

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FILING FEES FOR APPLICATIONS
TO CREATE OR MODIFY A DISTRICT AUTHORIZED UNDER
TITLES 31 AND 32 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.**

WHEREAS, financially sound, well-planned special districts can further the long-term development goals of the city; and

WHEREAS, to assure that special districts will further the policies of the City and will be financially sound, City staff and possibly outside consultants must review documents submitted to create or modify a special district for compliance with City policies. This review results in the expenditure of considerable City resources; and

WHEREAS, because the primary benefits of a special district are for the residents of the district, the expense to the City of reviewing a special district application should not be borne by the City. For this reason, the City Council has determined that the City should collect a fee for each application to create or modify a district authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to exercise its authority as a home rule city to recover the costs of processing applications relating to districts authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the fees specified below are reasonable.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. An applicant seeking to create or modify a district authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes shall file the appropriate application in the Office of the City Clerk. At the time the application is filed, the applicant shall pay a fee as follows:

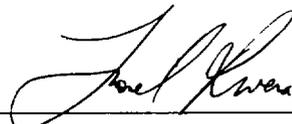
To form a metropolitan district or modify the service plan of the district: \$3,500

To form a business improvement district or modify the operating plan of the district: \$1,000

To form a general improvement district: \$1,000

To form any other district authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes: \$2,000

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 24th day of January 2006.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

INTEROFFICE
MEMORANDUM

10-06



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Date: January 12, 2006

To: Lorne Kramer, City Manager *LKramer*

Through: Steve Reed, Acting Director, Budget Department *SR*

From: Lisa Bigelow, Principal Analyst, Budget Department *LB*

Subject: **A Resolution Establishing Filing Fees for Applications to Create or Modify a District Authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes**

SUMMARY: A resolution is attached establishing filing fees for applications to create or modify a district authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. To assure that special districts will further the policies of the City and will be financially sound, City staff and possibly outside consultants must review documents submitted to create or modify a special district for compliance with City policies. This review results in the expenditure of considerable City resources. The proposed fees will cover the cost of the City staff review.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: The fees were presented as a discussion item at the January 9, 2006, Informal City Council Meeting. No action was required.

BACKGROUND: Special District applications have increased dramatically over the past few years. City staff has spent a considerable amount of time and resources on reviewing the proposals to determine if the proposals are in compliance with existing City policies. These fees are reasonable for processing applications relating to district authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The fees will generate revenue for the General Fund that is necessary to cover the cost of City staff review. The proposed fees are as follows:

Metropolitan District	\$3,500
Business Improvement District	\$1,000
General Improvement District	\$1,000
All Other Districts under Titles 31 and 32	\$2,000

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: N/A

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS: The proposed Special District Policy and Model Service Plans were discussed with interested parties and the fee structure was sent to them.

ALTERNATIVES: (1) City Council may choose to approve the resolution or (2) City Council may choose not to approve the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the resolution establishing the filing fees for applications to create or modify a district authorized under Titles 31 and 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move approval of this resolution.

Attachment: Resolution

- c: Special District Review Committee
 - Kathryn Young, City Clerk
 - Ron Mitchell, Public Works Director
 - Pat McDivitt, Senior Attorney
 - Ira Joseph, Comprehensive Planning Division Manager
 - Vicki Phillips, Accounting/Payroll Manager, Finance
 - Shelli Morgan, Sales and Use Tax Manager, Finance
 - Sarah Keith, Landscape Architect I, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
 - Leslie Hickey, Senior Analyst, Budget Department
 - Brent Schubloom, Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities System Extensions Unit
 - Ann Nichols, Consultant