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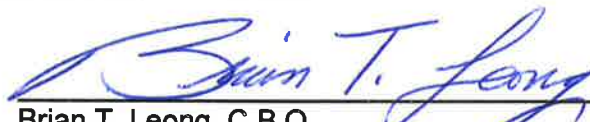
EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 3, 2012

TO: ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, and ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: NEW FEES IN THE BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION

BULLETIN NUMBER: 11-06

FROM:



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GENERAL:

On November 3, 2011, the City Council adopted the 505th amendment to the Master Fee Schedule, Resolution 80-420 updating processing fees for the Building and Safety Division in the Development and Resource Management Department. This update will implement a transition from the current Valuation based methodology to a Cost-based methodology (fees based on the cost to perform the services) for calculating fees. The Cost-based methodology will utilize fee tables established for Occupancy Group and Type of Construction classifications, and the square footage of building area for New construction. (*new buildings, building additions and alterations, commercial tenant improvements*) Other miscellaneous permit fees for repairs and stand-alone Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical shall also be adjusted accordingly.

Changes in the fee methodology will affect certain aspects of the plan check and permitting processes currently in place. Fees for new construction projects will no longer be separated by discipline (Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical), but now combined and calculated as a single fee based on the square footage of the building. This will change the current processes for payment of fees for plan check in that all plan check fees will be due upon submittal of the plans and there will no longer be Building and Safety plan check fees due when plans are picked up after completion. With respect to issuance of permits, **ALL** permit fees will be due when the Building permit is issued. In cases where the subcontractors for Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical permits will be the responsible permit holder, permits may be issued to the respective subcontractors, without fees assessed.

POLICY:

1. PLAN CHECKS SUBMITTALS:

- All plan checks submitted for processing on or before December 22, 2011 will be subject to the current fee schedule. All Plan check submittals made after December 22, 2011 will be subject to the new fees. Incomplete plans submitted in order to avoid the new fees will not be accepted for plan check and will be subject to new plan check and permit fees. Any plan checks that expire will also be subject to the updated fees. *(plan checks performed prior to June 26, 2011)*

2. PERMIT PROCESSING:

- Permit fees will be determined based upon the date of issuance, regardless of when the project was plan checked. All permits issued on or after January 3, 2012 shall be subject to the new fee schedule.
- Large quantities (4 or more) of permit applications for Residential Standard Plan permits shall be submitted no later than December 14, 2011 to allow ample time for processing. Applications submitted after December 14, 2011 will not be accepted without approval from the Building Official. All permits issued on or after January 3, 2012 shall be subject to the new fee schedule.