

Agenda Report

December 14, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Finance

SUBJECT: ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES RELATED TO NEW YEAR'S DAY AND THE ROSE BOWL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed rate increases are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Approve the scheduled rate increases effective February 1, 2021 for the Grandstand Permit Application, the Rose Bowl Admission Tax, and for the New Year's Day Related Business Grandstand Seat Surcharge as set forth in the body of this report.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 1.08.060, the Rose Bowl Admission Tax, the Grandstand Seat Surcharge, and the Grandstand Permit Application Fee are to be presented to City Council no later than December 15th and adjusted on February 1st of each year. PMC also states that these taxes and fees are adjusted by an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim metropolitan area for the preceding 12-month period ending October 1st. The change in CPI for all urban consumers in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim metropolitan area increased by 1.1998 percent between October 1, 2019 and October 1, 2020; accordingly, it is proposed that the Rose Bowl Admission Tax, the Grandstand Seat Surcharge, and the Grandstand Permit Application Fee be increased by a like amount on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Revised Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges as indicated below.

Although there will be no Rose Parade in FY 2021 and the Rose Bowl Game, if played, will be without fans in the stadium, adjusting the fees now is necessary to keep them current with the provisions of the Municipal Code.

Municipal Code Section 3.12.040 – Grandstand Permit Application Tax

This fee is charged for each seat in each grandstand designed or used for seating for a person viewing the Tournament of Roses parade.

	Adopted FY 2021 Rate	Proposed FY 2021 Rate
Per Seat	\$0.75	\$0.75
Minimum	\$47.01	\$47.57

Municipal Code Section 4.48.040 – Amendment of Taxes - Rose Bowl Admission Tax

This tax is levied upon all admission tickets to the Rose Bowl.

	Adopted FY 2021 Rate	Proposed FY 2021 Rate
Tax on first dollar of ticket price	\$0.08	\$0.08*
Charge per each additional \$1.00 or fractional part of a dollar on ticket price exceeding \$1.00	\$0.11	\$0.11*
Maximum Rate	\$1.81	\$1.83

*CPI increase results in a change of less than one half of one cent; therefore, the rate does not change.

Municipal Code Section 5.16.070-B – New Year’s Day Related Business - Grandstand Seat Surcharge

This is a special business license tax levied upon every vendor engaged in the current business of selling seats for viewing the Tournament of Roses parade.

	Adopted FY 2021 Rate	Proposed FY 2021 Rate
Per Seat	\$6.30	\$6.37

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed actions are consistent with the City Council's strategic planning goals of maintaining fiscal responsibility and supporting and promoting the quality of life and local economy.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action is the modification of a tax or fee, and will not result in any new development or physical changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:


In FY 2021, there will be no fiscal impact to the current operating budget due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There is no anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action.

In FY 2022, implementation of the proposed rate adjustments for the Grandstand Permit Application, the Rose Bowl Admission Tax, and the New Year's Day Related Business Grandstand Seat Surcharge will increase estimated revenues in the New Year's Day Event Fund by \$2,900 (10620016-603000) for New Year's Day Grandstand Seat Tax, \$640 (10621010-618200) for New Year's Day Grandstand Permit, and \$5,600 in additional revenue for the Rose Bowl Operating Company.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment: (1)

1) Attachment A – Fiscal Year 2021 Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges