



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Natural Gas Franchise Fee Engagement Strategy

MEETING DATE:

November 24, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Public Works

AGENDA SECTION:

Presentation Items

PRESENTER:

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Report Narrative:

At the September 3, 2025, Council Study Session, staff presented the concept of a natural gas franchise fee as a means to advance the City's Responsible Environmental Stewardship goals. While some concerns were raised, Council expressed general support for continued exploration through additional research and community engagement.

In this study session, staff will outline the Natural Gas Franchise Fee Engagement Strategy and timeline. As the detailed plan is still being finalized, the presentation will focus on the overarching strategy guiding outreach and dialogue with residents, businesses, and stakeholders.

The strategy emphasizes ensuring community perspectives are incorporated into decision-making, providing clear and accessible information on a natural gas franchise fee and its potential impacts, and aligning the effort with the City's responsible environmental stewardship goals.

The September 3, 2025, presentation is included as a refresher.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Fiscal Responsibility & Sustainability

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Attachments:

[Presentation - Franchise Fees Engagement Strategy](#)

[September 3 2025 Budget Session Natural Gas Franchise Fee Presentation](#)