

Item: 15-33
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ISSUE:

An amendment to City Ordinance 1-2-108, which would allow the West Valley City Police Department to add fees for services provided in processing U Visa requests and requests for body worn camera recordings.

SYNOPSIS:

Ordinance 1-2-108 currently allows the West Valley City Police Department to collect fees for providing copies of accident and police reports, fingerprinting, criminal checks on Visa's, work cards and BCI/Criminal History Reports. It is necessary to amend the ordinance in order to add fees to cover the costs of the services provided in processing U Visa requests and requests for body worn camera footage. We are recommending a fee of \$15.00 for each U Visa application processed and a fee of \$25.00 for providing requested body worn camera recordings. Fees for these services are currently not covered in the ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

The West Valley City Police Department charges nominal fees for certain services that it provides to individuals in order to cover the costs of providing those services. The Department has recently implemented the use of body worn cameras. With the implementation has come many requests for the recordings captured by those cameras. Those recordings must be reviewed for content and sometimes edited to ensure privacy rights, prior to being released. The Department also receives many requests to review U-Visa applications. A U-Visa is an immigration benefit that can be sought by victims of certain crimes who are currently assisting or have previously assisted law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of a crime, or who are likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecutions of criminal activity. These applications are time consuming to investigate and process. The additional revenue brought into the city by these new fees is estimated to be \$9500.00 a year.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council approve this amendment to City Ordinance 1-2-108.

SUBMITTED:

Lee W. Russo, Chief of Police