



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2024 CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: RATIFYING THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE ACCESS LINE RATE PURSUANT TO PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE 3.39.050 APPROVED BY VOTERS BY MEASURE "G"

FROM: Scott C. Stiles, City Manager

BY: Department of Finance and Treasury

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Palm Springs Municipal Code §3.39.050 approved by voters on November 3, 2009 by Measure "G" imposing an Access Line Tax, formerly known as Emergency Response Fee, to fund improvements to and operation of the City's 911 communication system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. _____ "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE ACCESS LINE RATE PURSUANT TO PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE §3.39.050 APPROVED BY VOTERS BY MEASURE "G".

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Palm Springs Municipal Code §3.39.050, the voters approved an annual adjustment in accordance with the increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Such annual adjustments as of December 31st of each year, beginning with December 31, 2010. The voter approved adjusted Access Line Tax pursuant to Section 1 of this Resolution shall be effective pursuant to §799(a)(5) of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, collecting of this adjusted tax by no later than May 1, 2024. The CPI adjustment this year is 4.7%.

The new amount of the Access Line tax pursuant to Palm Springs Municipal Code §3.39.050 shall be adjusted as follows:

Access Line from \$1.62 per month per access line to \$1.70.
Trunk Line from \$12.27 per month per trunk line to \$12.85.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING:

This item aligns with the City Council identified major theme/principle of Forward-Thinking Governance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total amount of the annual adjustment for all telecommunication users for a one-year period is approximately \$49,000.

REVIEWED BY:

Director of Finance	Kristopher J. Mooney
City Manager:	

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution.

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE ACCESS LINE RATE PURSUANT TO PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE §3.39.050 APPROVED BY THE VOTERS BY MEASURE "G".

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY FIND AS FOLLOWS:

A. At the November 9, 2009 Regular Municipal Election, the voters passed Measure "G" imposing an Access Line Tax.

B. Pursuant to Palm Springs Municipal Code §3.39.050, the voters approved an annual adjustment in accordance with the increase of the Consumer Price Index. Such annual adjustment is to commence after December 31, 2010.

C. The Consumer Price Index: All Urban Consumers for the Riverside – San Bernadino – Ontario Area for All Items as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics is 4.7% for the period of January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

D. Based on the CPI the annual adjustment is as follows: eight (8) cents per month per access line, and fifty-eight (58) cents per month per trunk line.

E. The estimated total amount of the annual adjustment for all telecommunication users for a one-year period is approximately \$49,000.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The new amount of the Access Line Tax pursuant to Palm Springs Municipal Code §3.39.050 shall be adjusted as follows:

Access Line \$1.70 per month per access line.

Trunk Line \$12.85 per month per trunk line.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to amend the Access Line Tax pursuant to voter approved Measure "G" and Palm Springs Municipal Code §3.39.050.

SECTION 3. The Director of Finance is hereby directed and authorized to provide written notice to service providers pursuant to §799(a)(5) of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California.

SECTION 4. The voter approved adjusted Access Line Tax pursuant to Section 1 of this Resolution shall be effective pursuant to §799(a)(5) of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, but not later than May 1, 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

SCOTT C. STILES
CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

BRENDA PREE
CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, BRENDA PREE, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on the 9th day of February, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

BRENDA PREE
CITY CLERK