



Legislation Text

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The Development Services Special Revenue Fund was created to support the activities of the Department of Building and Zoning Services and other agencies charged with the review of private development, construction review, and inspection processes. This fund is supported solely by fees collected from the users of these services associated directly with the private development, construction review, and inspection processes.

The current fee structure has been fully reviewed and compared to the actual cost incurred by the Department of Building and Zoning Services and other reviewing agencies and partners. As a result of this review, most fees have been increased, primarily targeting larger projects, whereas fees for smaller projects will only experience slight increases. Additionally, certain fees have been streamlined and consolidated to make it easier for developers, contractors and homeowners to better anticipate development and construction related costs.

These proposed fee schedule changes have been reviewed by the Building Services Review Council (BSRC).

FISCAL IMPACT: Fees have been revised to better reflect the City's actual costs associated with the private development processes.

To adopt a new Combined Development Related Fee Schedule for the Departments of Building and Zoning Services, Public Service, and Public Safety, to be effective on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and enforced on and after that date.

WHEREAS, the Development Services Special Revenue Fund was created to support the activities of the Department of Building and Zoning Services and other agencies charged with the review of private development and construction review process; and

WHEREAS, the cost of all private development and construction review and inspection services were to be made self-sustaining through the creation of a special revenue fund called the Development Services Special Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, this fund is supported solely by fees collected from the users of these services associated directly with the private development and construction review and inspection process; and

WHEREAS, the current fee structure has been fully reviewed and compared to the actual cost incurred by the Department of Building and Zoning Services and other reviewing agencies and partners; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this review, some fees have decreased, some have increased, while others have been simplified and condensed to make it easier for developers, contractors, and homeowners to better anticipate development and construction related costs; and

WHEREAS, these proposed fee schedule changes have been reviewed by the Building Services Review Council (BSRC); and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Building and Zoning Services to adopt a new Combined Development Related Fee Schedule for the Departments of Building and Zoning Services, Public Service, and Public Safety, to be effective on Tuesday, January 16, 2024; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the attached revised Combined Development Related Fee Schedule for the Departments of Building and Zoning Services, Public Service and Public Safety, as authorized by City Codes Section 4103.14, shall be incorporated fully as if set out at length herein and shall be utilized as the fee schedule for all functions and fees subject to

it and shall become effective on January 16, 2024 and enforced on and after that date.

SECTION 2. That the funds necessary for any refunds are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 3. That the existing Combined Development Related Fee Schedule, adopted by Ordinance #3258-2018, which became effective January 14, 2019, and all amendments thereto, is hereby repealed upon the effective date of the new Combined Development Related Fee Schedule.

See Attached File: 2024 Combined Development Related Fee Schedule.pdf

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.