

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 AGENDA

ITEM 22, FILE 010544

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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File #010544 is an ordinance relating to fees for certified survey map review and the filing fees charged for the vacation of streets and alleys.

Background

Under Chapter 81 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances certain filing fees are required to offset the review costs associated with vacating public rights-of-way and reviewing certified survey maps.

After reviewing the vacations of public rights of way and the review of certified survey maps in 2000, the Department of Public Works (DPW) determined the current fees did not cover its costs.

The current fees (see discussion) for street and alley vacations were established on September 23, 1998 (File #980680). The ordinance change eliminated a \$35 per hour "engineer service fee" for DPW incurred costs and a flat \$218 vacation filing fee for DCD incurred costs.

Discussion

This ordinance establishes a \$200 fee for each certified survey map filed. The fee is to cover the costs of review by DPW. DPW is currently charging \$150 for each survey map filed. The \$150 fee was not set by ordinance. In addition, per current code provisions, there is a \$32 charge for first parcel and \$17 for each additional to cover the Department City Development's costs. This ordinance does not change that charge. DPW currently reviews approximately 50 maps a year.

This ordinance increases the filing fee for each street vacation to \$1,091, plus \$122 for each 100 feet of street length or fraction thereof above 300 feet. Of this fee, \$266 goes to the Department of City Development and the remainder to DPW. The current filing fee for each street vacation is \$750, plus \$100 for each 100 feet of street length or fraction thereof above 300 feet. The DPW reviews approximately 15 street vacation requests per year

This ordinance increases the filing fee for each alley vacation to \$716, plus \$85 for each 100 feet of alley length or fraction thereof above 300 feet. Of this fee, \$266 goes to the Department of City Development and the remainder to DPW. The current filing fee for vacation is \$500, plus \$70 for each 100 feet of alley length or fraction thereof above 300 feet. DPW reviews approximately 15 alley vacation requests per year.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Public Works estimates that the passage of this ordinance would increase annual revenue by approximately \$8,500. The chart below shows the components of the \$8,500 increase.

Fee Type	Revenue Increase
Certified Survey Map	\$2,500
Street Vacation	\$2,000
Alley Vacation	\$4,000
Total	\$8,500

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