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#### CITY OF OAKLAND AGENDA REPORT

TO:	Office of the City Administrator
ATTENTION:	Deborah A. Edgerly
FROM:	Finance and Management Agency
DATE:	September 19, 2006
SUBJECT:	Public Hearing on Delinquent Mandatory Garbage Fees for January/February/March 2006, Monthly Accounts and April/May/June 2006, Quarterly Accounts

#### SUMMARY

The City of Oakland and Waste Management of Alameda County have a franchise agreement for solid waste, yard waste collection and disposal services. In accordance with the terms of this agreement, all delinquent garbage accounts are transferred to the Citywide Liens Tax Compliance Section for recording of liens against the property address. The City of Oakland reimburses Waste Management of Alameda County the unpaid delinquent charges and pursues the delinquent property owner to recover the unpaid charges plus administrative fees. The taxpayer is notified prior to the lien process and given the opportunity to pay or appeal the debt. If the property owner does not dispute or pay prior to August 10<sup>th</sup> of any calendar year, the Citywide Liens Tax Compliance Section will forward delinquent accounts to the County of Alameda for placement on the secured property Tax Roll for collection.

On August 22, 2006, pursuant to Chapter 8.28 of the Oakland Municipal Code, an administrative hearing was held to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities prior to this public hearing before the City Council. Each affected property owner was notified of the administrative hearing. Accordingly, four cases were resolved and removed from the list of delinquent properties. A resolution has been prepared confirming the placement of liens on 6,736 accounts and authorizing the subsequent assessment for all fees and charges, should they remain unpaid at the time of submission to the County Assessor.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Waste Management of Alameda County billed the City \$938,416, which represents monthly charges for January through March 2006, and quarterly charges for April through June 2006. The bill is due and payable after the public hearing proceedings. Property owners owe the City delinquent garbage charges totaling \$938,416 and administrative fees totaling \$351,576 creating a grand total of \$1,289,992 for this period. The City will transfer all unpaid charges and fees to the Alameda County Tax Roll, and payments received through the County will be deposited in the City's General Purpose Fund.

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# BACKGROUND

The public hearing represents monthly charges for January through March 2006, and quarterly charges for April through June 2006.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

None

# **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Pursuant to Chapter 8.28 of the Oakland Municipal Code, administrative hearings were held to hear protests and resolve any inconsistencies or inequities regarding the delinquent mandatory garbage fees prior to the public hearing before City Council.

## SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Collections of delinquent Mandatory Garbage Fees have major economic and social equity implications for the City's sustainability. This revenue source is relied upon to fund essential City services.

## DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

None

## **RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution confirming the placement of liens on all unpaid accounts and authorize the subsequent assessments for all fees and charges should they remain unpaid as of August 10, 2007.

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# **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that the City Council approve the resolution confirming the placement of liens on all unpaid accounts and authorize the subsequent assessments for all fees and charges should they remain unpaid as of August 10, 2007.

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William E. Noland, Director Finance and Management Agency

Prepared by: Terry Adelman, Revenue Manager Revenue Division

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

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C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING REPORTS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR DELINQUENT GARBAGE SERVICE FEES AND CONFIRMING THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY – PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8.28 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR COLLECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 8.28 of the Oakland Municipal Code, the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 her reports concerning the costs incurred by the City of Oakland for delinquent garbage service fees and recordation of liens with added administrative and assessment charges on hereinafter described real property; and

WHEREAS, September 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for the Council to hear any protests by property owners or other interested persons regarding delinquent charges for garbage services rendered, and to hear and accept the reports of the City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, no protest having been made at said hearing; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the reports which the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 concerning delinquent garbage service fees, the recordation of liens with administrative and assessment charges for the real property described in the reports of the City Administrator attached hereto, be and are hereby accepted and confirmed, and assessments are hereby authorized to be levied upon the properties described in the attached reports in the amount set opposite each description for costs incurred for delinquent garbage service fees, added administrative and assessment charges; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if any assessment levied on a property is not paid before the 10th day of August 2007, the City Administrator shall present an itemized report to the Auditor-Controller of the County of Alameda, State of California, to be placed on the 2007-2008 County Tax Roll.

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

# PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

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ABSTENTION -

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

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RESOLUTION NO	C.M.S.	
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**RESOLUTION OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AND** ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING REPORTS OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR DELINQUENT GARBAGE SERVICE FEES AND AUTHORIZING LIENS THE RECORDATION OF WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY -PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8.28 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE. AND DIRECTING THE NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR **COLLECTION** 

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WHEREAS, September 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for the Council to hear any protests by property owners or other interested persons regarding delinquent charges for garbage services rendered, and to hear and accept the reports of the City Administrator; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the protests are hereby overruled; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the reports the City Administrator filed with the City Clerk on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 concerning delinquent garbage service fees and the recordation of liens with administrative and assessment charges for the real property described in the reports of the City Administrator attached hereto, be and are hereby accepted and confirmed, and the assessments are hereby authorized to be levied upon the properties described in the attached reports, in the amounts set opposite each description for costs incurred for delinquent garbage service fees, added administrative and assessment charges; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if any assessment levied on a property is not paid before the 10th day of August 2007, the City Administrator shall present an itemized report to the Auditor-Controller of the County of Alameda, State of California, to be placed on the 2007-2008 County Tax Roll.

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

## PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

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

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**RESOLUTION CONTINUING HEARING OF THE REPORTS OF THE CITY** ADMINISTRATOR ON DELINQUENT GARBAGE SERVICE FEES AND THE RECORDATION OF LIENS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSESSMENT CHARGES AS NECESSARY—PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8.28 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE

**RESOLVED:** That the hearing of the reports of the City Administrator on delinquent garbage service fees and recordation of liens with added administrative and assessment charges that was duly noticed and held on the 19th day of September 2006, 7:00 p.m., is hereby continued for further hearing on the day of in City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Council Chambers, Oakland, California.

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