

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-066**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 5, 2013

### **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

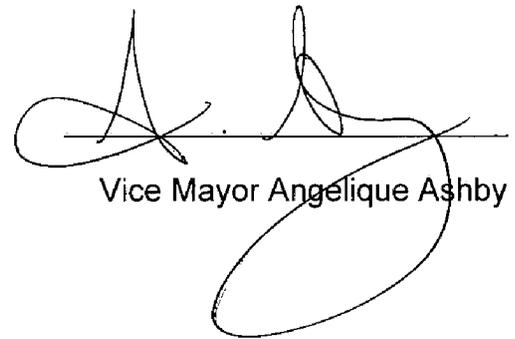
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on March 5, 2013 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, D Fong, Hansen, McCarty, Pannell, Warren, and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Members Cohn and Schenirer



Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

## 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.