

**CITY OF OVERLAND PARK****PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES****INTRACITY COMMUNICATION**

August 2, 2010

TO: The Governing Body

FROM: Kim Hendershot, SCC

RE: 2010 Assessment Ordinance No. MW-2879

The 2010 Assessment Ordinance No. MW-2829 levies special assessments to recover actual costs, administrative fees, and failed inspection fees incurred by the City for private property abatement actions such as cutting weeds and noxious vegetation, removing trash and refuse and resolving nuisance and immediate hazard violations on certain parcels of land/properties within the City of Overland Park, Kansas.

As a result of property owners failing to correct violations of City ordinances, Community Planning and Services code compliance staff issued 498 work orders between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. Of those 498 work orders issued, 261 work orders totaling \$76,998.22 remain unpaid and are scheduled to be assessed. Out of the 261 unpaid work orders waiting assessment, 130 work orders totaling \$47,318.22 were issued for budgeted abatement costs, at an average cost of approximately \$364.00 per work order and 131 work orders totaling \$29,680.00 were charged as cost recovery revenue for failed inspection fees, at an average cost of approximately \$228.00 per work order.

The 2010 total number of assessed abatement work orders is a decrease over the same time period in 2009 when 181 abatement work orders were assessed to the County, totaling \$72,804.68, at an average cost of \$402.00 per work order. The decrease in number of work orders being assessed (181 budgeted abatements in 2009 vs. 130 budgeted abatements in 2010) and the decrease in average cost per work order may be attributed to the implementation of the Failed Inspection Fee program in August 2009.

The table below shows the work order assessment history from 2005 through 2010:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Work Order Assessment including Administrative Fee</b>	<b>Percent Change from Previous Year</b>	<b>Total Assessment for Failed Inspection Fee</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
2005	\$22,914.27			
2006	\$44,792.12	+95%		
2007	\$43,481.95	-3%		
2008	\$48,330.42	+11%		
2009	\$72,804.68	+51%		
2010	\$47,318.22	-35 %	\$29,680.00	First year

Staff recommends approval of 2010 Assessment Ordinance MW-2879, as presented.

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