



Establishing a Process for City Assistance After Home Fire CCR

Item #4

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST



Background

- Submitted February 6, 2025 by Council Districts 4 and 5
- Supported by Council Districts 10, 3 and 9

Request

- Establishment of a response system to coordinate efforts of agencies that support families after a home fire.
- Expansion of the existing Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Administrative Policy to include eligibility for financial and relocation assistance for families affected by home fire incidents.

CURRENT EFFORTS



Neighborhood Housing & Services (NHSD)

- If requested by the Development Services Department (DSD) or council districts, NHSD responds to home fires and provides referrals, in coordination with Human Services.
- The City does not have a program that provides financial assistance or emergency relocation services to families after a home fire.
- The Housing Assistance Program provides up to \$3,000 for reasonable moving expenses for eligible renters impacted by financial hardship and housing instability. Homeowners are currently not eligible for relocation assistance.

Staff Recommendation



Next Steps

- Staff recommend this item be assigned to the Planning and Community Development Committee for discussion.