Building Permit Fees

Building Permit Fees: The City imposes fees for building permits issued by the City for new construction and renovation of properties. These fees are intended to cover associated administration and regulation costs.

Background

The City imposes fees for building permits issued by the City for a wide range of projects – from new construction of large developments to small scale renovations. The fee structure for these permits depends on the type of project being permitted. Attached please find a schedule of current building permit fees.

Last Increase in Fees

These fees were last updated in 2008.

Revenue Impact

Revenue from building permit fees in recent years is outlined in the table below:

Permit Type	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD June
Developer Services	\$3,568,954	\$5,221,106	\$4,982,660	\$2,076,297
Standard Plan Review	\$15,346,188	\$19,018,292	\$19,320,599	\$10,014,252
New Construction	\$1,976,952	\$3,862,222	\$4,390,097	\$2,179,090
Renovation	\$13,369,236	\$15,156,070	\$14,930,502	\$7,835,162
Easy Permit Process	\$7,078,999	\$7,350,206	\$6,445,085	\$3,066,363
Electrical	\$1,428,217	\$1,537,888	\$1,409,070	\$724,175
Repair Replace	\$3,218,174	\$3,521,747	\$3,149,863	\$1,539,556
Sign	\$849,539	\$1,084,586	\$911,720	\$389,040
Elevator	\$310,355	\$312,605	\$368,548	\$191,550
Reinstatement	\$690,798	\$331,474	\$106,997	\$6,641
Scaffold	\$86,700	\$82,500	\$87,000	\$39,800
Wreck	\$495,215	\$479,405	\$411,887	\$175,601
Total Revenue	\$25,994,141	\$31,589,604	\$30,748,344	\$15,156,912

The revenue impact of any increase in building permit fees would depend on the structure of any new proposed fee schedule and the level of increase for each type of permit.

Legal Authority

Increasing building permit fees are within the City's authority and require an amendment to the Municipal Code.