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City Council

Approval of an Ordinance Setting 2020 Development Fee Adjustments

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Finance Committee recommends adoption of the ordinance.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the ordinance adopting 2020 Development Fee Adjustments on second reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to adjust development fees in 2020 as shown in the draft ordinance.

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Presenter(s):

Leonard Bauer, Deputy Director, Community Planning and Development

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

City Council's adopted policy for the Development Services Fund includes a target of 85 percent of the City's cost for review and inspection of development permit applications is to be recovered through application fees. Development engineering fees are adopted in Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) 4.04.010. Building code review and inspection fees are adopted in OMC 4.36.010. Land use development review fees are adopted in OMC 4.04.010.

Annual review of these fees is conducted for closer alignment with this adopted cost recovery target and other City policy goals, as well as comparison with neighboring jurisdictions' fees.

Based on this review, staff recommended the adjustments to land use, engineering and building review/inspection fees included in the attached draft ordinance for 2020. Finance Committee

reviewed the staff proposal and recommends adoption.

[Note: The ordinance also includes proposed changes to document recording fees, to reflect increases in fees assessed by the Thurston County Auditor.]

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Development review and inspection fees are of interest primarily to applicants for those services.

Options:

1. Approve the attached ordinance adopting 2020 Development Fee Adjustments.
2. Revise the ordinance to adjust specific 2020 Development Fees.
3. Do not approve the ordinance adjusting 2020 Development Fees.

Financial Impact:

The proposed fee adjustments move closer to, but do not completely reach, the adopted policy of 85 percent cost recovery in all cases, due to consideration of neighboring jurisdictions' fees and other policy goals.

Attachments:

Ordinance