



RESOLUTION NO. 1122
ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE STREET IMPROVEMENT FUNDING STRATEGY
AND AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE TO INCREASE THE STREET FEE

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the critical importance of well-maintained streets for public safety, economic development, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City's street infrastructure requires consistent investment and improvement to address current needs and prepare for future growth; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that current funding for streets improvements has come from the State Gas tax, local gas tax, ODOT STP grant and street fee, however the funding level provided withing the current funding is insufficient to adequately maintain streets at their current levels, let alone to see improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the cost to make significant improvement to the streets using street fee increases alone would place an unacceptable burden on the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that a multi-pronged approach to increasing street fund revenues is necessary including available federal, state, and local grants, increasing street fees, allotting a portion of franchise fees to the Street fund, and potentially developing an urban renewal area that could provide some funding for comprehensive improvements in infrastructure, including streets, in designated areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that even with additional funding for street improvements, prioritization of which streets to improve will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the prioritization in the Municipal Code provides a foundation, but additional nuance is needed to best represent the community need and community input received.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF STAYTON RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Street Funding Strategy:

A. Street Fee Increase:

The City Council hereby authorizes an amendment to the Fee Schedule, increasing the street fee to a rate of \$10 per month for single family resident and the same percentage increase for all other categories, effective January 1, 2025. These funds shall be dedicated solely to street maintenance, repair, and improvement projects.

B. Franchise Fee Allocation:

The City Council directs staff to budget at least 15% of the total franchise fees collected annually to be allocated to the Street Fund or projects necessary to support planned street improvement projects. Staff shall prepare an additional 15% of the total franchise fees collected for a cuts package for consideration as part of the budget process.

C. Urban Renewal Plan Development:

The City Council directs the City staff to proceed with developing an Urban Renewal Plan that prioritizes infrastructure improvements, including street upgrades, in targeted areas of the City.

D. Grant Funding for Street Improvements:

The City Council directs City staff to actively seek out and apply for federal, state, and other grants for street improvement projects. Staff is encouraged to pursue collaborative efforts with other public and private entities to maximize grant opportunities and secure additional funding wherever feasible.

SECTION 2. Street improvement Prioritization: Utilizing the information from the GRI street assessment dated April 2024, or its update, the following table shall guide how street improvements are prioritized utilizing local street funds such as local and state gas tax, and street fee. However, it is understood that grant funds obtained for specific streets may result in lower priority streets being improved prior to higher priority streets.

Priority			
1	Arterials and collector	At risk from Good to Poor	Residential area
2	Arterials and collector Local	Status Poor or Very Poor At risk from Good to Poor	Residential area
3	Local	Poor	
4	Local	Very Poor	

SECTION 3. Development of a Capital Projects Advisory Committee: Staff is charged with developing a framework for a Capital Projects Advisory Committee charged with assisting staff and Council in selecting projects for funding based on technical data regarding the street condition and underlying infrastructure, available funding, and street improvement prioritization.

SECTION 4. Implementation and Reporting:

- A. City staff shall develop a timeline and action plan for the implementation of the above initiatives and provide quarterly updates to the City Council on the progress.
- B. City staff shall plan for a review of the fees within 2 years of the date of this resolution to determine if modifications are needed to the funding strategy.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the Stayton City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

CITY OF STAYTON

Signed: 11/20, 2024

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Stephen Sims, Council President

Signed: 11/20, 2024

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Julia Hajduk, City Manager