

STAFF REPORT

DATE: 10/9/24
TO: City Council
FROM: Ted Henry, City Manager
SUB: Agreement with MABCD



SUMMARY:

For the past 22 years, the City of Bel Aire has benefited from Keith Price's leadership in our Planning, Zoning, and Building Department. Keith has not only served as the department head but is also a certified building inspector for commercial and industrial properties. With his retirement announced earlier this year, we need to find an alternative way to provide these essential services.

Recognizing this challenge, staff researched how other cities of our size manage commercial inspections and found that nearly all surrounding cities partner with the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD) for these types of inspections. With this knowledge, staff met with MABCD to negotiate an agreement and establish a process for them to conduct inspections for new industrial and commercial buildings in Bel Aire. Although the number of buildings needing inspections is relatively small, without this capability, there is a risk of delaying business development in Bel Aire.

This issue was discussed at length during the City Council Workshop on October 8th, where additional insights were provided by Chris Labrum, MABCD Director.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the agreement with MABCD to effectively address our commercial inspection needs. The Bel Aire City Attorney has reviewed the agreement.