moved to Paperless Inspection Software
- Worked closely with customers through COVID related business closures and pressures
- Collaboration with FAM to ensure invoices are generated and fee collection is consistent and timely
- Transition to Paperless Billing in 2021

Ongoing Improvement Efforts

- Collecting Improved Building Information and billing contact data
- Department staff are educating building and business owners, reducing questions about the program
- Continuing to educate building owners and managers on fire and life safety
- Monitoring nexus between fees collected and time spent on inspections

Summary

- Staffing is currently in line with short-term growth
- On track with established goals and expectations
- Committed to continuous improvement

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