

FACT SHEET

**CITY OF SHREVEPORT,
LOUISIANA**

<u>TITLE</u> AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.	<u>DATE</u> [3/12/2021]	<u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u> Property Standards <u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u> All <u>SPONSOR</u>
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PURPOSE

[To amend the 2021 General Fund Property Standards budget. This budget amendment will allow Property Standards to create positions that will strengthen the department and increase overall productivity. This amendment is moving \$107,900 from Personal Services-Technician Salaries and \$128,900 from Contractual Services to various Personal Services sub-object categories to fund the following positions: Assistant to the Director, Senior Paralegal, two Paralegals, two Administrative Assistants, D/O Heavy, D/O Light, and three Crew Members.]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As the City continues to annex land and neighborhoods, it expands the jurisdiction within the corporate limits of Shreveport. With the newly created Environmental Court and all the inundated research, additional staff is needed to maintain the court proceedings and ensure that all research is thorough and correct. There is also a need for additional grass crew members that would allow the crews to separate and work in separate areas instead of one. This would increase the number of in-house abatements resulting from the care of premise, securing, and grass violations timely. In 2020 approximately \$274,000 was spent on weed abatement contractors. By reducing the number of contractors from 20 to 15 the department will have enough funds to allocate to hire additional staff. Responding to the needs of citizen-generated complaints is paramount in our daily operations. Therefore, the requested changes are necessary for the Property Standards department to continue to be successful.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: [March 23, 2021]
Final Passage: [April 13, 2021]

ATTACHMENT(S)

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

[N/A]

FINANCES

\$236,800

SOURCE OF FUNDS

General Fund Property Standards Budget

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

[It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance]

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ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2021 General Fund Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, regular, and legal session convened, that:

Ordinance Number 138 of 2020, the 2021 General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2. (Appropriations):

Property Standards

Decrease Contractual Services by \$128,900

Decrease Personal Services Technician Salaries by \$107,900

Increase Personal Services Professional Salaries by \$82,800

Increase Personal Services Paraprofessional Salaries by \$32,100

Increase Personal Services Skilled Craft Salaries by \$55,600

Increase Personal Services Service Maintenance Salaries by \$66,300

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 138 of 2020 as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS, DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office