



Ethics Hotline Case #08-08

Complaint –City Firefighter’ company performing work on Fire Station #42 without proper bidding.

Fire Station #42 is owned by Mandarin Loretto Volunteer Firefighter Department and is not City property. The district Council member presented and the City Council approved Ordinance 2007-192-E that granted \$50,000 and **direct contracting (pursuant to Section 126.107(G), Ordinance Code)** to the Mandarin Loretto Volunteer Firefighter Department. The contractor named in the Ordinance was Torbett Custom Builders. The City paid the \$50,000 to the Mandarin Loretto Volunteer Firefighter Department in accordance with the Ordinance. Also as required by Ordinance, the City has received documentation that the \$50,000 was paid to Torbett Custom Builders as required.

Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2007-192 PASSED 2/13/07

Sponsor: Council Member Copeland:**Date of Introduction:** February 13, 2007

Type of Action: Appropriation; Ordinance Code Waivers

Bill Summary: This ordinance appropriates \$50,000 from Council District 6 Excise Tax Revenue Bond to Mandarin Loretto Volunteer Firefighter Department to fund renovations to Fire Station No. 42. The bill provides for the Fire and Rescue Department to oversee the project. The bill waives the requirements of the Autumn Bond, Ordinance 2004-998-E, as amended by 2005-1044-E and Section 106.315 *Ordinance Code*, that bond funds be used on City property and be open to the public. The bill waives the provisions of Ordinances 2004-998-E and 2005-1044-E and Section 106.315, *Ordinance Code*. The Mayor and Corporation Secretary are authorized by the bill to execute a contract and amendment to lease for said project.

Background Information: The Mandarin Loretto Volunteer Fire Department is located at 2948 Delor Drive, at San Jose Boulevard. The City of Jacksonville leases the building for the Fire & Rescue Department's operations. The City is not proposing to purchase Fire Station #42 at this time, but may in the future. Renovations in the project include roofing, exterior work, flooring, plumbing, foundation work, construction of a 523 SF addition to the fire station, insulation and other work.

Policy Impact: Fire & Rescue Department

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$50,000 in District 6 Bond funds; **Analyst:** Jackson