

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 23, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 6252 - NEW RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE (FOR PARKS) TO FURTHER CLARIFY CITY POLICY ON THE DEFINITION OF LIFE/CARE FACILITIES TO INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.17, - *Residential Impact Fee* and return within 60 days for City Council consideration as follows: Clarify the definition of a "skilled nursing unit" within Chapter 4.17, Section 4.17.030, of the Pasadena Municipal Code to include Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly as defined in the body of this report.

BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2005, the City Council approved amendments to Municipal Code Section 4.17 to include a definition of skilled nursing unit as:

"... a residence within a life/care facility which is reserved and equipped to provide 24-hour medical care to residents who cannot take care of themselves because of physical, emotional, or mental conditions. This care must be supervised by a doctor and regulated by the State of California Health Department. A skilled nursing unit differs from an independent living unit within a life/care facility in that it has medical staff available on-site 24 hours per day."

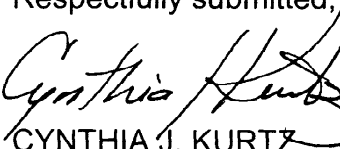
Residential units within a skilled nursing facility pay a Residential Impact Fee of \$756 per unit. Due to the nature of these facilities and their residents, it was determined that a senior life/care development will have minimal impacts on park infrastructure, and therefore, should pay the lower rate.

Upon further research on these types of facilities, staff is requesting the City Council clarify the definition to include "Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly" (RCFEs). While RCFEs are regulated and monitored by the State of California

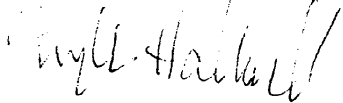
Department of Social Services, they do fall within the original intent of the definition of "skilled nursing facilities." These facilities are reserved and equipped to provide 24-hour care to residents who cannot take care of themselves due to physical, emotional or mental conditions; the care is provided to a resident pursuant to the order of the resident's physician; and a licensed RCFE does have nursing staff available on-site 24 hours a day. Further, the facilities have on-site recreational programs for residents, thereby reducing the burden on the park system.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact on future development is undetermined.

Respectfully submitted,

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