



CITY OF DUNWOODY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Chris Pike, Finance Director
Date: November 16, 2009
Subject: Discussion of Escort Services License Fees Resolution

ITEM DESCRIPTION

To discuss a resolution adopting license fees for Dunwoody escort services operations

BACKGROUND

City of Dunwoody has adopted the Business Occupation Tax, Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, Chapter 15 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances, which provides, in Article 7, for the licensing of the operation of an escort services business in the City.

ISSUES

Since the adoption of Chapter 15, Council has not previously passed a fee schedule; nor has any escort services operator inquired or applied for a license. Staff completed a study of area rates charged in Sandy Spring, DeKalb County, Johns Creek and Roswell. Staff determined the rates charged by each area are fairly consistent. The resolution provided for consideration reflects the rates charged by neighboring jurisdictions with the exception that our resolution provides for the background investigation to be completed each year.

NOTE: This is a license fee and in addition to the occupation tax.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may adopt a similar resolution with an alternative rate schedule.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Advise staff and provide feedback related to the escort services fee resolution.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING APPROPRIATE LICENSE FEES
FOR OPERATION OF ESCORT SERVICES IN THE CITY OF DUNWOODY**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody has adopted the Business Occupation Tax, Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, Chapter 15 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances, which provides, in Article 7, for the licensing and operation of Escort Services in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter as well as Chapter 15 authorizes the City of Dunwoody to assess license fees for each business the City is authorized to regulate, such as Escort Services, pursuant to state law; and

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 8 of Chapter 15 provides for the assessment of license and background investigation fees for each applicant applying for Escort Services business license in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City investigated surrounding jurisdictions as to the appropriate fee for Escort Services license and background investigation fees and the fees as assessed below are reasonably related to the regulatory and administrative costs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City deem it necessary to regulate the Escort Services in the City and to provide for fees as designated below for its operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council for the City of Dunwoody, while in session on November 23, 2009, as follows:

Escort License Fee: \$250 per annum.

Background investigation fee: \$ 50 per annum.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 23rd day of November, 2009.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
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