

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #21-328

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REBATE (FORMERLY REBATE OF LESSOR OF ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR ANNUAL FRANCHISE FEE)

WHEREAS, Per Section 1(n) of the Franchise Fee Ordinances that were adopted on July 28, 2020: *Rebate Program*. The City will rebate the lesser annual amount paid for franchise fees versus special assessments (those assessed beginning year 2015) over the remaining term of the special assessments, regardless if the assessment was pre-paid or is currently being paid through property taxes. Rebates will be in the form of a check to qualifying property addresses who have submitted an annual rebate application form. This rebate program applies strictly to qualifying property addresses during the effective term of their current assessment or this Ordinance, whichever expires first. If a qualifying property is sold during the effective term of their current assessment, the rebate program is no longer eligible for that respective property.

WHEREAS, The City of Ramsey terminated the franchise fee effective December 31, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, Eligible properties as outlined in Section 1(n) of the Franchise Fee Ordinance will receive the lessor of the annual special assessment or franchise fees paid for year ending December 31, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, Beginning with year ending in 2022, the rebate program will continue on those qualifying properties currently special assessed, and;

WHEREAS, A qualified property is a property that has not changed ownership since the date of the original assessment, and;

WHEREAS, Beginning with year ending in 2022, a qualifying property may apply for a rebate of the lessor of:

Annual assessment

Or

25% of annual assessment – if Annual Assessment exceeded the annual Franchise Fee paid in 2021.

EXAMPLE:

Qualifying Property Annual Assessment:	\$ 663.64
Qualifying Property Annual Franchise Fee in 2021:	\$ 168.00

Eligible amount to be rebated: \$165.91 (25% of annual assessment)

and;

WHEREAS, A rebate application form will be mailed to qualifying properties in January of the following eligible year, and;

WHEREAS, Qualified properties must submit an annual rebate application form to the City, and;

WHEREAS, Qualified property owners are eligible for the rebate over the term of the original assessment payment period (Ex: 2015 projects assessment term is through 2025) or the City Council opts to cancel the rebate program, whichever is earlier.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 23rd day of November, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk