

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Stationary Boiler Operators and Stationary Engineers Ordinance Amendments

Manager's Recommendation:

It is recommended that Paragraphs (H) through (K) of §110.26, "Stationary Boiler Operators and Stationary Engineers," and §1 "License Fees" of "Appendix: Fees" of Chapter 110, "General Provisions", of Title XI, "Business Regulations" of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances, O-1, be amended. An Ordinance has been prepared and appears under the regular order of business.

Justification:

The City Clerk's Office is in the process of reviewing the City's licensing fees as many license fees have not been reviewed and evaluated since 1995.

Currently, the license fee for Stationary Boiler Operators and Stationary Engineers is \$35.00. The Board of Examiners of Stationary Boiler Operators and Stationary Engineers consists of two members that conduct four-hour examinations for persons seeking a license to operate steam boilers and steam operated machinery, and Saginaw is one of four venues that test in the State of Michigan. The Board of Examiners members are qualified by technical training and/or have had at least ten years actual experience in operating steam boilers and steam actuated machinery. They spend numerous hours conducting and correcting tests, answering questions throughout the year and staying current with the regulations. Since 1995, board members fees were increased from \$45/quarterly to \$75/quarterly.

In addition, a review of the ordinance determined that certain paragraphs with regard to renewing licenses needed to be more clearly defined. Given the foregoing, it is recommended the Stationary Boiler Operators and Stationary Engineers ordinance be amended to clearly define license renewal and the Appendix on Fees be amended to increase the license fee by \$15.00 annually.

Council Action:

This Council Communication is being submitted to explain the ordinance to be introduced in a subsequent portion of the agenda.