

Resolution

approving design concepts for a street user fee; and establishing policy relative to a street user fee.

WHEREAS, City Council has created a Strategic Goal for a Street Improvement Plan which includes creating a dedicated funding source; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2010 City Council passed Resolution No. 028862 creating a Street Maintenance Finance Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (Committee) to evaluate funding options for street repair and maintenance and to develop a street maintenance funding plan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee proposed certain funding options and staff developed a street maintenance funding plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council must approve a schedule of street user fees; and

WHEREAS, various street user fee policies will affect the calculation of street user fee revenues and use rates; and

WHEREAS, City staff sought preliminary guidance on policies to develop a budget framework; design changes to the City's billing software ("HTE") system; and calculate the estimates of street user fee revenues and rates; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2012 City Council passed Resolution No. 029634, which resolved and determined the following regarding design policy of the street user fee:

A. The rate design for street user fee charges will be based on the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) approach.

B. A principle basis of service measurement will be to use Trip Factors derived from trip generation rates published by the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

C. Land use designations used to determine the appropriate Trip Factor to be applied will be based on the Texas Land Use Code classification as recorded by the Nueces County Appraisal District tax records.

D. Land use designations will be consolidated into Trip Factor classifications which then will be applied against the ERU.

E. The City Council finds it reasonable and equitable for the City to assume that each non-irrigation water meter in the service area serves a user of a benefitted property. Therefore, a street user fee will be charged to active non-irrigation water meters; and

WHEREAS, City staff seeks further guidance on policies in order to continue development of the street user fee,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. A principle basis of service measurement will be to use building square footage as recorded by the Nueces County Appraisal District tax records, Trip Factors derived from trip generation rates published by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, and Land use designations used to determine the appropriate Trip Factor, applied based on the Texas Land Use Code classification as recorded by the Nueces County Appraisal District tax records.

SECTION 2. Where more than one meter exists for a property, building square footage will be apportioned (i) equally where a single building exists; or (ii) proportionately where multiple buildings exist.

SECTION 3. Accounts will be tiered based on building square footage.

SECTION 4. Non-residential land use designations will be consolidated into five categories with their associated Trip Factors.

SECTION 5. Residential accounts will be assigned to one of three tiers. Non-residential accounts will be assigned to one of four tiers, the fourth of which will constitute a cap.

SECTION 6. If a property is inside city limits but does not receive billable services from the City, a “street fee only” account will be established.

SECTION 7. In cases where the Nueces County Appraisal District records show no square footage (for example, mobile homes, manufactured homes, portable buildings, travel trailers, and recreational vehicles that serve as businesses or residences) square footage will be determined based on the best data reasonably available to the City.

SECTION 8. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its passage and continues for ten years. This resolution shall cease to have effect ten years from date of its final passage, unless further City Council action is taken to extend this Resolution.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

_____ of _____, _____

The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Kelley Allen _____

Rudy Garza _____

Priscilla Leal _____

David Loeb _____

Chad Magill _____

Colleen McIntyre _____

Lillian Riojas _____

Mark Scott _____