



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kevin Richardson, Fire Chief

Date: February 28, 2017

Reference: Insurance Service Office ISO, Public Protection Classification Review

2030: Community Wellness and Enrichment and Sustainable City Government Strategy

Introduction:

The Insurance Service Office “ISO” is a nationwide nonprofit service organization that provides standards and other services to property and casualty insurance industries. The latest revision of the ISO’s Fire Suppression Rating Schedule classifies fire protection into 10 categories, Class 1 recognizing the highest level of fire protection and Class 10 recognizing the lowest or no level of fire protection. The Fire Suppression Rating Schedule includes three major sections: Fire Alarm; Fire Department; and Water System.

Analysis:

The Coppell Fire Department has completed the ISO review process several times since the early 1990s. Each previous rating was used to identify areas of deficiency and plan for improvements. In 2008, the CFD was recognized and achieved the highest Classification of 1. The rating is good for 10 years or if significant growth or changes occur within the department. The CFD voluntarily initiated a review in 2016 and was notified by the State Fire Marshal Office and the Insurance Service Office that effective June, 1, 2017, the Coppell Fire Department scored high enough to maintain the Class 1 rating. There are more than 50,000 fire departments subject to the ISO survey in this country, less than 175 are rated as Class 1.

Legal Review:

Agenda item did not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact of this work session item.

Recommendation:

The Fire Department recommends approval of this item.