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Does the proposed increase affect workload for any administrative or internal service agencies (e.g., IT, Finance, HR, Fleet)?

No

Describe why the proposed increase is critical.

The City of Madison has been providing fire prevention and inspection services to the Town of Madison the past two years. While additional revenue was budgeted for this service, no prevention staff was ever added. The Town of Madison is a new body of work along with not only the additional growth of building projects in the City of Madison but also the size and complexity of the buildings being built. The backlog and need for fire safety and elevator inspections will continue to grow without adding this position. An additional Fire Protection Engineer will allow the department to reduce plan review turn-around time, reallocate Code Enforcement Officers to field inspections, address the ongoing needs of code enforcement for the former Town of Madison properties, and put the department in a position to better manage contemporary fire protection and fire safety issues.

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