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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 17, 2016

Re: Supplemental Memo – Public Inconvenience Fee (PIF) for Street, Sidewalk and Alley Closures

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared an amendment sheet for the ordinance that would establish a right-of-way closure application process and imposition of a public inconvenience fee (PIF) for right-of-way closures which exceed seven (7) days.

Discussion

Staff has prepared an amended bill for the right-of-way closure application process and imposition of the public inconvenience fee (PIF) for right-of-way closures which exceed seven (7) days. In addition to establishment of the PIF, a summary of the changes contained in the amended bill are as follows:

- The existing city code addressed right-of-way closures for 30 days or less and closures for greater than 30 days in two different articles of the street and sidewalk chapter of the code. The amended bill reorganizes those sections into the same article of the city code to improve the process for making an application for right-of-way closure.
- Current city code provides for closures greater than 30 days to be submitted to and approved by the city manager, with appeal of denials to the city council. The long-standing practice has been for council to consider and authorize any closure in excess of 30 days. The amended bill modifies the existing city code to conform with the current practice of city council review of any application for a closure in excess of thirty (30) days.
- The amended bill adds a provision which expressly exempts public utilities and governmental entities from payment of the PIF.
- The amended bill clarifies the parking lane usage PIF is a separate item to compensate the public for the loss in public access to convenient on street public parking and is required in addition to any payments due and owing to the parking utility for loss of revenue.
- The amended bill adds a requirement for proof of insurance from the applicant and an agreement to hold the city harmless for any activities of the applicant during closure and occupancy of the public right of way.



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- The amended bill clarifies the contents and recipients of the notice required to be provided to adjoining property owners and occupants of a request for right of way closure greater than 30 days.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Unknown

Long-Term Impact: Unknown

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Development, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
09/06/2016	REP68-16 - Public Inconvenience Fee (PIF) for Street, Sidewalk, and Alley Closures

Suggested Council Action

If Council agrees with the establishment of a public inconvenience fee, then the ordinance, as amended, should be passed.