



AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2008
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ITEM DESCRIPTION: DIR-28775 - WATER FEATURE EXEMPTION -
APPLICANT/OWNER: VEGAS SENIOR HOUSING - PUEBLOS LLC

**** CONDITIONS ****

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVAL**, subject to:

Planning and Development

1. The applicant shall pay a fee to the City of Las Vegas through the Planning and Development Department of \$2,740 to operate the water feature through 12/31/09. This fee shall be paid within 30 days of the approval of this application. For subsequent years in which Drought Watch or Drought Alert has been declared an annual renewal fee of \$250.00 shall be paid to the to the City of Las Vegas through the Planning and Development Department.
2. The applicant shall post and maintain a sign located at the water feature indicating that an exemption has been received allowing its operation.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request for a Water Feature Exemption to allow the operation of two recirculating ponds totaling 274 square-feet of surface area located internally to the site near the front entrance of an existing Senior Apartment complex. The subject site is located on 10.3 acres at 8600 Scholar Lane.

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting to activate two water features with a total surface area of 274 square-feet near the entrance to their senior apartment complex. Under current drought conditions a maximum of 25 square-feet is permitted without receiving an exemption. The combined surface area of the two water features exceeds the maximum permissible area by 249 square-feet.

Per Title 14.11.190 an initial fee of \$10 per square-foot of surface area shall be applied to the subject water feature. The initial fee shall be paid within 30 days of approval of this application. Additionally, an annual renewal fee of \$250 shall be applied. Per Title 14.11.190 an annual renewal fee is due in years when either a Drought Watch or Drought Alert has been declared. For applications approved in the last six months of the calendar year, the annual renewal fee shall be due at the beginning of the second succeeding calendar year. In this case that due date is January 1st, 2010, if Drought Watch or Drought Alert is declared.

It is also noted that in order to inform the public that an exemption has been received for the subject Water Feature, the applicant shall post a sign adjacent to the subject Water Feature as such.

FINDINGS

The activation of the 274 square-foot Water Feature will not place an undue hardship on the Southern Nevada Water Authority or the City of Las Vegas. The applicant shall be in compliance with Title 14 regarding Water Features. Approval of this request is recommended.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED

N/A

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

N/A

SENATE DISTRICT

N/A

<u>NOTICES MAILED</u>	N/A
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