

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services - Appropriate funds for fire sprinkler and alarm panel inspection and repairs. Expenditure: \$18,000.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an appropriation of \$18,000 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund for the inspection and repairs to fire sprinkler systems and fire alarm panels at various City Buildings.

**FUNDING** Funding is available in the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund (4012).

**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS**

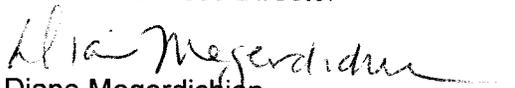
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Section 25, mandates that sprinkler systems are required to be tested annually and every five years. Per the California Fire Code, Section 907.20 states the maintenance and testing of the fire alarms shall be in accordance with NFPA 72, which means fire alarms are required to be tested annually.

Staff is requesting to use funds not to exceed \$18,000 for the testing, inspection and repairs to various fire alarm systems and fire sprinkler systems using the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund. Due to the immediate need for testing, the General Services Department used its operating budget in order to perform the inspection and testing portion of the project. As a result, a portion of the \$18,000 will be used to reimburse the operating budget while the remainder will be used to perform the repairs on the alarm and fire sprinkler systems.

The General Services Director recommends that City Council approve the appropriation of \$18,000 for the testing, inspection, and repairs of fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems within various City building.

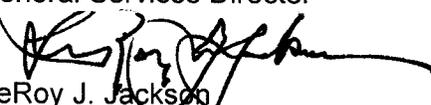
Respectfully submitted,

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