

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

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Date: May 13, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. 08-35, levying Lancaster Sewer System Service Charges for maintenance and servicing of the Lancaster Sewer System for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The proposed sewer service charge is \$62.00 per sewage unit. A single family residence is considered one sewage unit and would be assessed \$62.00 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. There are approximately 49,060 sewage units for which \$3,041,720 will be collected 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 \$49.38 and the Replacement Charge is proposed at \$12.62 for a total of \$62.00 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 2008-2009. 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 FY 07-08 and approved the maximum sewer service charge for FY 08-09 and 09-10. The City will begin operations and maintenance of the sewer collection system on July 1, 2008, as directed by City Council.

Each year staff is to prepare 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 FY 08-09 has been prepared and is on file with the City Clerk. Attached is the resolution to levy the sewer service charges for FY 08-09.