

CITY OF DELANO

# REQUEST FOR ACTION

**Department Head**

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**City Council Date**

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**Agenda Item**

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Consider RESOLUTION approving Assessment Policy

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve RESOLUTION adopting Special Assessment Policy

**BACKGROUND**

As Delano continues to mature as a community, maintaining public infrastructure will be a major task for the City. Replacing the aging streets, watermains, and storm and sanitary sewer will become critical in the coming years. City staff has a working document, the Pavement Management Plan, which guides maintenance and replacement of these critical elements to the City in a planned, fiscally responsible manner.

The Assessment Policy is a financial mechanism the City can use to address the demands of the Pavement Management Plan in Delano. The policy outlines a shared responsibility in street replacement as it becomes necessary around the community. More specifically, each property that benefits from a street replacement would be responsible for funding a portion of the improvement. This will allow the City, as a whole, a greater financial position than simply levying the total cost of the improvements.

This is a new policy for the City. Prior projects were funded by the General Levy or through the Capital Improvement Plan. The adoption of the policy does increase the burden on individual property owners affected by projects, but also offers a more equitable distribution of responsibility when considering the community at large.

Staff recommends the adoption of the attached RESOLUTION.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Assessment Policy
- RESOLUTION Approving the Assessment Policy