



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 10, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Proposed Change To Parking Violation Penalties And Related Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 08-060 Establishing Certain City Fees, Including Water and Wastewater Rates, and Rescinding Resolution Nos. 07-052, 07-085 and 08-013, Adjusting Parking Violation Penalties and Related Fees Effective March 1, 2009.

DISCUSSION:

State law requires local jurisdictions that process their own parking citations to pay a portion of the fines collected to the County for allocation to certain funds established by state law. These funds support the construction of courthouses and other criminal justice facilities. The state laws that govern this process were amended effective January 1, 2009.

For citations issued on or before December 31, 2008, the City was required to remit \$7.50 to the Santa Barbara Superior Court from each parking citation collected. With the new amendments to state law, the City is now required to pay the County \$9.50 from each fine collected. Unless the City amends the parking citation fee resolution, the net effect of these amendments to state law will be a \$2.00 per citation reduction of revenue to the City. For all non-street sweeping parking citations issued, Staff recommends an increase of \$4.00 per citation, effective March 1, 2009. This increase will cover the additional cost per citation due to the County and will result in additional revenues. For street sweeping citations (10.12.150(b) M.C.), Staff is recommending an increase of \$5.00 per citation, effective March 1, 2009, to make the fine consistent with the majority of parking fines.

Additionally, the County of Santa Barbara increased Correctable Violation Administrative Fees from \$10.00 to \$25.00 effective January 1, 2009. This is the fee charged for "signing off" proof of correction on a correctable violation issued on a parking citation (such as expired registration, no registration tabs displayed, no front license plate, etc.). The City's Correctable Violation Administrative fee, which is also

\$10, has not changed in at least 20 years. Staff recommends that the City fee be increased to \$25 to remain consistent with the County's fee.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Revenues to the City from the fee increase to the parking citations are estimated at \$195,000 per year. Revenues from the increase to the dismissal fees are estimated at \$105,000.

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