

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: July 20, 2011 REPORT NO: 11-114

ATTENTION: Council President and City Council
Docket of July 25-26, 2011

SUBJECT: Tax Rate Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2012

REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION:

City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance setting the tax rate for funding of Zoological Exhibits by the last day of August of each year to meet the tax levy deadline determined by the County Assessor. The tax levy for Zoological Exhibits is \$0.005 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Funding is appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Budget for Zoological Exhibits, \$8,081,538.

All outstanding debt obligations for Public Safety Communications Bonds were fulfilled in July 2011. The final bond payment was made in July 2011 using prior year fund balance comprised of revenue collected during Fiscal Year 2011. No action is required for Public Safety Communication Bonds in Fiscal Year 2012.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Ordinance.

SUMMARY:

Zoological Exhibits

Funding for the zoological exhibits in Balboa Park was generated from a fixed property tax levy of \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation as mandated in the City Charter, Section 77A. Subsequent to the adoption of Charter section 77a, Section 135 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code changed the definition of assessed valuation to "full value" where it had previously been 25 percent of "full value." Pursuant to Section 135(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, a conversion factor of one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) is applied to the tax rate, which changes the levy to \$0.005 per \$100 of assessed value for purposes of translating the Charter Section 77a tax rates to the new definition. This rate will be applied to taxable property assessed at full value (100%) for Fiscal Year 2012. The revenue generated from this tax levy is to be used by the San Diego Zoological Society to fund new and existing exhibits and attractions to increase attendance to the Zoo and Balboa Park.

Public Safety Communications Bonds

On June 5, 1990, voters approved the issuance of \$25,500,000 of general obligation bonds for the Public Safety Communications Project, which included new Police and Fire communication centers, new computer field units, and 800 megahertz radio systems. The final bond payment was made in July 2011 using prior year fund balance comprised of revenue collected during Fiscal Year 2011. Therefore, a levy is not required to be set for Public Safety Communication Bonds in Fiscal Year 2012.

The following is a comparison of Fiscal Year 2012 and Fiscal Year 2011 tax rates:

Purpose	FY2012 Per \$100 AV*	FY2011 Per \$100 AV*
Zoological Exhibits (Fund 200219)	0.00500	0.00500

*Assessed Valuation

The Zoological Exhibits tax rate remains unchanged at \$0.005 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The Charter of San Diego, Section 75 requires that an annual Tax Levy be adopted by ordinance no later than the last day of August of each year.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding is appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Budget for Zoological Exhibits, \$8,081,538.

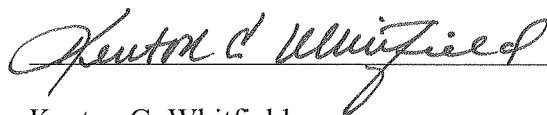
PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: None



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