



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

Item: Resolution No. 9782 Re-Establishing Insurance and Bond Requirements
Required By Contractors

From: Engineering Division

Initiated By: Public Works and Fiscal Services Departments

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution No. 9782

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission Adopt Resolution No. 9782, repealing Resolution 9295.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation:

It is staff’s recommendation to Adopt Resolution No. 9782, repealing Resolution No. 9295.

Background:

Research has been done on the various licenses and the type of work associated with these licenses. The limits were re-established for individual licenses in the Community Development Department in March of 2003. The City Commission adopted Resolution 9295, repealing Resolution 9160 on March 4, 2003 setting the new limits.

The fees and the limits will remain the same. However, on Street Openings and Sidewalk removal/replacement bonds will be increased from a one year to a two year bond. Any Drain Laying that is combined with street openings and sidewalk removal/replacement will also be increased to a two year bond.

Staff concludes that there are no significant impacts associated with the additional year requirement for the bond. The majority of contractors already have a two year bond or a bond that has no expiration date.

The purpose of the increase in the bond limit is to help ensure that Street Openings, Drain Laying and Sidewalk Removal/Replacement are done correctly. In the past, street openings or sidewalks have sometimes failed after the one year time frame has elapsed, but within the two year proposed time frame. This action will allow the

City to ensure these projects are done satisfactorily and ensure the safety of the public. It also provides the City with a tool to initiate actions which will result in a project correction, without any additional cost to the City.

Concurrences:

Other departments including Engineering and the Street Department have been consulted regarding the updated requirement. All have reacted favorably.

Fiscal Impact:

By updating these requirements the City will be able to assure that projects are finished correctly and if not, have a recourse to fall back on for repair.

Alternatives:

If there are justifiable reasons to do so, the City Commission could deny the requested action and keep the one year bond in place.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Resolution No. 9782
Exhibit A – Licensing Recap