



## Staff Report

April 4, 2022 Council Meeting

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 22-005, Amending the Fire Department Capital Facilities Plan

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Time Estimate: 10 Minutes

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**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:** In 2021, Camas City Council authorized the Camas Washougal Fire Department to contract with Mackenzie to develop a Capital Facilities Plan. This plan both evaluates the current condition of department facilities and establishes a framework for the development and maintenance of department facilities. Additionally, a robust Capital Facilities Plan is legally required to disburse previously collected fire impact fees.

### **EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

A public hearing for Ordinance 22-005 allows the public an opportunity to evaluate and provide feedback on the plan, post-presentation.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

Data points in the plan are numerous, but generally indicate the need to update stations, develop department presence and staffing in correlation with community growth and maintain equipment replacement schedules.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

A draft of the plan was previously presented to City Council in a public forum and there was local news coverage of the draft plan.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

Generally, the public benefits from comprehensive public safety programs that expand proportionally with community development. Additionally, scheduled equipment and facility updates and replacement are a fiscally conservative approach to capital maintenance, as catastrophic failures typically expend taxpayer dollars at a disproportionately high rate.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

An incremental approach to implementation, in concert with guidance from staff and council will ensure a balanced approach to enactment.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

The Capital Facilities Plan identifies response areas based on historic and projected response density, regardless of area socioeconomic status.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

The Capital Facilities Plan provides for the replacement of stations that are currently completely inaccessible to people with disabilities, which would entirely improve access.

What potential hurdles exists in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

Funding mechanisms, prioritization and cohesion with partners will be hurdles in implementing the Capital Facilities Plan.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

The implementation of this plan will require extensive professional consulting. Projects in accordance with the Capital Facilities Plan will be large scale and require frequent communication and significant oversight from city staff as well as council.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

The Capital Facilities Plan has been reviewed in accordance with and in consideration of the 2035 City of Camas Comprehensive Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The public hearing for Ordinance 22-005 will be held open through April 18, 2022 for consideration; staff will seek council approval at the subsequent date.