



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of January 2, 2018

Date: December 26, 2017
To: Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Katherine A. Comeaux, Development Services

Title: Requesting approval from City Council to enter into an agreement with Bureau Veritas for third-party inspections

PURPOSE:

To seek approval from City Council to enter into an agreement with Bureau Veritas for back-up, third-party inspections.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Bureau Veritas is a respected and trusted organization that is used as a back-up for inspections required during the permitting process. This organization is used by neighboring jurisdictions, such as the City of Rockport and the City of Ingleside, for this purpose.

Due to the destruction and damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, the City of Aransas Pass Building Department has seen a drastic increase in the volume of permit applications and subsequent required inspections. By comparing the number of permits issued this time last year with the number of permits issued in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, staff has assessed the following increases:

9/19/2016-12/27/2016		9/19/2017-12/27/2017		INCREASE
Permit Fees	\$30,652.43	Permit Fees	\$161,608.86	↑427.23%
Total Permits	148	Total Permits	909	↑514.19%
Valuation of Work	\$1,656,518.81	Valuation of Work	\$17,719,528.39	↑969.68%

Staff is requesting this assistance in order to meet the increased volume of inspections needed as homes and businesses are being repaired after Hurricane Harvey and in order to give more staff time to become licensed inspectors.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denying request for contract with Bureau Veritas

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed agreement with Bureau Veritas would make third-party inspectors available at the following rates:

\$76.92 per residential inspection

\$125.00 per commercial inspection

While this cost was not budgeted for the 2017-2018 FY, the increase in revenue to the General Fund through the Building Department would cover this additional cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of agreement with Bureau Veritas

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Proposed agreement between Bureau Veritas and the City of Aransas Pass