



Staff Report

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting of July 10, 2018

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION (REFUSE) CHARGES FOR CONSIDERATION OF
PLACING SAID CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLLS AS
A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THE ASSESSMENT WOULD
AFFECT ONLY THOSE PROPERTIES WITH REFUSE
BILLS DELINQUENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2018**

(Interim City Manager John Jalili)

Recommended Action:

That the City Council:

1. Receive testimony from affected property owners regarding their delinquent refuse bills; and
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing and directing the County Assessor to place delinquent refuse charges for Athens Services, which remain ten (10) days following this hearing, as a special assessment for collection as part of the County tax collection process.

Background:

Pursuant to Section 8.12.36(A)(5) of the Municipal Code, a public hearing is required prior to establishing a special assessment for property owners delinquent in payment of refuse collection fees.

In March 2013, the City entered into an exclusive Integrated Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreement with Athens Services for a term of eight years beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2021. Athens has provided the City with a list of delinquent accounts that are appropriate for placement on the property owner's tax bills.

Analysis:

Attached is a list of properties that have been reported by Athens Services as delinquent in payment of refuse collection fees as of March 31, 2018.

Notices were sent to affected property owners advising them of the opportunity to appear before the Administrative Appeals Board to dispute unpaid charges at a meeting held on June 12, 2018. The attached list was compiled following the hearing of the Administrative Appeals Board. The Administrative Appeals Board recommends that the properties remaining on the list have the

delinquent charges added to their property tax bills as a special assessment.

Notices were sent to the property owners on the attached list advising them of the opportunity to appear before the City Council at the public hearing scheduled for July 10, 2018 to appeal the matter prior to the City proceeding with the special assessment.

The attached resolution directs the County Assessor to place delinquent refuse charges on the property tax bill as a special assessment. Exhibit "A" of the attached resolution will be modified by Athens to delete any delinquent refuse charges which are paid within ten days following this hearing as provided for by Section 8.12.360(A)(6) of the Municipal Code.

To compensate for the administrative costs incurred in the collection of delinquent refuse bills via a special assessment, each delinquent refuse bill shall be increased by fourteen (\$14.00) to compensate the City of Hermosa Beach per the adopted Master Fee Schedule. Each delinquent refuse bill shall also be increased by an amount not to exceed the actual cost incurred by the County of Los Angeles, and charged to the City of Hermosa Beach for placing the delinquent refuse bills on the property tax roll via a special assessment.

Fiscal Implications:

Payments received from the County are passed on to Athens Services minus the \$14.00 city administrative fee for each account. Due to pending review of certain payments, accounts under review have been removed from this year's delinquent list.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Exhibit "A" - List of Delinquent Refuse Accounts for Athens Services
3. Public Notices

Respectfully Submitted by: John Jalili, Interim City Manager

Concur: Kristy Morris, Environmental Analyst

Noted for Fiscal Impact: Viki Copeland, Finance Director

Legal Review: Mike Jenkins, City Attorney