

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 11-1443

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE relative to establishing fees for services related to access requirements, fire hydrants, and fire flow.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT accompanying ORDINANCE adding Section 57.09.12 of Division 9 of Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish the following fees to recover the Fire Department's costs for providing research, inspections, testing, plan reviews, environmental impact report reviews and other services related to fire hydrants, fire flow and access requirements of LAMC Section 57.09:

1. Fire Environmental Impact Report Research and Review Fee shall be based on the Inspector's hourly rate, with a one hour minimum.
2. Fire Department Access Plan Review Fee shall be based on the Inspector's hourly rate, with a one hour minimum.
3. Fire Department Access Field Inspection Fee shall be based on the Inspector's hourly rate, with a two hour minimum.
4. Hydrant Plan Review Fee shall be based on the Inspector's hourly rate, with a one hour minimum.
5. Fire Hydrant Field Inspection and/or Test Fee shall be based on the Inspector's hourly rate, with a two hour minimum.
6. Additional Plan Review, Inspection or Re-inspection Fee will be based on minimum one hour increments.
7. Expedite or Off-Hour Fees shall be based on the Inspector's Expedite/Off-Hour rate, with a four hour minimum.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

SUMMARY

Accompanying a report to Council dated January 3, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the City Attorney presents Ordinance establishing fees for services related to access requirements, fire hydrants, and fire flow. The City Attorney reports the Fire Department's Hydrants and Access Unit enforces Chapter V, Article 7, Division 9 of the LAMC to ensure access and reasonable response distances by Fire and Emergency Medical Services, as well as to ensure adequate fire protection water availability throughout the city. The Hydrant and Access Unit of the Fire

Department provides pre-development code reviews, hydrant and access plan reviews, research, and environmental impact report reviews to developers, architects and contractors. According to the City Attorney, the Fire Department estimates that in 2011 its personnel spent approximately 2,559 hours for plan review, consultations, and other related services provided to developers and contractors. These services were provided at no charge. The accompanying Ordinance would authorize the collection of fees for these services.

At its meeting held January 11, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the accompanying Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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