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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 44 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>12-0063</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>12-006</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager – Public Works Director	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

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

**SYNOPSIS:**

To ensure the quality of street cut restorations, the Department of Public Works 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 2006. This action would authorize an approximately three percent increase in the rate charged for street cut restorations for each of the next three years, to bring the rates in line with the actual costs. These rates will go into effect April 1, 2012, July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014. The April 1, 2012 date is to ensure the rate increase coincides with the beginning of the next construction season. Tables outlining these fees are 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 Department of Public Works restores all excavations on paved streets to ensure quality and, in turn, reduce future defects. Program expenses are offset with revenue generated by billing the contractors that made the street cuts. The amounts charged have been standardized relative to surface size, depth of cut, and type of street surface.

Prior to this recommendation for a rate increase, the Department of Public Works sent a letter on December 12, 2011 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: May 22, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1054

Action: [Schedule](#) of Street Cut Restoration Fees for street restoration work performed by the Public Works Department effective July 1, 2006. ([Council Communication No. 06-290](#)) **Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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