

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: May 26, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and Council Members

From: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director

Subject: **Proposed Amendment of Lancaster Municipal Code relating to Newsracks and Establishment of Newsrack Permit Fees**

Recommendation:

Introduce Ordinance No. 918, amending Section 12.24 of the Lancaster Municipal Code regarding newsracks.

Adopt Resolution No. 09-26, rescinding Resolution No. 95-59 in its entirety and establishing newsrack permit fees.

Fiscal Impact:

Approximately \$7,450 for initial licensing year and \$300 per year thereafter for renewals.

Background:

The City of Lancaster has determined that it is in the public interest to amend Section 12.24 of the Lancaster Municipal Code regarding newsracks within the City of Lancaster. The intent of the newsrack ordinance is to establish a comprehensive set of regulations applicable to newsracks on the public right-of-way and other public property. The purpose of this chapter is to advance and improve safety and aesthetics by controlling the number, size, construction, placement and appearance of newsracks without restricting the free dispersal of information guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the State of California.

In the event that additional inspections are required, the inspection fee will be billed at the then current Code Enforcement inspection rate.

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Attachment:

Ordinance No. 918
Resolution No. 09-26