

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA****COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT****DRAFT**

AGENDA DATE: December 7, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approval of Revised Resolution and Administrative Guidelines for Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Introduce and Subsequently Adopt, by Reading of the Title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Replacing Resolution 06-095.
- B. Revise Administrative Guidelines for the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program.
- C. Authorize the Public Works Director to make future modifications to the Administrative Guidelines for the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program that are consistent with Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 14.46.

DISCUSSION:

On September 21, 2010, Council was presented with two alternatives regarding the incentive component of the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP). Council approved the alternative which eliminates all cash incentives but provides for the waiving of City permit fees in instances where City staff has directed that a residential lateral be repaired or replaced. Rescinding Resolution No. 06-095 and adopting Resolution 10-xxx will enact Council's action of September 21, 2010. The revised Administrative Guidelines will provide the framework for implementing this updated Council action. Authorizing the Public Works Director to modify the Administrative Guidelines as necessary when consistent with Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 14.46 will allow minor document modifications to be made and incorporated in a timely manner.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Staff has estimated that 75 residential property owners per year will be directed to inspect and repair their laterals, which would result in subsidizing approximately \$150,000 in permit fees.

ATTACHMENTS: Revised Sewer Lateral Inspection Administrative Guidelines – November 2010

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SUBMITTED BY: Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ESTABLISHING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SEWER LATERAL REPAIR AND APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE "ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION PROGRAM" TO WAIVE CITY PERMIT FEES FOR CITY-MANDATED REPAIR OF RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE PROPERTY SEWER LATERALS

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Barbara operates and maintains 263 miles of publicly-owned wastewater collection system sewer mains; and

WHEREAS, The City estimates that there are more than 300 miles of privately-owned sewer laterals connected to the City's wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS, Roots and rainwater entering City sewer mains through defective private sewer laterals and/or outdoor drains can harm the City's wastewater collection system and contribute to or cause sewer overflows; and

WHEREAS, The City acknowledges that sewer lateral repairs can represent a financial hardship to residential private property owners who are required by the city to repair their sewer laterals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

The City hereby establishes a Program to allow for the waiving of City permit fees for residential property owners with three or fewer dwellings per parcel as follows:

- A. Permit fees will be waived for the repair or replacement of a residential private property sewer lateral only if this sewer lateral work is initiated by the City.
- B. The administrative implementation of the Sewer Lateral Residential Property Assistance Fund activities shall be consistent with the attached and approved "Private Sewer Lateral Inspection Program Administrative Guidelines" revised as of December 7, 2010.
- C. The Public Works Director is hereby authorized to make future modifications to the Sewer Lateral Inspection Administrative Guidelines so long as those modifications are consistent with Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 14.46.

