

PUBLIC HEARING

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

Subject: Finance – Adopt a RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the County Assessor to include delinquent solid waste collection fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Finance Director that Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing and directing the Los Angeles County Assessor to place delinquent solid waste collection fees on the County Assessor's roll.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On April 12, 2011, your Honorable Body approved an ordinance adding a new section to Chapter 3 of the Torrance Municipal Code Section (43.2.14) relating to collection of delinquent solid waste collection fees. The new Ordinance 3745 authorized staff to place on the Los Angeles County Assessor's Roll any delinquent solid waste accounts who are seriously (over 90 days) in arrears.

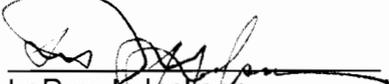
Attachment A (material available Tuesday) lists the total number of delinquent accounts that will be forwarded to the County Assessor. The total number of accounts being submitted is 141 with a value of approximately \$48,000. All owners of the properties have been properly notified by direct mail. If any customer makes a payment in full on the account before it is submitted to the County then that account will be removed.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric E. Tsao
Finance Director

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments:

- A. List of delinquent rubbish accounts (Material available Tuesday. Limited distribution.)
- B. RESOLUTION

MATERIAL AVAILABLE TUESDAY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY
ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION FEES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE
COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME
MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, Section 38790.1 of the California Government Code authorizes cities to collect delinquent solid waste collection fees via a special assessment to be collected with county taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance and its contractor Global Water Management, LLC have made numerous attempts to collect the delinquent solid waste collection fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 25831 and 38790.1 of the California Government Code, notice was provided to all delinquent account holders of a public hearing to consider the list of proposed special assessments; and

WHEREAS, the duly-noticed public hearing was held on June 21, 2011 and closed with all comments received.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1. The list of properties and the amounts to be collected, attached as Attachment "A", shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Assessor for posting on the tax bill as a special assessment. Attachment "A" may be modified by the Finance Director to delete those parcels where delinquent bills are paid prior to the City Council hearing.

SECTION 2: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2011.

Frank Scotto, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

By: _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk