Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City of Allentown Fire Department is receptive of the offer by the City of Easton to exchange fire apparatus equipment for the allowance of two (2) City of Easton recruits to attend the Allentown Fire Academy free of charge and tuition and it is acknowledged that at present there are six (6) Easton recruits currently attending the Fire Academy which began on January 22, 2023 and two recruits shall be considered covered by this agreement to attend

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
  a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

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  b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

Fiscally it makes sense at this time as the Allentown Fire Department has two new engines ordered, but delivery is delayed as it is a common issue in the fire apparatus industry post COVID. The Allentown Fire Department had hoped to take delivery last year but is now looking at 2025.
No drawbacks.

  c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

This bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing additional equipment to the Allentown Fire Department to better serve all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
  a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The cost is the $16,000.00 recruit fee for two (2) Easton recruits being waived and in return the Allentown Fire Department will accept two (2) pieces of fire apparatus from Easton.

  b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

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- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
  a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

N/A

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

N/A

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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