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To: Jim Scholl, City Manager

From: Fire Marshal/Division Chief Danny Blanco

Date: August 5, 2019

Reference: Increase Key West Fire Prevention Bureau's Inspection, Plans Review and Firework Fee Schedule

Action Statement:

Respectfully request adoption of the increased charges to the current Key West Fire Department inspection and plans review fee schedule, as well as the firework application fee.

Background:

The City of Key West Fire Prevention Bureau is authorized by sections 30-9 and 30.174 of the city codes of ordinances to charge and collect fees for the inspections, plans reviews, and firework applications required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code. The current fee schedule was established on January 1, 2009 and has not been increased since inception.

Purpose and Justification:

The current charges are out dated and not comparable to other South Florida Fire Departments of similar fee schedule structures. I have attached our current fee schedule and the fee schedule of 3 South Florida departments, as well as the average of all 3 departments. Key West Fire Department is well below each department, as well as the average. Therefore, an increase in our fee schedule will not only bring us up to date with other comparable fire department fee schedules but more importantly will reflect a more accurate cost of the level of effort to perform such inspections and reviews.



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Financial Impact:

The budget projection presented at the City Commission Budget Workshop included the increases to the inspection and plans review fee schedule and is expected to **increase** revenue by \$130,000 annually.

Recommendation:

Adopt the changes to sections 30-9 and 30.174 of the city codes of ordinances to increase the fees for Key West Fire Department Inspection and Plans Review fee schedule, as well as the firework application fee.

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