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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation, Engineering and Development

**SUBMITTED BY:** Leann Kanan, Administrative Assistant

**BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 20, 2020 the City Council held the first reading of the text amendment.

**DISCUSSION:**

In 2020, the pandemic complicated efforts for conducting in-person inspections primarily due to delayed access to buildings. It also exacerbated an industry-wide labor shortage of qualified elevator inspectors. For these reasons, EIS is only performing one annual inspection per elevator this year while prior to 2020 semi-annual inspections had been conducted. The State of Illinois requires only one inspection per year.

Based on the experience of annual inspections of elevators in 2020, the proposed amendment recommends a permanent change from a semi-annual to annual elevator inspection requirement. This change:

1. Is complaint with State of Illinois statutes requiring a single annual inspection;
2. Will reduce customer costs and the inconvenience of inspection scheduling;
3. Will align with other communities who have moved to annual inspections, including some

within the co-op that the City joined in 2019;

4. Is a preferred approach by the contractor and assists in the workload management; and
5. Will continue to maintain public health, safety and welfare through detailed annual elevator inspections. Any failed inspections will still require timely action and reinspection.

**Proposed Fee**

By ordinance, customers are charged \$50 for semi-annual inspections (\$100 per year). Communities in the region charge between \$100 and \$250 annually for similar services. The proposed fee for annual inspections is \$81. Due to savings through the co-op, this lower rate will reduce customer costs by \$19 and be revenue neutral to the City. Similarly, it has no impact on the City's participation in the elevator inspection co-op contract.

Staff is recommending this change take effect on January 1, 2021 to align with the renewal of the Elevator Services Co-Op Agreement with EIS.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The change is revenue neutral to the City. It has no impact on the City's participation in the elevator inspection co-op contract. Naperville's single annual inspection expenditure per location is offset with the proposed annual inspection fee (\$81), such that revenues will remain unchanged. This effort will reduce customer costs by \$19 per year.