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Nursing Homes and other long-term care facilities are often home to residents with significant mobility issues. In some cases, when a resident has fallen or has difficulty rising from a bed or chair without assistance, these facilities will call 911 and request assistance with these residents from the Fire Department. Oftentimes the resident who has fallen or who cannot stand without assistance does not require any medical treatment or transport to a hospital, but staff at these facilities are either unable or unwilling to assist residents.

This is not an efficient use of time for the City's Firefighters, and these calls take emergency personnel out of the field, limiting their ability to respond to actual emergencies. Some other jurisdictions have implemented "Non-Emergency Lift Fees" in order to recoup some of the costs associated with these calls, and to discourage this behavior. Staff should look at the need and feasibility of implementing a similar fee in the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, report on the feasibility of implementing a "Non-Emergency Lift" Fee, to be charged to nursing homes and other long-term care facilities that call the Fire Department to assist residents of those facilities who have fallen or cannot stand without assistance, but otherwise do not need additional medical care.

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