

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

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Date: October 28, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Introduce Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste Ordinance**

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**Recommendation:**

Introduce **Ordinance No. 910**, City of Lancaster Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste Ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact is unknown, but the fees collected will cover any services provided.

**Background:**

The Lancaster City Council adopted Ordinance No. 91 on December 18, 1978, which adopted by reference, with various amendments, the County of Los Angeles Ordinance 6130, entitled “An Ordinance Providing Regulation for Sanitary Sewers”, and the “Deposit of Discharge of Sewage and Other Waste Matter in the Unincorporated Territory of the County of Los Angeles”. The City Ordinance was codified in Title 13 - Public Safety, as Chapter 13.08 - Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste. Ordinance No. 488 amended Ordinance No. 91 on January 3, 1989. The City has operated under this ordinance, as modified, for the past 30 years.

The County, through its Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the City’s sewer system. The County did not manage the City industrial waste dischargers, nor provide for the replacement of the sewer mains. The City Council authorized moving the sewer operations and maintenance in house, which the City did effective July 1, 2008. As the City prepared to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of its sewers from the County of Los Angeles, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 876, establishing a Sewer Service Charge to pay for the operation and maintenance of the sewers and for future replacement of the main lines. Ordinance No 876 was codified in Title 13 - Public Safety, as Chapter 13.09 - Sewer Service Charges.

The proposed Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste Ordinance will replace, in its entirety, the previous Ordinance Nos. 91 and 488. It will strengthen the City’s ability to effectively control discharges to its sewer system. This ordinance also provides the legal authority needed as part of the State mandated Waste Discharge Requirements that included the preparation of a Sewer System Management Plan.

The ordinance consists of two Chapters: 13.07 - Sanitary Sewers and 13.08 - Sanitary Sewers and Industrial Waste. Various fees are identified in the ordinance which are generally those that existed in the previous ordinance, however, the amount of the fees will now be approved with the City's other fees by resolution of the City Council and adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index. The ordinance is also updated to conform to Proposition 218 with respect to governmental entities use and payment for the sewer services received.

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**Attachment:**  
Ordinance No. 910