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STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

Date: May 8, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Geri K. Bryan, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: **Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 876**

Recommendation:

Adopt Ordinance No. 876, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California adding Chapter 13.09 of the Lancaster Municipal Code establishing a sewer service charge.

Fiscal Impact:

The costs for operation, maintenance, replacement, and associated costs of the sewer system will be charged to the benefiting property owners. This is a new sewer service charge and is based on the engineer's report on file in the City Engineer's office. The proposed charges per sewage unit are \$9.00 in FY 2007/08; \$62.00 in FY 2008/09; and \$78.00 in 2009/10. The large increase in 2008/09 will be largely offset by the fact that the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District will not be collecting its sewer service charge of \$35.50 in Lancaster at that time. The sewer charges are determined based on per sewage unit calculation. A single family residence would be based on one sewage unit. The proposed ordinance contains a table of sewage units for different types of uses. The table is based on the current table used by CSMD. The amount of the new sewer service charge will be set by ordinance in accordance with state law after the public hearing is held. All charges will be collected on the annual tax rolls at the same time and manner as the general taxes are collected.

Background:

At the April 24, 2007 meeting, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 876 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Jeffra, Smith, Visokey, Vice Mayor Sileo, Mayor Hearn
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None