


## CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2016

TO: Matthew Cohen, Capital Projects

FROM: Mark Ellis, Fire Chief 

SUBJECT: New Fire Station

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Fire Staff has reviewed several options which address the lack of storage space in the new Fire Station. Based upon the currently discussed options, replacement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor mezzanine, repurposing dorm rooms, and an elevated steel mezzanine, it is in my opinion that the latest option, enclosing six of the ground level west side parking spaces is the best option.

Enclosing the ground level parking spaces on the west side of the structure, underneath the second floor, would provide the Fire Department with the necessary space to secure all of our current and future storage needs. I believe this would also be the most cost effective option while effectively replacing the storage space which was lost when the second floor mezzanine was eliminated from the original Fire Station plans.

This plan would cause the removal of 6 visitor parking spaces, while allowing the existing two handicap spaces to remain. After careful evaluation by myself and my staff, the loss of these 6 spaces would have no serious effect on the day to day operations of the Fire Department, nor would it affect operations during an EOC activation. The remaining 43 parking spaces would more than accommodate the 21 personnel assigned to the Fire Station each day, leaving 22 additional spaces. During an EOC activation, as shown during Hurricane Matthew, we would require an additional 8 – 15 parking spaces for EOC personnel. Assuming the worst (15), this would still leave 7 remaining parking spaces.

Working in conjunction with the City Manager's Office and Capital Projects, I would like to pursue the option of enclosing the 6 parking spaces on the west side of the structure creating a simple large storage room.

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