


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	36	Roll Call:	21-0788
	Submitted by:	Erin Olson-Douglas, Development Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amendments to schedule of fees for construction permits.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving these amendments to the schedule of fees will transition construction permits for residential properties to a flat-rate fee structure, making residential permit fees more predictable, and the transition to EnerGov permitting software more smooth. These proposals have been presented to home builders, residential remodelers, and trades contractors. Most feedback generated from this outreach indicates the predictability of flat-rate fees will improve applicant experiences in the City's construction permitting processes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed fee amounts are based on average permit fee amounts from the past three (3) years.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Proposed Building Permit Fees

New Single-Family Dwellings, Duplexes and Townhouses:

Total building permit fees for new homes to be a fixed amount based on total above-grade finished floor area.

Question: Will the area of decks, attached garages, or finished basements impact the permit price?

Answer: No. Only above-grade finished floor area will be used to determine the flat-rate fee.

- New Single-Family Dwellings:
 - Up to 1,200 square feet \$ 850
 - 1,201 to 2,000 square feet \$1,050
 - Over 2,000 square feet \$1,450

- New Duplexes and Townhouses:
 - Up to 1,200 square feet \$1,300
 - 1,201 to 2,000 square feet \$1,500
 - Over 2,000 square feet \$1,900

- Additions, Remodels, and Accessory Structures:

Additions to Single-Family Dwellings, Duplexes & Townhomes	\$250
Remodeling Single-Family Dwellings, Duplexes & Townhomes	\$150
New Detached Garages	\$175
Alterations, Additions, & Repairs to Existing Garages & Accessory Structures	\$ 75
Decks, Fences, Retaining Walls, Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs	\$ 75

 (separate deck permits NOT required for decks shown on plans for new homes)

Proposed Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Permit Fees

Electrical Permits:

New Single-Family Dwellings, Duplexes & Townhouses (includes temporary power pole)	\$225
Residential Additions, Alterations and Repairs	\$ 75

Plumbing Permits:

New Single-Family Dwellings/Duplexes/Townhouses	\$200
Sewer/Water only for New Homes	\$ 75
Residential Additions, Alterations and Repairs	\$ 75

Mechanical Permits:

New Single-Family Dwellings/Duplexes/Townhouses	\$125
Fireplace only for New Homes	\$ 75
Residential Additions, Alterations and Repairs	\$ 75

Other Proposed Fees:

Permit Extension	\$ 50
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$100
After Hours Inspection	\$150
Demolition (non-residential/conventional methods)	\$250/structure
Demolition (non-residential/explosives)	\$500/structure

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Annual evaluation of permit fees.

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