

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCKET NUMBER 3
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

ADOPTION AGENDA, CONSENT ITEMS
RESOLUTIONS:

- * ITEM-S505: Two actions related to Waiver of City Fees Associated with City of San Diego 2007 Wildfire Damages. (Rancho Bernardo Community Area. District 5.)

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(See Report to the City Council No. 07-175.)

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the following resolution:

(R-2008-373)

Waiving demolition permit and building permit fees and provide vouchers for recycling of source separated concrete slabs and bricks, and for disposal of un-recyclable debris associated with the demolition of fire damaged or destroyed building property within the City.

Designating fire reconstruction permit applications resulting from the 2007 wildfires to be the highest priority for expedited development review of building permits in the City.

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RESOLUTIONS: (Continued)

* ITEM-S505: (Continued)

STAFF SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

The recent wildfires resulted in significant property destruction and damage within the City of San Diego. Latest damage assessments indicate that 362 homes were destroyed and another 62 homes sustained fire damage in Rancho Bernardo; property damage was also sustained in the San Pasqual Valley.

Following the Cedar Fire, the City Council adopted Resolution R-298600 which waived demolition permit fees and waste disposal fees at the Miramar Landfill, and reimbursed costs of recycling concrete slabs and bricks, all associated with the demolition of fire damaged or destroyed buildings within the City. The Resolution also waived building permit fees and gave priority to permit applications for reconstruction of such buildings. The General Fund reimbursed the Development Services Department (DSD) and Environmental Services Department (ESD) Enterprise funds for this waiver and reimbursement program. The same permit fee waivers are being recommended for those property owners affected by this year's fire. Similar relief is proposed for recycling mixed construction and demolition waste, concrete slabs and bricks, and unrecyclable debris generated as a result of the demolition related to the damaged residences, with a new emphasis on recycling.

DISCUSSION:

The resolution provides for waiver of demolition permit fees, a voucher program for waste disposal fees at the Miramar Landfill, recycling fees at City approved facilities, and waiver of building permit fees associated with the demolition of fire damaged or destroyed buildings within the City.

Building Permit and Demolition Permit Fees:

Development impact fees, water and sewer connection fees, and capacity fees will not be charged for new structures replacing those destroyed in the fire because there are no new development impacts to the community and reconstructed buildings can use their existing water and sewer connection. Fire reconstruction related demolition permits will be administered as a no-charge administrative process.

Waste Disposal and Recycling Vouchers:

The resolution provides for the provision of vouchers for waste disposal fees at the Miramar Landfill, and recycling costs at City approved facilities associated with the demolition of fire damaged or destroyed building property within the City of San Diego. Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, these vouchers will only apply to fire-related debris generated in the City of San Diego during the demolition phase.

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RESOLUTIONS: (Continued)

* ITEM-S505: (Continued)

STAFF SUPPORTING INFORMATION: (Continued)

Given the expected volume of concrete slab and brick debris which can be recycled at several facilities around the region; and soft, above slab debris which can be recycled at a recently opened mixed C & D recycling facility; recycling of these materials should be implemented in conjunction with any disposal fee voucher for Miramar Landfill. Currently, it is common practice in the industry to recycle these materials at privately operated facilities. Providing only disposal fee waivers for C & D waste disposed to Miramar Landfill will reduce the incentive for haulers to recycle these materials at local recycling facilities. In order to demonstrate good faith efforts to comply with State waste diversion mandates and to comply with its own C & D policy, the City will provide vouchers to offset the cost paid at approved facilities to recycle these materials and not allow the material to be disposed of in the City's landfill. The ESD is coordinating with private concrete recyclers to determine if they will provide free recycling for concrete slabs and chimney, garden, and wall paver materials delivered to their families.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Based on the results of the Cedar fire, it is estimated that the combined cost of waiving building and demolition permit fees and the voucher program for waste disposal fees and recycling costs totals \$2.3 million. The estimated impact by fiscal year is \$1.7 million in FY 2008 and \$580,000 in FY 2009.

Plan check and building inspection services due to the reconstruction of fire destroyed buildings will be provided by current staff.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION: None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The proposed waiver of permit and waste disposal fees are exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Section §15061 (b) (3).

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RESOLUTIONS: (Continued)

* ITEM-S505: (Continued)

STAFF SUPPORTING INFORMATION: (Continued)

CONCLUSION:

The passage of the resolution will provide all building owners who were affected by the 2007 wildfires relief from building and demolition permit costs needed to rebuild or repair buildings. It will also establish a voucher program for waste disposal and recycling costs for the demolition of buildings that were destroyed or damaged within the City.

Based on City Council approval, staff will work closely with affected property owners and any homeowners associations in each affected community to assist in the rebuilding process.

ALTERNATIVE:

Do not waive fees and provide recycling vouchers for all owners of fire destroyed or damaged structures but instead waive fees only for homeowners who are uninsured or underinsured. This will require an amendment to the resolution.

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