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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_,

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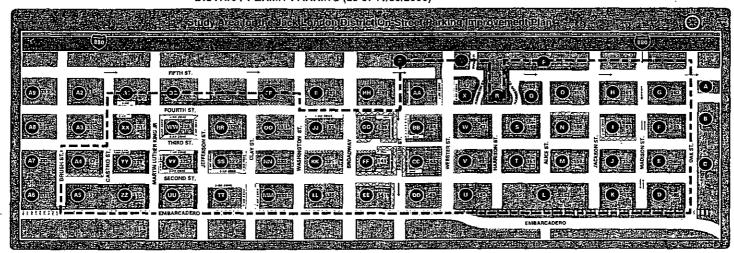
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JACK LONDON DISTRICT MAP: PROPOSED TIME-LIMITED PARKING ZONES AND PROPOSED MIXED USE DISTRICT PERMIT PARKING (as of 11/30/2006)

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ATTN: Ms. Deborah Edgerly

FROM: Office of the City Administrator, Special Activity Unit

DATE: December 18, 2007

RE: Adopt an Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 12809 C.M.S. (Master Fee Schedule), as Amended, to Establish a Notification Fee for Business Permit Applications Subject to Title 5, "Business Taxes, Permits, And Regulations", of the Oakland Municipal Code that Involve the Ongoing Use of Property

#### SUMMARY

On November 13, 2007, the Public Safety Committee considered proposed amendments to Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Chapter 5.02 to provide better notification regarding public hearings on permit applications under Title 5 of the OMC. Among the options proposed by staff was the notification of property owners within 300 feet of the applicant property by mail and the posting of notices within 300 feet of the applicant property. The Committee amended these proposals to include mailed notice to residents, as well as owners, within 300 feet of the applicant property and included a provision that the cost of the notification process be an additional separate fee collected with the application fee. The Committee indicated that the fee of \$600, currently charged by the Planning and Zoning Department to provide similar notification within the same distance range, was a reasonable amount to cover the costs associated with the proposed notification process.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed fee would apply only to new permits that involve the ongoing use of property for the operation of the permit. An average of approximately two of these permits are processed per month. At the proposed rate of \$600 per application, this number would result in annual revenues to the City of approximately \$14,400. These additional revenues will be deposited in The General Purpose Fund (1010), City Administration Organization (02111), Police Permits Account (42411).

#### **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

#### Expanded Noticing Requirements

OMC Section 5.02.050 currently requires minimal notification regarding the public hearings conducted on applications for permits under OMC Title 5. Application notices must be posted on the premises, in the newspaper, and on the City bulletin board three only (3) days before the

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ City Council December 18, 2007 hearing. The result is that nearby residents are often unaware of the application until the hearing has been conducted and the permit approved, with no or little input from the public.

To rectify this situation, staff proposes to extend the posting time to 30 days before the hearing. Staff also presented an option that would utilize the Oakland Planning Code's method of, in addition to posting the premises, posting notices within 300 feet of the premises and notifying property owners in writing, by U. S. Mail, who own property within 300 feet of the applicant property of the hearing date.

#### • Cost of Notification and Responsibility for Payment for Notification Process

The Public Safety Committee decided that both the extended posting time and the additional methods of notification should be used, and that residents should also be notified. The discussion then turned to the issues of cost and payment. The Committee expressed their belief that the costs of notification should be borne by applicants. Staff explained that the City's Zoning Department, which utilizes the proposed method for hearing notification, has determined that a fee of \$600 covers the cost of materials and staff time for the notification process.

Staff expressed a concern that this is a substantial cost relative to the current application filing fees for permits under this title. The most frequently processed applications that would be affected by the notification fee<sup>1</sup> and the application filing fees for these permits are:

Application

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Fee	
\$	400
	600
	400
	400
	310
•	1,000
10,000	- 30,000 <sup>2</sup>
	Fee \$

Additionally, applicants must pay for inspections and other processes that may add several hundred dollars to the application costs. The Committee considered this, and concluded that the \$600 fee was justified to cover the City's costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is not anticipated that the notification process would be used for Title 5 permit applications that are primarily for personal services, such as massage therapists and taxi drivers. Nor is it anticipated that the process would be used for permits that utilize property only on a very transient basis, such as carnivals or charitable solicitation events. <sup>2</sup> This fee is dependent upon the number of patients served by the dispensary.

#### SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

#### Economic

The business permits issued under Title 5 of the OMC generate jobs and tax revenues for the City. It is not anticipated that the notification fee would have a chilling effect on the number of businesses that apply for these types of permits.

#### Environmental

There are no known environmental impacts of the proposed notification fee.

#### Social Equity

Notification of individual property owners and residents of public hearings on permit applications submitted in their area will facilitate the important purpose of generating public dialogue on these permits. Increased public dialogue should, in turn, result in permitting decisions based upon more and better information.

#### DISABLITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no known disability or senior citizen access issues.

#### ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council:

- 1. Accept this Staff Report
- 2. Adopt the ordinance amending Ordinance Number 12809 C.M.S. (Master Fee Schedule), as amended, to establish a notification fee for business permit applications subject to Title 5 of the Oakland Municipal Code that involve the ongoing use of property.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara B. Kelley Barbara B. Killey

Assistant to the City Administrator

APPROVED AND FORWARDED THE THE CITY COUNCIL.

Office of the City Administrator

Item: City Council December 18, 2007

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK LAND CITY COUNCIL

2007 DEC -5 PORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_C.M.S.

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**WHEREAS**, Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 5.02 defines the application process for specified types of business permits; and

WHEREAS, part of the application process requires conducting a public hearing on the application; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 5.02 was recently amended to provide that "For applications involving the ongoing use of property, notice of the hearing shall be given by posting notices thereof within three hundred (300) feet of the property involved in the application. Notice of the hearing shall also be given by mail or delivery to all persons shown on the last available equalized assessment roll as owning real property in the city within three hundred (300) feet of the property involved and to all addresses within three hundred (300) feet of the property."; and

WHEREAS, the amendment also specified that, "The fee for the notification process, as established by the Master Fee Schedule, shall be a separate charge in addition to the application fee."; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Zoning Department utilizes a similar process, when required for notification of permit applications within their purview, and has determined that the current average cost of such notification is \$600.00; now, therefore

#### THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The Master Fee Schedule as set forth in Ordinance Number 12809 C.M.S., as amended, is hereby amended to establish a notification fee for business permit applications subject to Title 5 of the Oakland Municipal Code that involve the ongoing use of property, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTON 2.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final adoption if it receives six or more affirmative votes; otherwise it shall become effective upon the seventh day after final adoption by the Council of the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

#### PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LaTonda Simmons City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California

# Notice & Digest

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This is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 12809 C.M.S., Oakland's Master Fee Schedule ordinance, to establish a fee to cover the cost of notification of applications for business permits subject to Oakland Municipal Code Title 5 that involve the ongoing use of property. Mailed and posted notice of the public hearing on such applications will also be provided to property owners and residents within 300 feet of the applicant property. The fee is proposed to be established at \$600.00 per application.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

City of Oakland

#### Amendment to the Master Fee Schedule

Fee Descrip	otion	Fee	<u>Unit</u>
SPEĊIAL /	ACTIVITIES		
Н.	HEARING NOTIFICATION FEE	\$600.00	Permit