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Weed Abatement Lien  
Assessment

Presentation

# Weed and Brush Abatement Lien Assessment and Collection of Fees

Cupertino City Council

July 18, 2023



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# Overview

- Includes Weed and Brush Abatement Programs
- Property owners must abate by noticed deadline
- Only noncompliant properties are assessed
- Hearing considers a resolution confirming assessments for unpaid fees
- Unpaid fees will appear on owner's property tax bill

# Overview– Continued

- Owners may request Council remove their property from the assessment list
- Any waived fees will be billed to the City
- County charges include:
  - Contractor costs to remove weeds and brush
  - Inspection and administrative fees

## 2023 Fee Schedule

Initial Inspection Fee	\$92
First Administrative Fee	\$519
Second Administrative Fee	\$891
Contractor Abatement Work Fees	Prices Vary

# Supplemental Process for Passed Inspections

- Applies to Weed Abatement Program
- Approved by Council on November 2, 2020
- Established ongoing \$8,886 budget appropriation (in General Fund)
- City covers costs for Initial Inspection Fee (\$92)
- Properties must pass inspection by April 30
- Letter mailed to property owners on December 13, 2022, for 2023 season

# Assessment Report

July 6, County filed report with City

July 7, City mailed report/hearing notice to owners

Assessment Report (fail) – billed to homeowner	36 parcels	\$29,934
Passed initial inspection - for payment by City	81 parcels	\$7,452

# Recommended Action:

1. Conduct hearing to consider objections from property owners on the assessment report
2. Adopt Resolution No. 23-093 approving lien assessment and collection of fees on private parcels
3. Approve budget appropriations of \$7,452 in the General Fund (to fund properties that passed the initial inspection)



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FY 2023-24 Fee Schedule

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# FY 2023-24 Fee Schedule Update

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# Agenda

- Background
    - What is a Fee?
    - Fees for City Services
    - Fee Rates
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  - Staff Recommendation
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## Background - What is a Fee?

A fee or rate charged to an individual or group that receives a *private benefit* from services provided by the City.

# Background - Fees for City Services

Fee Schedule	Description
Schedule A - General Fees	Miscellaneous fees not associated with one department (abatement fees, false alarms, PRA request, etc.)
Schedule B - Engineering Fees	Public Works – Engineering: Design and Inspection Services
Schedule C - Planning Fees	Community Development – Planning: Current, Mid, and Long-Term Planning
Schedule D - Building Fees	Community Development – Building: General Building, Construction Plan Check, and Building Code Enforcement
Schedule E - Parks & Recreation Fees	Parks & Recreation Services Fees are market driven

## Background – Fee Rates



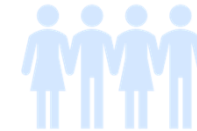
Consumer Price  
Index (CPI)

**5.3%**



Construction Cost  
Index (CCI)

**7.1%**



Labor Cost

**9.0%**



## Background – Fee Rates

Fiscal Year	Schedule A – General Fees	Schedule B – Engineering Fees	Schedule C – Planning Fees	Schedule D – Building Fees
2023-24 (proposed)	5.3% CPI	7.1% CCI 9.0% Labor	5.3% CPI 9.0% Labor	9.0% Labor
2022-23	5.2% CPI	9.8% CCI 1.0% Labor	5.2% CPI 1.0% Labor	1.0% Labor
2021-22	1.6% CPI	2.5% CCI 5.7% Labor	1.6% CPI 5.7% Labor	5.7% Labor
2020-21	2.9% CPI	6.3% CCI 17.3% Labor	17.3% Labor	17.3% Labor

# **New Fees & Other Changes**





# **Schedule A – General Fees**

Effective Date: July 19, 2023

## **Commemorative Bench Fees**

- \$5,000

## **Schedule B – Engineering Fees & Schedule C – Planning Fees**

Effective Date: September 17, 2023

**No new fees**

## **Schedule D – Building Fees**

Effective Date: July 19, 2023

**No new fees**

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# **Schedule E – Parks & Recreation Fees**

Effective Date: July 19, 2023

## **Teen Center**

- Removed from the schedule due to permanent closure

## **Security Staff**

- Update rate to: \$43
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# Fiscal Impact

Fee Schedule	Estimated Additional Revenue	Factor and Basis
Schedule A – General Fees	\$1,190	5.3% CPI
Schedule B – Engineering Fees	\$123,779	7.1% CCI, 9.0% Labor
Schedule C – Planning Fees	\$60,147	5.9% CPI, 9.0% Labor
Schedule D – Building Fees	\$365,504	9.0% Labor
Schedule E – Parks & Recreation Fees	General Fund: \$70, Enterprise Funds: \$327	Primarily market driven

# Staff Recommendation

Adopt Resolution approving FY 2023-24 Fee Schedules A, D, and E effective July 19, 2023, and Schedules B and C effective September 17, 2023.

