



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Transfer Delinquent Water Utility, Alarm, Code Enforcement, Board Up, Clean Up, Vacant Property Inspection and Housing Inspection Fees to the July 2010 City Tax Roll
The Resolution before you is to approve the transfer of delinquent water utility, alarm, board up, clean up, vacant property inspection and housing inspection fees to the July 2010 tax roll. This is a semi-annual process that provides a mechanism for the City to collect unpaid fees as provided for in Chapters 29, 93, 101 and 105.

Chapter 13, Section 1:292 and Chapter 29, Section 2:72 specify the procedure for placement of these debts on the tax roll. Pursuant to these Chapters, owners of affected properties will be notified by first class mail on May 4, 2010, that the fees, plus a 10% penalty, will be placed on the July 2010 tax roll unless paid by June 5, 2010.

Chapters 13 and 29 were amended in 2009 to make the collections processes for utility and non-utility fees congruent. The amendments also simplified the processes while retaining reasonable notice requirements. In previous years, the delinquent fee resolutions have come before Council primarily from service units and separate from one another. In the future, Treasury will submit consolidated resolutions to Council on behalf of all service units for the summer and winter tax bills.

The amount to be submitted for the July 2010 tax roll is \$204,821.28 (\$225,303.41 with the 10% penalty fee).

Passage of this Resolution will permit the inclusion of these fees on the July 2010 tax roll thereby allowing the City to recover the costs for these services. Passage of this Resolution is recommended.

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Whereas, There were unpaid charges for water utility, alarm, code enforcement, board up, clean up, vacant property inspection, and housing inspection within the City as of December 31, 2009;

Whereas, In accordance with Chapter 13, Section 1:292 and Chapter 29, Section 2:72 of the Ann Arbor City Code, the City shall mail a notice to the owners of affected properties on May 4, 2010, giving the owners 30 days in which to pay without penalty;

Whereas, In accordance with Chapter 13, Section 1:292 and Chapter 29, Section 2:72 of the Ann Arbor City Code, the City may levy a special assessment against their property unless the fees are paid on or before June 5, 2010; and

Whereas, The City Clerk has a list of the unpaid charges on file, a copy of which is attached and

incorporated as "Schedule A";

RESOLVED, That the unpaid charges be levied as special assessments against such owners and premises according to the attached "Schedule A" together with an additional penalty charge of 10% of the total unpaid, as provided for in Chapter 13, Section 1:292 and Chapter 29, Section 2:72 of the Ann Arbor City Code; and

RESOLVED, that the City Assessor place the charges and penalties on the next tax roll of the City, and that such charges and penalties be collected in the same manner as general City taxes.