

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: June 26, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Public Works Director

Subject: **Levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. 07-124, levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for maintenance and servicing of the Lancaster Sewer System for Fiscal Years 2007-2008. Approve maximum Sewer Service Charges for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The Proposed Sewer Service Charge is \$9.00 per sewage unit. A single family residence is considered 1 sewage unit and would be assessed \$9.00 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. This charge is in addition to the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District charge of \$35.50 for maintenance of the sewers for 2007-2008. There are approximately 45,000 sewage units for which approximately \$405,000 will be collected for the City on the tax rolls. The levy is for two charges as defined in the Municipal Code, an Operations Charge and a Replacement Charge. This year the Operations Charge is proposed at \$9.00 and the Replacement Charge is proposed at \$0.00. The maximum Sewer Service Charge for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 as identified in the Engineer's Report shall be:

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Operations Charge	\$57.00	\$68.00
Replacement Charge	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Total Maximum	\$62.00	\$78.00

Each year staff will prepare an Engineer's Report for the City Council to determine the actual amount of the Sewer Service Charges needed to fund the Lancaster Sewer System and a new implementing resolution will be considered for adoption.

**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.

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On May 8, 2007, Council adopted Ordinance No. 876. The public hearing held tonight was noticed according to state law and took testimony regarding the proposed sewer service charges. There was no majority protest by the affected property owners.