City Council Report

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To: City Council

Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager
From: Matt Tafoya, Presiding City Magistrate
Paul Thomas, Court Administrator

Subject: Court Construction Fee Increase Recommendation
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to recommend an increase of three dollars ($3.00) to the Court Construction Fee, resulting in a fee amount of $28.50 effective July 1, 2017. The Court Construction Fee helps pay the debt service associated with the construction of the Mesa Municipal Court facility.

Background and Discussion

A Court Construction Fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00) was established by Ordinance 4416 in 2005 for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with the construction, debt service, furniture, fixtures and equipment of a new Mesa Municipal Court facility. The ordinance was revised in November 2006 by Ordinance 4621 increasing the fee to $16.50.

Ordinance 4621 states that “this fee shall be increased July 1, 2008 and every third year thereafter in the amount of three dollars ($3.00), and shall be discontinued upon retirement of debt associated with construction of the new court facility.”

The current fee amount is $25.50, effective July 1, 2014.

Alternatives

The increase is outlined in City ordinance, therefore, any alternatives to implementation of the prescribed $3.00 scheduled increase would require a revision of the existing ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Increasing the Court Construction Fee will ensure compliance with the existing ordinance and continue to reduce the debt service obligation associated with the construction of the Mesa Municipal Court. The fee increase is anticipated to increase revenues by $75,000.

Coordinated With

City Attorney's Office
Office of Management and Budget

Fee Recommendation Schedule

Department: City Court
Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges

Document of Change: Resolution

Description of Services:	**FY 16/17 Fee/Charge**	**Unit**	**FY 17/18 Fee/Charge** (Effective 7/1/17)	**Date Last Revised**	**FY 17/18 Fiscal Impact**	**Notes**
FEES						
Preparation of Transcript	$4.15	per page	No Change	07/01/16		
Court Construction Fee	~~**$25.50**~~	per case	**$28.50**	07/01/14	$ 75,000	Change due to Ordinance 4621
Default Fee	$70.00	per case	No Change	08/01/04		
Court Sustainability Fee	$15.00	per charge	No Change	10/01/13		