

Reply to Common Council File No. 010359

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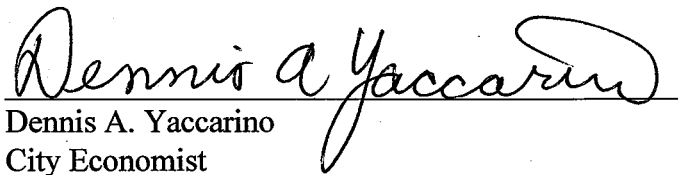
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Common Council file 010359 contains an ordinance increasing various fees for selected licenses, permits, fines and forfeitures. The intent of this legislation is to update fees on a regular basis so they can continue to recover their costs of service. This is consistent with the policy developed in 1999 for the 2000 budget that would amend fees on a biannual basis.

This ordinance analyzed fees that had been not changed as of the year 2000. Of the fees unchanged, 23 of them are being proposed for adjustment. It is estimated that the changes will produce a revenue increase of approximately \$200,000. The major change is to the fire inspection fee. It will be increased by \$9 or 18% and produce \$120,000 in additional revenues. The fee had not changed since 1997 and will be brought to a 2002 level. The other larger impacting fee change is one to meter hooding. The fee was raised to the amount of lost meter revenue due to taking the meter out of service. This should produce over \$50,000 in additional revenue.

Most of the other fee changes are minor in nature. In total, they produce about \$30,000 in additional revenue. The majority of these fees have not changed since the mid-1990's. Because of the slowing economy, several of the permits and licensing related to housing and businesses were not changed at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL FILE 010359 CONTAINING AN ORDINANCE INCREASING FEES FOR SELECTED LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FORFEITURES.**

  
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