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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Public Works

Department Head: Philip Mallon

Presenter, if needed: Philip Mallon

Preferred Meeting Date: Thursday, April 24, 2008

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of Resolution 2008-08 which adjusts annual rate for street lights for residents who live in approved light districts in unincorporated Fayette County.

Background/History/Details:

The Engineering Department administers the County's Street Light Program, which facilitates payment and operation of street lights for participating subdivisions. Lights are installed and maintained by the power companies. The cost to operate the lights is paid by the County, which is reimbursed by the participating property owners via a tax billed on their annual property tax bills.

The current rates for the street light districts do not cover the associated operating costs. Last year, 5,755 parcels were billed for street lights, generating $207,645. The total cost for FY07 was $211,522. Engineering recommends that the fee be increased from an average of $36 per parcel per year to $39 per parcel per year. This fee is based on operating expenses plus a five percent administrative fee to cover the County labor among Engineering, Tax Assessor, and Finance Department staff. The $36 has been in place since the county first allowed street light district in the 1980's.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Board approval of the attached resolution which will increase the annual tax for street lights from $36 per year to $39 per year for residents who are in approved street light districts.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

The Street Light Program is an enterprise fund. No additional sources of funding are required.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? No

If so, when?

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal? Yes

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Thursday, April 24, 2008

- ○ Recognition/ Presentation
- ○ Public Hearing
- ○ Old Business
- ○ New Business
- ◉ Consent
- ○ Report
- ○ Other

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA RELATING TO ADJUSTING STREET LIGHT DISTRICT RATES

WHEREAS, Fayette County, Georgia, has a street light program whereby residents of subdivisions can voluntarily request to be part of a street light district;

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances for Fayette County, Georgia, requires that the rates for a street light district shall be sufficient to cover the expenses and costs associated with the lights for that district;

WHEREAS, the current rates for the street light districts are inadequate to cover the expenses and costs for the districts;

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has reviewed the County's street light district rates and recommended, and the Board of Commissioners has concurred, that the current street light district rates must be adjusted to cover the expenses and costs associated with the lights for the districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Fayette County, Georgia, that said street light district rates be established as provided for herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, that in accordance with section 16-46 of the Fayette County Code of Ordinances, the street light district rates shall be _____ dollars ($____.00) per lot effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IT IS SO RESOLVED this ____ day of April, 2008.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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JACK R. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK