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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to declare ordinance relating to the elimination of certain references to user fees and charges from the Municipal Code read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

The City is endeavoring to create a "master" resolution containing a list of fees and service charges that are imposed by the various Departments of the City. The primary purpose of the "master" list is to make the fees more easily accessible by members of the public.

In the past, some City fees have been established by resolution of the City Council while other fees have been established by ordinance. For the upcoming fiscal year, the Council has been asked to adopt a resolution establishing a partial "master list" of fees for the Departments of Community Development, Financial Management, Fire, Health and Human Services, Parks Recreation and Marine, Planning and Building, Police, and Public Works. It is anticipated that the partial "master list" will be updated before the end of the next fiscal year to include the fees and service charges imposed by all of the Departments of the City.

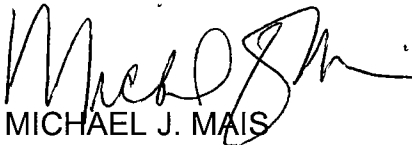
In order to facilitate the adoption of the "master" fee resolution discussed above, it is necessary to remove references to certain fees that are currently set forth and established in the Municipal Code. The attached Ordinance amends various provisions of the Municipal Code that currently establish fees and charges associated with the Departments of Planning and Building, Parks,

Recreation and Marine (Marine Bureau) and Fire. For the most part, the proposed amendments eliminate any reference in the Municipal Code to specific fee and charge amounts and instead indicate that fees will be established "by City Council resolution." This will eliminate any redundancy that will occur if the partial "master" fee resolution is adopted. The proposed Ordinance also makes technical corrections to the existing Municipal Code, to eliminate inappropriate references to state laws no longer in existence, and also re-numbers several existing provisions where references to specific fees have been eliminated.

It should be noted that the attached Ordinance should **only** be adopted if the Council adopts the resolution establishing a "Partial Schedule of Fees and Charges for Specified City Services for the Departments of Community Development, Financial Management, Fire, Health and Human Services, Parks Recreation and Marine, Planning and Building, Police, and Public Works" that is contained elsewhere on the agenda for September 12, 2006. A redlined version of the amendments is attached for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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