

## PALATINE

# State fire marshal to inspect elevators

The Village Council has agreed to hand over elevator-inspection duties to the Illinois state fire marshal's office.

New Illinois regulations call for more stringent inspections but give communities the choice of enforcing the rules or turning over inspections and enforcement to the state.

Under the regulations, about 65 of Palatine's 162 elevators would need costly upgrades, Village Manager Reid Ottesen said at a council meeting Monday. He said the work could cost \$100,000 an elevator.

"We don't want to get involved in the court costs and shutting down elevators that enforcing this would involve," he said.

Palatine now hires a contractor to do inspections and collects a fee from building owners that covers the village's costs.

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