OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION APRIL 2, 2024 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
To authorize a contract with Brycer, LLC, for a one (1)-year pilot program for a Third-Party Inspection and Reporting System for Fire Protection Systems inside the City of Little Rock.	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Little Rock Fire Department		Emily Cox Acting City Manager
SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brycer, LLC, for a one (1)-year pilot program for The Compliance Engine, a Third-Party Inspection and Reporting System for Fire Protection Systems inside the City of Little Rock.	
FISCAL IMPACT	This service will be provided at no cost to the City.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.	
BACKGROUND	The Arkansas Fire Prevention Code requires periodic testing and maintenance of all Fire Protection Equipment, to include Fire Sprinkler, Fire Alarm and Hood Vent Systems. In addition, the Fire Code requires that the Third-Party Inspector of included Fire Protection Systems submit completed Inspection Reports, as directed by the Fire Code Official. With the current system, there are reports submitted by e-mail and standard mail, while others are not submitted at all. The Brycer Compliance Engine System will assist the City to track Fire Protection Systems, increase Inspection and Testing Code compliance, reduce false alarms and ensure a safer community.	

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The Compliance Engine is a simple, Internet-based tool and provides a secure cloud environment in which Third-Party Contractors who inspect, test and maintain Fire Protections Systems, to submit their reports via Brycer's web portal directly to the City. This procedure will facilitate a more efficient review, tracking and follow-up process with occupants to correct deficiencies and maintain systems. In addition to the web-based technology, Brycer's services will include a team to administer hard and soft copy notifications and perform follow-up calls to help increase testing and maintenance activity in the City. The end result will be a comprehensive and accurate aggregation of data indicating which buildings have specific types of systems, when they were last tested and if there are any open deficiencies that could jeopardize their successful deployment in the event of an incident.