



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Braidy Ross, Admin Div Manager **Meeting Date:** May 13, 2025
Presenter: Kris Blume, Fire Chief, Charlie Butterfield, Deputy Chief, Josh Janssen Division Chief **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes
Topic: Replacement Ladder Truck – FY25 budget amendment request

Recommended Council Action:

Review and approve budget amendment request for replacement ladder truck.

Background:

Over the past three years, T-36 has incurred approximately \$150,000 in vehicle repair costs in a relatively short period.

In the last 12 months alone, T-36 has been out of service (O/S) for approximately 197 days, or more than six months—resulting in over a 50% loss of availability as a reserve apparatus. This significantly hinders our ability to provide consistent and reliable ladder truck coverage throughout the city.

In the last seven instances where T-36 was called upon to replace an out-of-service frontline Ladder Truck (T-31 or T-35), it failed each time. The most recent failure resulted in a 50% reduction in available Ladder Truck service citywide for six days, leaving only one operational Ladder Truck to serve the entire area. This poses an unacceptable risk to both firefighter safety and public service delivery.