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To	Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee
Referral to	Ways and Means
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Subject	**Automated Pawn System**

Presenters in Committee Lt. Phil Hafvenstein, APS Project Director

Recommendation
The Police Department recommends that the City Council approve a multi-tier fee structure for query only APS Automated Pawn System subscribers.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)
____ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

____ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
____ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
____ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
____ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
_X_ Other financial impact (Explain): Reduced billings to current users of $3,096.00 provided for in current budget and should be replaced and exceeded by fees from new out-state APS subscribers.
___Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Previous Directives
Petition 262848, June 27, 1997 granting on-going authority to enter into APS Automated Pawn System® Service and Software License Agreements

Background/Supporting Information

There are two categories of APS Automate Pawn System subscribers; those that contribute data from their pawn shops, and those that have no pawn shops but wish to query the data in APS. There are currently 23 contributing subscribers and 37 query only. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension groups community and sheriff's office into one of six tiers based on a combination of their population and number of public safety personnel, i.e.: Minneapolis and St. Paul are in tier one; Battle Lake and Lindstrom are in tier six.

Presently, all query only subscribers pay the same fee regardless of their size. The majority of tier one and two communities are in the metro area where APS is approaching saturation. In order to continue the growth of query only users in the rural markets and at the same time encourage rural contributing agencies to come onboard, we recommend council approve the following query only fee structure.

TIER	CURRENT MONTHLY FEE	PROPOSED MONTHLY FEE	PROPOSED ANNUAL FEE	PERCENT OF CURRENT FEE	CURRENT CONNECTION FEE	PROPOSED CONNECTION FEE
1	$ 72	$ 72	$ 864	100%	$ 480	$ 240
2	72	72	864	100%	480	240
3	72	54	648	75%	480	240
4	72	54	648	75%	480	240
5	72	36	432	50%	480	240
6	72	36	432	50%	480	240

Currently, 78% of the 27 tier one and tier two agencies subscribe to APS but only 12% of the 388 tier three through six agencies do. By addressing the smaller query only agency's pricing and information needs, the number of out-state users will increase faster – spurring the rural contributing agencies to join and share their data. This plan is based on the very successful model used by the Multi-Jurisdictional Network Project (MJNO), another information solution developed by the Minneapolis Police Department, and one that has solid representation in all user tiers.