

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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DATE: July 26, 2011

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendment to the Lancaster Municipal Code Addressing the Procedures for the adoption and publishing of Ordinances/Ordinance Summaries and the Publication of Notices**

Recommendation:

Introduce **Ordinance No. 968**, amending Chapter 2.52 of the Lancaster Municipal Code establishing the procedures and requirements for the adoption and publication of ordinances/ordinance summaries and the publication of notices.

Fiscal Impact:

This action does not create any new fiscal obligations or expenses. The potential exists to save City funds annually if legal notices are published online.

Background:

Currently, the City Clerk Department is required to publish legal notices in the local newspaper. Section 100 of the Charter provides that the City has the authority to make and enforce all laws and regulations with respect to municipal affairs. This requirement was established prior to the electronic age, which has become a more significant method of communicating with and informing the public. The proposed change takes advantage of new communication media and has the potential of saving the City resources.

Attachment:

Ordinance No. 968

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