

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster, California**

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Date: December 9, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director

Subject: **Establish Chronic Nuisance Property Abatement Fee**

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**Recommendations:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 08-98**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, establishing a Chronic Nuisance Property Abatement Fee.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fee has been established to recover costs based on estimated costs of Sheriff response time for nuisance service calls and administration of the program. These costs have been determined to be \$1,000 per nuisance service call.

**Background:**

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 908, which created the Chronic Nuisance Property Abatement Program. The program provides that once a notice of abatement has been served, property owners and tenants are responsible for payment of any and all costs associated with each subsequent nuisance service call within a twelve month period. The costs included in the fee include the gross salaries, benefits and overhead of responding employees of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, City administrative costs, the pro rata cost of all equipment and the cost of repairs to any equipment or property owned by the City of Lancaster that is damaged in responding to the nuisance service call.

**Attachments:**

Resolution No. 08-98