Policy Considerations for Development of a Street User Fee and Overview of Street Program Alternatives

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Street User Fee Policy - Fund Issues



- ✓ Direct street user fee revenues to Special Revenue Street Fund
- ✓ Supplemental source of revenue directed solely to street maintenance
- ✓ Develop street maintenance budget work plan
- ✓ City investigate other funding mechanisms as future sources of funding
- ✓ Street user fee to be adjusted downwards based on implementation of alternative funding sources

Street User Fee Policy - Basis of Measurement



- ✓ Living Area square footage NCAD tax records
- ✓ Land use designation NCAD tax records
- ✓ Trip Factors Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) trip generation rates

Street User Fee Policy - Rate Design



- ✓ Based on Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)
- ✓ Consolidate land use designations
- ✓ Assign and apply Trip Factors
- ✓ Cap Non-residential at 5,000 SF per water meter
- ✓ Tier Residential (3)

Street User Fee Policy - Exemptions



- ✓ City, County, State or Federal Properties
- ✓ Independent School District Properties
- ✓ Non-metered properties
- ✓ Properties with inactive water meters

Street User Fee Policy - Appeals/Adjustments/Credits



- ✓ Appeal only active meter status
- ✓ Adjustments effective upon download of corrected data from NCAD records
- ✓ No retroactive adjustments
- ✓ No credits

Street User Fee Policy - Billing Application



- ✓ Charge all active non-irrigation water meters
- ✓ Bill customer where individually metered
- ✓ Bill water account holder where master metered
- ✓ Apportion living area equally for properties with single buildings served by multiple meters

Street User Fee Policy - Collections Enforcement



- ✓ Failure to pay subjects user to discontinuance of utility services
- ✓ Delinquent users are subject to a lien being placed on their properties

Street User Fee Policy -Next Steps



- ✓ Finalize billing data base
- ✓ Finalize Rate Design
- ✓ Implement changes to billing system (HTE)
- ✓ Implement Public Outreach
- ✓ Implement Street User Fee (Limited to Ten Year Period)

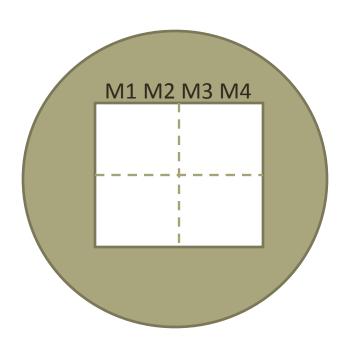
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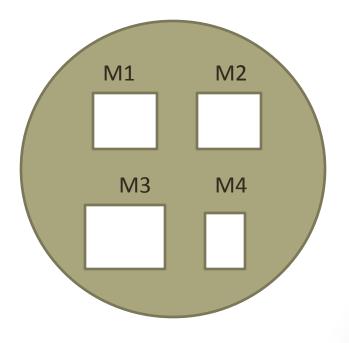
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Billing Application-Apportionment Example







1 Square Footage – Multiple Meters

4 Square Footages – 4 Meters

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Street Program Alternatives

