



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 08, 2011

Council Session

Item G15

#2011-334 - Approving Amending the 2011/2012 Fee Schedule

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven Lamken, Police Chief
Meeting: November 8, 2011
Subject: Amending of 2011/2012 Fee Schedule
Item #'s: G-15
Presenter(s): Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Background

The Police Department recommended that the fee for processing an application and issuing a permit to purchase a handgun be raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00 to better reflect the costs of issuing the permits. State Statute restricts the amount that we can collect for the permit process to \$5.00. We recommend amending the 2011/2012 fee schedule to return the permit fee to \$5.00.

Discussion

The Police Department recommended that the fee for processing an application and issuing a permit to purchase a handgun be raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00 based upon the costs of issuing the permits. A Police Officer is required to conduct a background check on a permit applicant before a permit can be issued. The amount of work required can vary from ten minutes to well over 30 minutes if the applicant has lived in multiple jurisdictions or had prior arrests. The City Council adopted the new fee of \$10.00 in the 2011/2012 City Fee Schedule.

We have since become aware that the fees that can be collected for processing and issuing permits to purchase a handgun are set in State Statute at \$5.00. State Statute 69-2404 sets forth a fee of \$5.00. We cannot charge more regardless of the cost of performing the service. The Police Department recommends that the Fee Schedule be amended to \$5.00 for the cost of processing and issuing a permit to purchase a handgun.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council amend the 2011/2012 City Fee Schedule to reflect a fee of \$5.00 for processing and issuing a permit to purchase a handgun.

Sample Motion

Move to amend the 2011/2012 City Fee Schedule to have a fee of \$5.00 for services to process and issue a permit to purchase a handgun.

RESOLUTION 2011-334

WHEREAS, the 2011/2012 City Fee Schedule has a fee of ten dollars, \$10.00 for processing the application and issuing a permit to purchase a handgun; and

WHEREAS, State Statute 69-2404 sets forth a fee of \$5.00 for obtaining a permit to purchase a handgun; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

That the 2011/2012 City Fee Schedule be amended to have a fee of five dollars, \$5.00 for processing the application and issuing a permit to purchase a handgun.

- - -

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 8, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 2, 2011	☐ City Attorney