

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 57 - 2017

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2017 General Fund budget by deleting the position of Electrical Inspector (18M) and Building Inspector [18M] and creating two Combination Inspector positions (19M) in the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety, Department of Community and Economic Development.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That page 247 be amended by deleting one Electrical Inspector position (18M), budgeted Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Six (\$60,396) and one Building Inspector position budgeted at Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine (\$44,989) Dollars and adding two Combination Inspector positions (19M), each position budgeted at Fifty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight (\$57,458) Dollars.

SECTION TWO: That the remaining unspent salary of the vacant Electrical Inspector position and the vacant Building Inspector totals Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve (\$39,212) Dollars.

SECTION THREE: That the funds needed for the two (2) new Combination Inspectors for the remaining five (5) pay periods of 2017 is Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred (\$22,100) Dollars.

SECTION FOUR: That the remaining unspent budgeted salary of the Electrical Inspector position and the Building Inspector position totaling Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twelve (\$17,112) Dollars will be returned to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund.

SECTION FIVE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION SIX: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Building Standards and Safety.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Department is proposing an opportunity for a Building Inspector 18M (2 in 2017 and 2 in 2018) to upgrade to a Combo Inspector 19M, which will be more cost effective by sending one inspector to do multiple aspects of an inspection. A discussion regarding this attrition change was held and approved by the City of Allentown's Director of Human Resources, Interim Director of Community and Economic Development and the SIEU Union.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

At the present time, Building Inspectors have a designated area of expertise. This Department is proposing to upgrade some of the Building Inspector positions to Combo Inspector giving more flexibility when scheduling inspections.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The increase in salary will be outweighed by the cost savings of sending one inspector to do the work of two in some instances. This will also save time by having the inspector do more than one type of inspection.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

This position (611-001) was vacated on June 19, 2017.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Building Standards and Safety has one inspector position vacant since June 2017 and a second will become vacant October 2017.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This change is needed to meet the growing demand in inspections as the City continues its rapid revitalization.