



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:

Steve S. Charelian, Finance Director
Libby Bretthauer, Financial Services Manager

SUBJECT:

Conduct Public Hearing Regarding the Annual Stormwater Service Fee for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Finance Director Charelian).

- a) **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING**
- b) **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-0058**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a public hearing regarding the annual stormwater service fee for fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022 and adopt Resolution No. 21-0058.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The stormwater fee currently generates approximately \$345,000 annually from the direct property assessments. Additionally, the City now receives approximately \$410,000 from the Los Angeles County Measure "W" parcel tax. However, as indicated in the FY 2021-2022 Adopted Budget, a General Fund subsidy of \$1,007,849 will be required to fund operations of \$1,077,738 and capital improvements of \$710,000.

BACKGROUND:

The City levies an annual stormwater service fee on each parcel of real property in the City. The fee is levied to finance the costs of on-going operations and maintenance of stormwater facilities and services. The fee is based on an engineering analysis of the City's storm drain requirements performed in 1996 by an outside engineering group. The typical annual fee is \$19.12 per year per single family residence. The fee has remained unchanged since the passage of Proposition 218 in 1996. A Proposition 218 voter approval process will need to be conducted in order to increase fees.

DISCUSSION:

The stormwater fee is collected each fiscal year via the County of Los Angeles consolidated property tax bill. The City submits such fees to the County each year by the August due date specified by the County Auditor in order to include the fee on the property tax bills issued in October.

In order to include the fee on the property tax bill, the City Council must hold a public hearing, at

which time the City Council considers all objections and protests regarding the proposed levy of the fee for FY 2021-2022. Assuming there is not a majority protest, the City Council may then adopt Resolution No. 21-0058, ordering that the fee be collected for FY 2021-2022 on the County of Los Angeles tax roll.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The notice of this hearing was properly published in *The Beach Reporter* on June 24, 2021, and July 1, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has approved the Resolution as to legal form.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution No. 21-0058