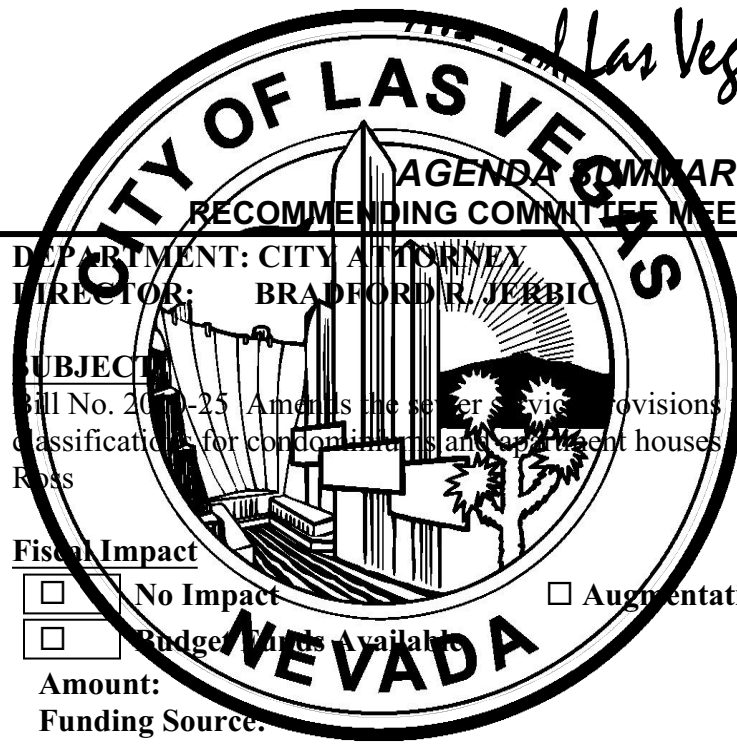




Agenda Item No.: 4.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT: Bill No. 2010-25 Amends the sewer service provisions to adjust the equivalent residential unit classification for condominiums and apartment houses. Sponsored by: Councilman Steven D. Ross

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will amend the sewer service provisions to adjust the equivalent residential unit (ERU) classifications for condominiums and apartment houses. Sewer rates for any occupancy are based on the ERU established for that use. Currently, condominium units carry an ERU classification of 1.00, while units within apartment houses have a .70 ERU classification. This bill proposes to equalize the two occupancies at an ERU classification of .80. It is believed that the historical distinctions between the occupancies have largely disappeared and that this adjustment will be more equitable.

RECOMMENDATION:

ADOPTION at 7/21/2010 City Council meeting pursuant to the 7/6/2010 Recommending Committee.

First Reading 6/16/2010; First Publication 7/9/2010

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2010-25
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: JULY 6, 2010

MARK VINCENT, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the issue concerning condominiums that have yet to sell and are operating as apartments without going through conversion. This issue has magnified since there is an existing disparity with the equivalent residential unit (ERU) rates, even though condominium and apartment units have the same amenities and floor space. This proposed bill would reduce the ERU rate for a condominium from 1 to .8 and increase the ERU rate for an apartment from .7 to .8.

A business impact statement was done, and MR. VINCENT thanked CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED for his assistance. Out of the 1,900 notices sent to apartment complexes, staff received 14 responses which were not favorable; residents were most concerned with increased sewer rates and rents. MR. VINCENT pointed out that COUNCILMAN ROSS, who sponsored this bill, wanted to keep in mind the goal of developing a balanced rate with a neutral revenue impact.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declined the Public Hearing of this item.

