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## Staff Report

ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Judy Holwell, Project Manager**  
**Date: June 27, 2012**  
**Subject: Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) payment  
of one-half of C Street Parking Lot Fence Replacement**

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### Discussion

The fence located between the house at 334 C Street and the Downtown C Street parking lot is in need of replacement. Maintenance costs in Downtown are typically paid out of the Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) account. Since the C Street parking lot is for the benefit of the Downtown businesses, the cost to keep it maintained should be paid out of the PBIA account.

As you can see in the attached photos, the public side of the fence looks fine. However, the inside of the fence tells a different story. You can see that the owner of the home has repaired the fence many times, but it appears the useful life of the fence has run its course. In residential areas, the neighborly thing to do when a fence requires replacement is to split the cost. In this case, the owner of the house has agreed to pay one-half and is requesting that the City pay one-half, up to \$1,000.

The funds in the PBIA account are derived from the doubling of the business license fee charged annually to the businesses located in Downtown and it is the doubled portion of the fee that the Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee (DMA) Members are given latitude to advise Council on expenditures desired in Downtown. The other half of the fee is deposited directly to the City's General Fund.

This item was taken to the Downtown Merchants Advisory Committee during its June 13, 2012 meeting. The Committee Members walked to the site in order to see the fence first hand. The Committee returned to the dais and determined that since the public side of the fence looks fine, they advise against paying one-half of the replacement cost.

### Budget Impact

The estimated cost to the PBIA will not exceed \$1,000.

### Recommendation

That Council consider approving an expenditure of one-half of the cost to replace the fence (up to \$1,000) adjacent to the C Street Parking Lot.