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CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Sacramento, Ca. 95814

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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

Subject: Cost Recovery for Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles

Summary

In September 1989, City Council adopted Ordinance 89-067 relating to cost recovery for the abatement of abandoned vehicles from private property. This follow-up report contains a resolution to amend the City's fee and charge report and a resolution to amend the budget for FY 1989-90 to recognize the proposed revenue.

Background

The adoption of Ordinance 89-067 which adds Section 61.611 to the Sacramento City code will aid in cost recovery for the abatement of vehicles without use of the cumbersome lien process. When a vehicle is abated from private property the property owner and the last registered owner of the vehicle will be billed by the Revenue Division for the actual tow charge (currently \$50) plus an administrative fee. The bill is the joint obligation of the property owner and the registered owner of the vehicle.

Financial Data

In addition to any tow charge, which is currently \$50, staff is recommending that an administrative fee of \$25 per vehicle be set for abatement of abandoned, inoperative or dismantled vehicles from private property. Although this charge is below full cost recovery (approximately \$145), there are several reasons for setting the fee at \$25. Earlier this year, the County of Sacramento adopted a \$25 administrative fee to provide this same service to county residents. A fee in the same amount will make the charge consistent for all Sacramento area residents. The full cost recovery of \$145 is very high and will be difficult to collect. There will be a better rate of collection if the fee is \$25.

Staff projects that approximately 350 vehicles will be towed between now and the end of the fiscal year. This will result in \$17,500 in towing charges and \$8,750 in administrative fees. A 75% recovery of fees is projected which would result in \$13,125 in recovered tow charges and \$6,563 in recovered administrative fee charges for a total \$19,688.

Policy Considerations

The collection of towing recovery charges and an administrative fee will be a new City policy. The collection of these fees is supported by the ordinance which adds Section 61.611 to the Sacramento City Code.

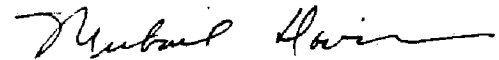
MBE/WBE Considerations

Not applicable

Recommendations


It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee recommend adoption of the two resolutions which amend the fee schedule and amend FY 1989-90 budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



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November 21, 1989
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FEE AND CHARGE REPORT TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SERVICES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City of Sacramento Fee and Charge Report is hereby amended to include the following new fees for cost recovery for abatement of abandoned vehicles by the Neighborhood Services Division:

Towing Charge	\$50
Administrative Fee	\$25

2. Based on the information presented to it and upon all information in the public record, and in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080 (b) (8), the City Council finds:

- a) The new fees are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR
FY 1989-90 FOR THE PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FEE REVISION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. New fees have been adopted for Planning and Development Department activities. This amendment adjusts budgeted revenue for the new fees.
2. The City Budget for fiscal year 1989-90 is hereby amended by:
 - a) Increasing the General Fund Contingency Reserve Budget (101-710-7012-4999) by \$19,688.
3. This increase is supported by additional estimated revenues of \$19,688 that are forthcoming from the revenue source listed below which will be deposited in the General Fund.

<u>Revenue Source</u>		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Vehicle Abatement/Towing	101-350-3540-3723	-----	\$13,125
Vehicle Abatement/ Administrative Fee	101-350-3540-3699	-----	\$ 6,563

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