**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2017-0267

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** April 11, 2017

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU, F

**Date of Analysis:** April 6, 2017

**Type of Action:** Appropriation

**Bill Summary:** This ordinance authorizes and approves an increase (four positions) to the employee cap in the building inspection division and is an appropriation of funds for the salaries and benefits for four new construction trades inspectors for a period of three months (from 7/1/17 - 9/30/17). The $168,785.68 appropriation is from the Building Inspection Cash Carryover Account and will also provide for the necessary cell phones, laptops and vehicles.

**Background Information:** The Building Inspection Division has seen a significant increase in the number of building and roofing permit applications and inspection requests over the past four years. The number of building and roofing inspections over the last four months (November 2016 – February 2017) averaged 9,349 inspections per month, compared to 7,857 inspections per month for the previous four months (July 2016 – October 2016), an increase of 1,492 inspections per month. The purpose of this appropriation is to fund: salaries and benefits for four new Construction Trades Inspectors – Building for a period of three months (July – September) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year; cell phones, Wi-Fi service, laptops, and licenses; and four new pickup trucks (Ford F-150) with associated funding for repairs, parts, oil, and gas to support the new inspectors.

**Policy Impact Area:** Hiring additional Construction Trades Inspectors for the Building Inspection Division

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of $168,785.68 as initiated by BT 17-087. The purchase of the vehicles is a one-time purchase; all other costs will continue from year to year.

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