



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No.	60
Roll Call No.	<u>06-</u>
Communication No.	<u>06-290</u>
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AGENDA HEADING:

Street Cut Restoration Charges – Adjustment in Charges to Align with Restoration Costs

SYNOPSIS:

To ensure the quality of street cut restorations, the Public Works Department restores plumbing contractor excavations on paved streets. The amount charged for street cut restorations is standardized based on the surface size, the depth of cut, and the type of street. Rates have not been increased since July 2003. This action would authorize an approximately three percent increase in the rate charged for street cut restorations to bring the rates in line with the actual costs. These rates will go into effect July 1, 2006. A table outlining these fees is attached to the roll call.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Recommended rate increase will generate approximately \$15,000 in additional General Fund revenues.

Funding Source: The cost for restoring street cuts is billed directly to the contractor making the excavation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Public Works Department restores all excavations on paved streets to ensure quality and, in turn, reduces future defects. Program expenses are offset with revenues generated by billing the contractors that made the street cuts. The amounts charged have been standardized, for the most part, relative to surface size, depth of cut, and type of street surface.

Prior to this recommendation for a rate increase, the Public Works Department sent a letter on April 19, 2006 notifying area plumbing contractors of the proposed rate increase. No questions or concerns have been received in response to the letter.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 9, 2003

Roll Call Number: 03-1263

Action: Approving Schedule of Street Cut Restoration fees for street restoration work performed by the Public Works Department effective July 1, 2003. [\(Council Communication No. 03-247\)](#). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date: NA

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: NA

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE