



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 3/5/2013

Report Type: Consent

Title: Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Entry Level Law Enforcement Test (PELLET) Fee

Report ID: 2013-00203

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to: 1) establish a PELLET fee, as set forth in Exhibit A; and 2) adjust the appropriate operating revenue and expenditure budgets to reflect the establishment of the PELLET fee.

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Presenter: N/A

Department: Police

Division: Training

Dept ID: 11001371

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

3-Exhibit A

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
David Womack
2/26/2013 3:55:26 PM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
2/19/2013 9:19:25 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Sam Somer - 2/25/2013 10:12:14 AM

Description/Analysis:

Issue: The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) requires completion of a basic reading and writing comprehension test to enter the Police Academy. This test is issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and is referred to as the POST Entry Level Law Enforcement Test or PELLET. POST does not administer the test, but does produce the test for agencies to administer. The SPD spends significant resources administering this test and recommends that the City Council approve the implementation of a \$10.00 fee to recover the reasonable costs to provide the service.

Policy Considerations: The recommendations in this report are consistent with California Constitution, Article 11, Section 7 and Proposition 26, Exception (e)(2), which authorize the City to charge reasonable fees for services and enforce regulations not in conflict with the general laws.

Economic Impact: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by CEQA [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The SPD is currently the only agency in the region that administers the PELLET. The PELLET is a requirement for entry into the Sacramento Police Academy and has the added benefit of exposing potential recruits to the opportunities that exist within the SPD.

To recover the costs associated with the administration of the PELLET, the SPD recommends the implementation of a \$10.00 fee for recruits who request to take the test. This fee is consistent with comparable jurisdictions and does not exceed the reasonable cost to provide the service.

Financial Considerations: The implementation of the PELLET fee is estimated to offset the cost of providing the service by \$3,750. The SPD is recommending approval to adjust Fiscal Year 2012/13 operating expense and revenue budgets to reflect the actual receipts from administering the test.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) ENTRY LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT TEST (PELLET) FEE

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) requires completion of a basic reading and writing comprehension test to enter the Police Academy. This test is issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and is referred to as the POST Entry Level Law Enforcement Test or PELLET. POST does not administer the test, but does produce the test for agencies to administer.
- B. The SPD spends significant resources administering this test and recommends that the City Council approve the implementation of a \$10.00 fee to recover the reasonable costs to provide the service.
- C. The implementation of a \$10.00 PELLET fee is consistent with California Constitution, Article 11, Section 7 and Proposition 26, Exception (e)(2), which authorizes the City to charge reasonable fees for services and enforce regulations not in conflict with the general laws.
- D. The implementation of the PELLET fee is estimated to offset the cost of providing the service by \$3,750. The SPD is recommending approval to adjust Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 operating expense and revenue budgets to reflect the actual receipts from implementing the fee.
- E. The proposed fee is detailed in Exhibit A.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Establish a \$10 PELLET fee as set forth in Exhibit A of this Resolution.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to adjust the appropriate FY2012/13 operating expense and revenue budgets to reflect the actual receipts from implementing the fee.

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Exhibit A - Fees for PELLET Exam

Exhibit A

Fee Name: Peace Officers Training and Standards (POST) Entry Level Law Enforcement Test (PELLET) Fee

Current Fee: None

Proposed Fee: \$10

Justification: The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) requires completion of a basic reading and writing comprehension test to enter the Police Academy. This test is issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and is referred to as the POST Entry Level Law Enforcement Test or PELLET. POST does not administer the test, but does produce the test for agencies to administer.

The SPD is currently the only agency in the region that administers the PELLET. The PELLET is required for entry into the Sacramento Police Academy and has the added benefit of exposing potential recruits to the opportunities that exist within the SPD.

This fee will be charged to those requesting to take the PELLET and is necessary to recover the costs associated with administering the test. This fee is consistent with comparable jurisdictions and does not exceed the reasonable cost to provide the service.

Proposition 26: This fee is not a tax under Proposition 26, as it falls under Exception 2, a fee for government services. The proposed fee will cover the department's actual cost of administering the test.