

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** September 18, 2000
FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2001 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE TO INCREASE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S TETANUS-DIPHThERIA IMMUNIZATION FEE FROM \$15 TO \$20

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution modifying the general fee schedule by increasing the Pasadena Public Health Department fee for the Tetanus-Diphtheria immunization from \$15 to \$20.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Health Department offers various adult immunizations that help protect the general population from infectious diseases. One of the immunizations offered is the Tetanus-Diphtheria vaccine. Tetanus infection, also known as lockjaw, occurs through exposure of a cut or other wound to certain bacteria. Diphtheria is a disease spread to others through close contact with discharge from an infected individual's nose, throat, skin eyes, and lesions. To protect against these serious diseases, the Tetanus-Diphtheria vaccine is given to people 7 years of age and older. Following the primary series, "booster" vaccines are needed every 5 years for travel and every 10 years to maintain immunity. Last year, the Health Department administered 850 doses of the vaccine of which 300 were given to adults.

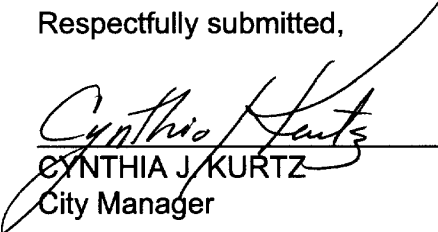
The pharmaceutical company, Aventis Pasteur, which is the sole producer of the Tetanus-Diphtheria vaccine, has recently increased the cost of the vaccine from \$2.81 per dose to \$7.54 per dose. To recover the cost of this increase, the Health Department will need to modify the fee schedule from \$15 to \$20 per vaccination.

The Health Department will screen clients for ability to pay. If the clients demonstrate financial hardship that prevents them from paying and the vaccine is determined necessary for their well being, it is provided at reduced or no cost. The Health Department will absorb the costs of the vaccine for these clients.

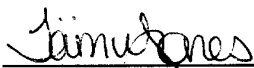
FISCAL IMPACT:

This action by the City Council will ensure cost recovery of Tetanus-Diphtheria vaccines administered. Because the fee increase is proportionate to the increase in cost, no additional increase in revenues are anticipated.

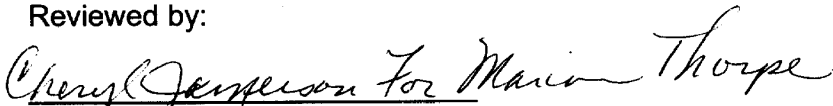
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