

ORDINANCE NO. 15570

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 65 - 2019

OCTOBER 16, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund budget by eliminating the position of Building Inspector Assistant Supervisor (12N) at an annual salary of \$68,068 (Sixty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Eight) Dollars and creating an Historical Preservation Planning Officer (13N) at an annual salary of \$68,120 (Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty) Dollars to govern the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

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

SECTION ONE: That page 220, 228 and 236 of the General Fund budget be amended by eliminating the position of Building Inspector Assistant Supervisor (12N) at an annual salary of \$68,068 (Sixty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Eight) Dollars and creating an Historical Preservation Planning Officer (13N) at an annual salary of \$68,120 (Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty) Dollars to govern the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes the transfer of funds needed for the remainder of 2019 as follows:

FROM

**Department of Community and
Economic Development
Bureau of Building Standards
And Safety**

000-09-0903-0001-02

Permanent Wages

\$ 7,860

TO

Department of Community and
Economic Development
Bureau of Planning and Zoning

000-09-0902-0001-02	Permanent Wages		\$ 4,716
000-09-0902-0004-02	Permanent Wages		<u>3,144</u>
		Total	\$ 7,860

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

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa, VP	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota		
Courtney Robinson	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Roger MacLean, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on November 6, 2019 and signed by the Mayor on November 7, 2019.



CITY CLERK

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

Department of CED

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill is to reorganize. Move the Assistant supervisor position # 198-001 to the Planning department in order to separate the historical preservation officer from the Chief Planner position to establish a stand alone Historical Preservation Officer for the city.

- **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**

This bill will allow for the city of Allentown to meet the requirement placed on the city to have a HPO Historic Preservation Officer to govern the Historic Preservation ordinance.

The benefits of such a position will allow for a more thorough review the plans and proactive Historic preservation review to meet the needs of the citizens for a more efficient process and quicker turn around time.

This position is vital to the upcoming changes in the Comprehensive and Economic Development Plan for the city Vision 2030. Based on the community input there is a high degree of preserving our Historic structure where and when needed and to fit in the current Urban plan.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

No initial cost. the position is already budgeted and the current salary is within range of the proposed new positions salary.

- **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.**

Money is within CED department and account. I am looking to move the building assistant supervisor a non-bargaining from BS&S to the planning department. Freeing up the Chief Planner and the HPO to be more efficient in CED permitting and enviromental review process.

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

N/A

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

The fundamental reason for this position is to develop and direct the programs of the Historic Preservation, and to coordinate City historic preservation programs. The Historic Preservation Officer is responsible for enforcing the historic preservation ordinance, and for providing staff assistance in the implementation of the policies, goals, and programs of the Historic Preservation for the city. There are currently over 200 hundred and counting violation that need attention, hundred more that have not been looked into, plus daily environmental reviews and complainece issues to address. The current HPO is serving as the Chief Planner and this concept is not working nor has it worked effectively in the past. To meet the needs of better governance over this program it requires two full time people.