

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: May 18, 2009
Reviewed by: BP

Subject: Approval of previously authorized adjustments to the Sewer Service Charge, Library Services Tax of 1994, Library Services Supplemental Tax, Paramedic Supplement Tax, Measure N (Advanced Life Support), Measure F-2006 Pavement and Storm Drain and collection of charges, taxes and fees on the Alameda County Property Tax Roll

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve previously authorized adjustments to the Sewer Service Charge, Library Services Tax of 1994, Library Services Supplemental Tax, Paramedic Supplement Tax, Measure N (Advanced Life Support), Measure F-2006 Pavement and Storm Drain and to the posting of these charges, fees, and/or taxes to the 2009-10 Alameda County Property Tax Roll.
2. Direct that the above charges, taxes and fees and the NPDES (Urban Runoff) and the Advanced Life Support Tax (Measure N) which do not contain a provision for an increase be collected on County Tax Roll for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Albany has a number of previously approved special taxes, charges and fees that are collected annually on the County Tax Roll. The above referenced charges, fees, and/or taxes are all voter approved. In some instances, the rate remains the same year after year, while in other instances the rate may be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the adopted Capital Improvement Program budget. The increase in the CPI for the previous Calendar Year (2007-2008) was 3.1%.

These charges, fees, and/or taxes are collected together with regular property taxes on the County Property Tax bills. Each year it is necessary for the City to add the current charge to the County Tax Roll. Another reason for needed adjustments relates to changes in parcel lines (e.g., lot line adjustments, mergers). The table that follows lists the charges, the amount of the charge for a single family residential detached dwelling unit, and the increased rate for the next (2009-10) fiscal year.

Legend	Description	2008-09	2009-10	CPI	All Urban Consumers - San Francisco Bay Area 2007-08				
				3.1%					
807	NPDES (Urban Runoff)	\$41.62	\$41.62	NO					
680	Library Services Act of 1994	\$62.36	\$64.30	annual					
304	Emergency Medical Serv. Program	\$63.60	\$65.57	annual					
808	Sewer Service	\$286.56	\$303.44	annual	Until 2017				
303	ALS Measure N	\$18.00	\$18.00	NO					
321	Library Supplement	\$25.59	\$26.38	annual					
320	Street and Storm Drains	\$102.34	\$105.51	annual					

Two years ago an increase in the charge for sewer services was approved following a mailed notice to all property owners and a public hearing was held. Rates are being increased by \$24 over a three-year period in addition to the CPI increase. This year will be the third of the three proposed \$8 per year increases. The authorization for the increase in the sewer service charge by the increase in the CPI alone will resume following this third of the three \$8 increases and will continue through 2017.

Although the voters have previously approved the charges, and the increases listed above, the implementation of the charge and the increase is considered discretionary with the budget and approval of the Council is therefore being recommended.

These previously approved taxes, charges and fees must be delivered to the County Auditor for posting to the Tax Roll no later than August 10, 2009 if they are to be collected this fiscal year. The County will distribute 50% of the revenues collected on or about the first of January and the remainder in April and June of 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of the increases and collection of the revenues is necessary for the funding of the various programs supported by these taxes, charges and fees.