

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Remodel City Hall – Main Floor and 2nd Floor (basement?)

Department: Administration

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Estimated Total Cost: \$750,000 - \$1,000,000

Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2028 – 12 months to complete

The project could be split into phases.

Project Description:

Once the future of the Fire Department is determined, we would like to consider remodeling City Hall. If they expand to the South, we would like to repurpose some of the garage area for City Hall use. The goal would be to relocate the Council Chambers and create two offices and a dedicated meeting room in the current Chambers. We would also like to install an elevator that accesses all three floors, as this will facilitate the movement of files from the main floor and make the building more accessible to the public in accordance with ADA standards. We want to have a more defined lobby area that restricts the public from being able to walk into an office as they can now.

Project Justification / Community Benefit:

We need the room as technology and the world grow around us. We need to do our best to keep up. While it can be beneficial to have an open office (such as the Clerk's office now), there are times when a person needs to be alone to focus on tasks. Having more single offices would help with that need.

Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

We understand we can't proceed with this project until the Fire Department is addressed. Once that has been done, we will have a better idea of what we can do for our side of the building.

Funding will be an issue. We can try to set aside some money each year, but it will depend on the needs of other departments that can also utilize those same funds. A bond may need to be issued for all or a part of the project if we can put money back.

The timing of the construction phase of the project will be out of our hands. I imagine a contractor would do this as a winter project, as it is inside work. We would need to know if we need to be relocated to another City facility to continue performing our normal duties.