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Code Compliance

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 (P)

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
The Code Compliance Department

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Martin G. Rodriguez, Director of Code Compliance Department

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: REVENUE ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2004

DATE: September 18, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance will amend Chapter 16 Article XII of the City Code to increase the Garage Sale Permit Fee from \$4.00 to \$15.00 for each permit sold; increase the number of garage sales per residence per calendar year from two to three and change all reference of Building Inspections and Director of Building Inspections to the Department of Code Compliance and the Director of Code Compliance, respectively. Additionally, incorporate "Editors Note" referencing the violation punishment to Section 309.

In summary, the revenue, garage sale permit process and enforcement will be consolidated in the Department of Code Compliance.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For FY 2004, the Code Compliance Department is proposing to increase the fee for garage sales and increase the number of permitted garage sales per year. An intensified enforcement effort during the past seven weeks has resulted in finding 31% (395 of 1,293 inspections) of the garage sales inspected were operating without a permit. Currently as written in the City Code in Chapter 16, Article XII, Sec. 16-301, the Director of Building Inspections (Development Services) provides garage sale permits. However, the enforcement responsibility lies with the Code Compliance Department. The proposal, if approved, will shift the permit sales accountability, revenues and enforcement to the Code Compliance Department.

The last garage sale permit fee increase occurred seven years ago in 1996. A brief explanation of the revenue item is provided below:

	Current	Proposed
Garage Sale Permit Fee	\$4.00	\$15.00

The current rate of \$4.00 per garage sale permit is proposed to increase to \$15.00 per permit and increase the number of permitted garage sales per year from two to three per calendar year to help recover cost of increased enforcement.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The fee changes proposed in this ordinance follow the past City policy of adjusting license, permit and service fees to offset increased costs of providing the associated City services. The average cost per inspection is \$22.67.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated annual increase in City revenues due to this adjustment is \$481,245.


COORDINATION


The Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department have reviewed the fee changes contained in this ordinance.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS


Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

SIGNATURES


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