

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 06FY21 DEVELOPMENT FEES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Fiscal Year 2021 Fee Adjustments for Development Services Department and Adopt Ordinance Revising Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached ordinance revising fees in Chapter 7, Article I of the City of Fort Worth Code of Ordinances relating to certain fees in the Administrative, Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Sign, and Existing Building codes; and
 2. Adopt the attached ordinance revising fees in Chapter 2, Article XII: Fee Schedules, Section 2-231 Development Application Fees of the City of Fort Worth Code of Ordinances related to construction inspection service fee, engineering plan review fees, urban forestry and zoning.
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DISCUSSION:

The Development Services Department provides application, permit and inspection services for land development and building development in Fort Worth. Biennially, the staff reviews development fees to determine if they adequately cover the cost of the associated services. The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to take action in connection with adjusting development fees that will apply during Fiscal Year 2021 (FY2021).

Staff has conducted an internal review and met with impacted stakeholder groups, including the Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth, representatives of the Greater Fort Worth Builders Association and the Development Advisory Committee to discuss and reached a consensus on the proposed fee adjustments. The proposed fee adjustments are within median of Texas peer cities.

The attached ordinances will revise certain development fees in the Building Administrative Code and related construction codes and Section 2-231 related to construction inspection for CFAs, engineering plan review, urban forestry, and zoning. All other fees would remain in effect at their last- adopted rate as set by state law, City ordinance, or prior City Council action, as applicable.

Staff recommends the adoption of the attached ordinances to enable Development Services to continue to improve development processes and enhance customer service. The fees will become effective on April 1, 2021.

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A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the ordinances adjusting fee revenues, earned fee revenues will be deposited into the appropriate fund. The participating departments (and Financial Management Services) are responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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