

"Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future"



City Manager's Report
September 23, 2014 City Council Meeting
Prepared By: M. Cleve Morris

Item#: 8.8

Subject: Adopt a Resolution approving a fee in the amount of \$34.56 for Backflow Prevention Testing service in accordance with Placerville Municipal Code Section 7-14-8D.

Discussion: On February 25, 2014, the City adopted an ordinance relating to backflow prevention for the City's water system. The adopted program, and state law, requires backflow prevention devices be installed on all systems that meet certain criteria. All new non-residential development is required to have a backflow prevention device. In addition, any non-residential property that by nature of the business may present a risk to the water system is required to have a backflow prevention device.

One of the main components of the backflow prevention program is annual testing of devices, as required by state law (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 7605). Section 7-14-8D of the Placerville Municipal Code authorizes the Council to adopt a fee for this testing. Last year the City simply applied the direct cost of the consultant. The proposed fee will include the direct cost of the consultant plus costs for the City to administer the program. The proposed fee is as follows:

Consultant Testing Fee:	\$24.00
City Staff Time:	\$ 9.95
Certificate:	\$.61
Total:	<u>\$34.56</u>

Owners of properties with backflow prevention devices will be notified of the requirement for testing and given the option to hire their own consultant to do the testing within a given period of time. Consultants must provide evidence of backflow testing certification. If the owner does not respond within the required time frame, the City will perform the testing using our approved consultant and the accountholder will be billed using the adopted fee.

Staff recommends approval of the fee as recommended. All testing must be performed prior to December 31, 2014.

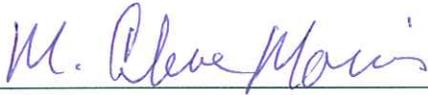
Options:

1. Adopt Resolution and fee as recommended.
2. Adopt an Amended Fee.
3. Do not adopt the fee and request additional information from staff.

Cost: The City has approximately 250 backflow prevention devices to test. The adopted fee will cover the cost of the test, certification, and City staff time associated with the program.

Budget Impact: The proposed revenue and expenditure is included in the budget.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a fee in the amount of \$34.56 for Backflow Prevention Testing service in accordance with Placerville Municipal Code Section 7-14-8D.

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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

Attachment:

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PLACERVILLE ADOPTING A FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34.56
FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTION TESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 7-14-8D**

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring the installation of backflow prevention devices for non-residential development meeting certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, annual testing of backflow prevention devices is a key component of said ordinance, as required by state law (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 7605); and

WHEREAS, upon the property owner's failure to hire their own consultant to perform the testing, the City will perform the testing using its approved consultant and thereafter bill the accountholder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby approve a fee of \$34.56 in accordance with Placerville Municipal Code Section 7-14-8D, to be charged to the accountholder when the City performs the backflow prevention testing.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on September 23, 2014, by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____. A poll vote was taken which stood as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Carl Hagen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Zito, City Clerk, MMC