

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: June 14, 2011

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 11-32**, levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for maintenance and servicing of the Lancaster Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. No increase is recommended from 2010-2011 fees.

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed annual sewer service charge is \$78.00 per sewage unit, and will not be increased for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. A single family residence is considered one sewage unit and would be assessed \$78.00. There are approximately 55,267 sewage units for which \$4,310,826.00 will be collected on the tax rolls. The levy is for two charges as defined in the Municipal Code, an Operations Charge proposed at \$68.00, and a Replacement Charge proposed at \$10.00, for a total charge of \$78.00 per sewage unit.

Background:

On December 12, 2006, City Council adopted Resolution No. 06-245, requesting withdrawal from the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District. On April 24, 2007, City Council introduced Ordinance No. 876, adopting Chapter 13.09 of the Municipal Code establishing a sewer service charge and also adopted Resolution No. 07-89, fixing the time and place for a public hearing relative to the collection of a sewer service charge beginning in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. On May 8, 2007, Council adopted Ordinance No. 876. On June 26, 2007, after a public hearing, Council adopted Resolution No. 07-124 ordering and levying an operations charge and a replacement charge in the Lancaster Sewer System for Fiscal Year 07-08 and approved the maximum sewer service charge. The City began operations and maintenance of the sewer collection system on July 1, 2008, as directed by City Council.

Each year staff prepares an Engineer's Report for the City Council to determine the actual amount of the sewer service charge needed to fund the maintenance of the Lancaster Sewer System. The Engineer's Report determining and proposing the sewer service charge for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 has been prepared and is on file with the City Clerk. Attached is the resolution to levy the sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

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Attachments:

Resolution No. 11-32
Engineer's Report (On file in the City Clerk's Office)