

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: April 19, 2004

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR CIVIL PARKING VIOLATION PENALTIES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution amending the General Fee Schedule to increase the penalties for civil parking violations as outlined in Attachment 1; and
2. Recognize \$131,000 in additional parking citations revenue for FY 2004 in revenue account 6901-101.

BACKGROUND

Effective July 1, 1993, State law (AB 408) decriminalized parking violations and required local jurisdictions to establish a schedule of penalties by January 1, 1994. Henceforth, on July 27, 1993, City Council amended the General Fee Schedule by Resolution No. 6959 to add two new fee schedules entitled "Parking Violations Civil Penalty Schedule" and "Parking Violations Delinquency Penalty Schedule". Previously, parking violations were considered criminal offenses with "bail" amounts, and were under the jurisdiction of the County Court. Some parking violation penalties are mandated by the State, as noted in Attachment 1, and no changes to these penalties are being recommended.

Since 1993, subsequent changes and/or additions to these penalties have been made via a resolution amending the General Fee Schedule. However, section 40203.5 of the California Vehicle Code states that, "to the extent possible, issuing agencies within the same county shall standardize parking penalties." In this vein, in February of this year, staff conducted a survey of six surrounding cities within Los Angeles County on the penalties they charge for specific parking violations currently enforced by Pasadena. The results of this survey were one of the tools used to determine the appropriate penalty levels for Pasadena.

SURVEY RESULTS OF SURROUNDING CITIES

Included as Attachment 2, are the survey results of six cities: Beverly Hills, Burbank, Glendale, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood. Each city was asked to provide their current penalty for each parking violation. Not all penalty information was available at the time of the survey, and has been indicated by an "n/a" where this is the case.

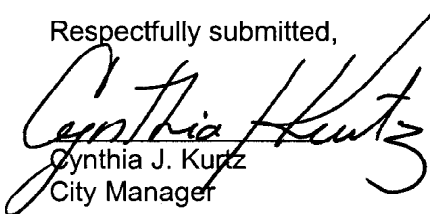
Based on these survey results and current parking violation statistics, staff is recommending an increase to the penalties outlined in Attachment A. These penalty increases were originally presented to the Finance Committee on February 23, 2004, and approved in concept by City Council that same evening. These proposed changes will standardize Pasadena's parking penalty schedule with its neighboring cities and present a bigger deterrent to potential violators. These penalty increases are scheduled to be effective on May 1, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

With an effective date of May 1, 2004, it is expected that these parking penalty increases will generate an additional \$131,000 in FY 2004 in the General Fund parking citations revenue account (6901-101). Since this additional revenue was not originally anticipated, it is appropriate to recognize this amount in this revenue account.

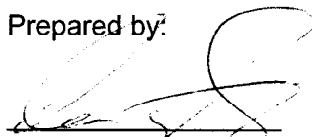
For FY 2005, the proposed penalty increases are estimated to generate an additional \$1,060,811, above what would be projected under the current penalty schedule. The total projected parking citation revenue will be \$4,191,892, and will be included as part of the FY 2005 budget.

Respectfully submitted,



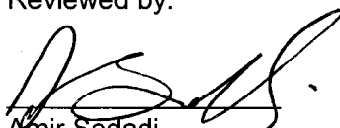
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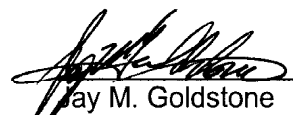
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