



**CITY OF LONG BEACH**  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**C-10**

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September 7, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

SUBJECT: Refund Overpayment of \$9,000 for Utility Services to Utility Customer Geoffrey Garth

DISCUSSION

On May 28, 2004, Geoffrey Garth made a payment of \$9,474 using his bank's electronic payment services for a utility bill of \$94.74. This payment resulted in a balance of \$9,379.26. Mr. Garth has requested that a portion of the overpayment in the amount of \$9,000 be refunded.

City of Long Beach Municipal Code Section 3.48.040 (C), requires that a refund exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be approved by the City Attorney and the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on August 18, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 25, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 7, 2004 to avoid further delay in processing the refund.

FISCAL IMPACT

The overpayment was deposited into the Gas Fund (EF 301); therefore, the refund of \$9,000 will be paid from the Gas Fund. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Gas Fund to make this refund.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the issuance of a refund check in the amount of \$9,000 to Geoffrey Garth.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

  
for  
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CITY MANAGER