



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance 20-09 Electric Utility Tax

Background: The Council tabled action on the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 20-09 which rescinds the Electric Utility Tax and is replaced by the Electric Franchise Fee. The ordinance was drafted after the City Council adopted the Budget Committee's recommendation to substitute the current utility fee of 3% for a franchise fee of 3%. This is to provide a "wash" for residents paying the utility fee; however those entities currently exempt from paying a utility fee would not be exempt from paying the franchise fee. The Ordinance was drafted by the City Attorney.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance 20-09.

Suggested Motion: I move that we adopt Ordinance 20-09.

Alternatives: Do not move forward with the ordinance and keep the 3% tax.

Fiscal Impact: Increase General Fund Revenue by approximately \$77,000 from the substitution of the franchise fee for the utility tax.

Attachments: Ordinance 20-09