

# CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



## COUNCIL PROPOSAL

<b>Date:</b> 1-8-2013	<b>File Number:</b> 292	<b>Subject: Waiver of Permitting and Encroachment Fees for Installation of Bike Sharing Stations for the non-profit organization known as Fort Worth Bike Sharing</b>	
<b>Proposed By:</b> Joel Burns		<b>City Manager's Review:</b> <i>M. Higgins</i>	<b>Page:</b> PAGE 1 OF 2
		<b>City Attorney's Review:</b> <i>Sarah J. Pullevide</i>	

It is proposed that:

1. The City Council authorize a waiver of all development fees related to the non-profit organization known as Fort Worth Bike Sharing in connection with the installation of bike sharing stations.
2. The fee waiver shall include all current and future Fort Worth Bike Sharing stations.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Fort Worth Bike Sharing was created by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in an effort to establish an organization to own and operate a bike sharing program for Fort Worth. Fort Worth Bike Sharing is a self-sustaining, board-governed, 501(c)3 non-profit agency, separate from any local government or municipality. Bike sharing stations are planned in downtown, the Cultural District, the Near Southside and at Texas Christian University. The project is funded through grants and business contributions.

Fort Worth is the fastest growing city in the United States with a population over 500,000 and has grown 38.6% in the last ten years. Fort Worth hosts roughly 5.5 million tourists annually and 810,000 hotel rooms are booked each year. The Environmental Protection Agency recently reclassified Dallas-Fort Worth from a Moderate to a Serious Non-Attainment Area and the Metroplex is ranked as the fifth most congested metropolitan area in the United States. Half of urban trips are less than three miles. Bike sharing links cultural attractions, employers, restaurants, retail, transit, hospitals, and schools, and a healthy, car-free mode of transportation to get there. The City expects to enter into an agreement with Fort Worth Bike Sharing governing the terms of installation and maintenance. Based on the above, the waiver of fees is appropriate and serves a public service.

The City agrees to waive the following fees in connection with the permitting and installation of stations: 1. building permit fees (including fees for review and inspection) in the amount of \$800; 2. street use and parkway permit fees (including fees for review and inspection) in the amount of \$2,250; 3. encroachment fees in the amount of \$8,250; and 4. pedestrian access easement fees in the amount of \$800. The total amount of these fees is approximately \$12,100.

### **LEGALITY:**

The Law Department finds that this proposal is legal and within the authority of the City Council.

### **FISCAL NOTE:**

The Finance Director certifies that this action will have no material effect on City funds

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The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

PROPOSED BY:

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Councilmember

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