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Completed by: Victor Young **Date** June 14, 2012
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[Adjusting the Access Line Tax with the Consumer Price Index of 2012]

Resolution concurring with the Controller's establishment of the Consumer Price Index for 2012, and adjusting the Access Line Tax by the same rate.

WHEREAS, The Electorate of the City and County of San Francisco passed Proposition O in November 2008, establishing an Access Line Tax to be imposed upon every person who subscribes to telephone communication services within the City and County of San Francisco (Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 782); and

WHEREAS, Section 782 (b) states, in part, that the cap established by this subsection shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the increase in the Consumer Price Index; All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Area for all items as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor to that index, as of December 31st of each year; and

WHEREAS, Section 782 also requires that this increase be approved, annually, by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, On December 31, 2011, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Area for All Items as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics was stated to be 2.93%; and

WHEREAS, the monthly rates are currently set at $2.86 per Access Line, $21.48 per Trunk Line, and $386.63 per High Capacity Line; and

WHEREAS, the new monthly rates will be $2.94 per Access Line, $22.11 per Trunk Line, and $397.96 per High Capacity Line; and

WHEREAS, The Controller's certification of the Consumer Price Index rate is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 120595, which is hereby declared to be part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the adjustment of the Access Line Tax by the 2012 Consumer Price Index.

The Budget and Legislative Analyst Reports for the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget for the following files are located in Board of Supervisors **File No. 120591:**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board

FROM: Ben Rosenfield

DATE: April 19, 2012

SUBJECT: **Notification of Access Line Tax Annual Rate Adjustment**

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In November 2008, San Francisco voters approved Proposition O to replace the Emergency Response Fee with the Access Line Tax. Prop O allows for annual inflationary adjustments to the per line tax rates, codified in San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 784 as follows:

> The amount of the tax shall be $2.82 per month per access line, $21.16 per month per trunk line and $380.84 per month per high capacity line. These amounts shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the increase in the Consumer Price Index: All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Area for All Items as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor to that index, as of December 31st of each year, beginning with December 31, 2009.

In April 2012, the Controller's Office calculated the inflationary increase on fees effective July 1, 2012 to be 2.93%. Source data are from the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics website using the "Consumer Price Index (CPI) – All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco – Oakland-San Jose CA Area," using December factors from the end of the prior year. The difference between the inflation index for December 2010 (227.658) and December 2011 (234.327) is 6.669, or 2.93%.

When applied to current rates per line, the new rates are as follows:

Rate Adjustment for July 1, 2012					
Line Type		Current Rate Per Line	Adjustment Factor		New Rate Per Line
Access line	$	2.86	2.93%	$	2.94
Trunk line	$	21.48	2.93%	$	22.11
High capacity line	$	386.63	2.93%	$	397.96

Please contact me or Drew Murrell, Acting Citywide Revenue Manager, Controller's Office Budget and Analysis Division, at (415)554-7647 if you have any questions regarding this information.

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