



EPC Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Date of EPC Meeting: June 16, 2010; 2:00 p.m. Time Certain

Subject: Public Hearing to amend Chapter 1-6 (Services – Fee Schedule) to adjust the current fees collected by the EPC and to establish additional compliance fees.

Consent Agenda _____ **Regular Agenda** _____ **Public Hearing** **X**

Division: Finance and Administration

Recommendation: Approve proposed amendments to the Chapter 1-6 (Services – Fee Schedule).

Brief Summary: Pursuant to the EPC Act, the Commission must hold a noticed public hearing to approve a rule or rule amendment. The EPC staff requests that the Commission adopt the proposed Consumer Price Index inflation adjustment for existing fees and establish additional compliance fees for the Services – Fee Schedule Rule Chapter 1-6.

Financial Impact: It is estimated that approximately \$266,000 will be collected from the overall inflation adjustment and another \$220,000 from the proposed compliance fee updates for a total of \$486,000. We propose that these additional revenues be used to partially offset proposed FY 2011 budget reductions.

Background:

Pursuant to the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Act (EPC Act) Section 5.2, the Commission must hold a noticed public hearing to approve a rule or rule amendment. The EPC staff requests that the Commission amend the Services – Fee Schedule Rule Chapter 1-6 to ensure appropriate cost recovery for certain EPC programs.

In the May 2010 Commission meeting, the Commission voted to set a public hearing on June 16, 2010 to consider amendments to the EPC Fee Schedule Rule Chapter 1-6, including inflation fee adjustments and new compliance fees to be adopted in time to be considered during the FY 2011 budget cycle.

During the last year, EPC staff has evaluated our fee schedule with the idea of proposing fair and reasonable fee adjustments. EPC staff is recommending an overall 20% inflation adjustment to existing fees to comply with County Policy 03.02.02.09 as well as establishing additional compliance fees. The Commission's last major fee schedule adjustment was in 2003. This public hearing was properly noticed on June 3, 2010.

List of Attachments:

Draft Chapter 1-6 Services – Fee Schedule Rule