

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 4, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE SERVICE CHARGE FOR PRIVATE  
HYDRANT REPAIR/SERVICE AND PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINE  
EXPLORATION DIGS

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**ISSUE:** Increase service charge for repair/service of private fire hydrants and exploration digs for repairs to a private sanitary sewer line.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council adopt the attached resolution increasing the Transportation and Environmental Services' service charges as described in this report.

**DISCUSSION:** An increase in the service charge for repair/service of private fire hydrants from \$140 to \$400 was proposed by T&ES in FY 2009 budget memo #105 (April 18, 2008) and approved by Council as part of the FY 2009 budget add/delete process. This fee increase is expected to generate \$37,180 in additional General Fund revenue, which has been included in the FY 2009 approved revenue budget.

In addition, T&ES recommends an increase in the fee for exploration digs for repairs to a private sanitary sewer line. Each year, TES performs approximately ten to fifteen exploration digs for determining repairs needed to sanitary sewer lines into private residences. These exploration digs are performed when the City's TV camera crew cannot determine the extent or condition of a sewer line. The City currently charges the resident a \$400 fee to provide this service when it is determined that the City is not responsible for the repair needed. A private contractor would charge the resident \$1,200 to \$1,500 to do the digging/exploration work. T&ES proposes increasing the \$400 charge to \$1,000 to better capture the City's costs in performing this work. This fee increase is expected to generate an additional \$7,200 in Sanitary Sewer Fund revenue in FY 2009.

Both fee increases are proposed to begin on July 1, 2008.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fee increase for repair/service of private fire hydrants will generate approximately \$37,180 in additional General Fund revenue. The fee increase for exploration digs for repairs to private sanitary sewer lines will generate approximately \$7,200 in additional Sanitary Sewer Fund revenue.

**ATTACHMENT:** Proposed Resolution

**STAFF:**

Richard J. Baier, P.E., Director, T&ES

Antonio Baxter, Chief/Administration, T&ES

Bruce Johnson, Director, OMB

Morgan Routt, Budget and Management Analyst, OMB

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

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3. That this resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

ADOPTED: June 10, 2008

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jackie M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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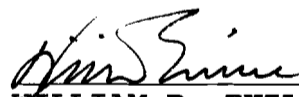
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MAYOR

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