

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Florencio Peña III, Director, Development Services Department
SUBJECT: Amendments to Mechanical Code
DATE: January 5, 2006

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

An Ordinance amending the adopted 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code to require eight hours of continuing education for maintenance of Mechanical Contractor licenses, in conformance with State law, and setting a cost for each training event.

The Mechanical Board of Appeals and staff recommend approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code with local amendments was adopted by City Council on July 22, 2004. In order to remain current with State requirements of maintaining State mechanical licenses, the City would also like to require eight hours of continuing education annually by local journeyman and master mechanical license holders who chose to maintain their City mechanical licenses. Effective January 1, 2006, the State will be requiring all State Mechanical license holders to maintain eight hours of continuing education annually.

A subcommittee of the Mechanical Board of Appeals met throughout the summer of 2005 to discuss the curriculum of the continuing education that will be coordinated by Development Services Department. The subcommittee recommended a cost of \$150 for each eight-hour training event and the revenue from the training be held in a liability account to offset not only the cost of the mechanical continuing education classes, but other training for Development Services staff. On November 14, 2005, the Mechanical Board of Appeals held a public hearing to discuss the requirement of continuing education for local license holders. The Board unanimously voted for the eight hours of continuing education requirement, with the \$150 charge per event.

POLICY ANALYSIS

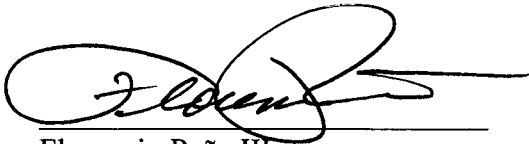
The adoption of this amendment is consistent with the State requirement for Mechanical license holders.

FISCAL IMPACT

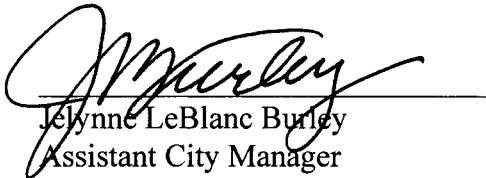
There is no impact to the general fund associated with this ordinance. Anticipated revenue from the training classes is \$60,000 and will be deposited in a separate liability account which Development Services Department will use to offset not only the cost of the training, but other training needs for staff.

COORDINATION

This ordinance was coordinated with the Mechanical Board of Appeals, City Attorney's Office, Finance Department, and the Office of Budget and Management.



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