



City Council

Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code to Increase Land Use Review Fees

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the ordinance on second reading to amend land use review fees.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve an ordinance amending the Olympia Municipal Code to increase land use review fees.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter:

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

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

In 2014/2015 the City engaged FCS Group, Inc. to assess and analyze the full cost of land use review, engineering permit and building permit functions and determine current cost recovery and evaluate fees. In 2015, the Council established a Development Fee Fund to manage development fee-related revenues and expenses. The cost recovery goal for land use review, engineering and building permit and plan review services are 85%. Staff has identified two land use fees that are currently below 10% cost recovery and should be increased. This increase will result in fees that more accurately reflect the actual cost to provide these services and support the Council policy to achieve 85% revenue to expenditure cost recovery ratio.

Neighborhood/Community Interests:

The proposed increase in two land use fees are small and would not cause a notable impact to customers.

Options:

1. Approve the ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code to increase land use fees.
2. Do not approve the ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code to increase land use fees.
3. Direct staff to modify the ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code to increase land use fees.

Financial Impact:

Proposed fee increases would have a minimal impact on revenue, however may increase it slightly, depending on the number of variance and comprehensive plan amendment requests each year.

Attachments:

- Ordinance
- Olympia Municipal Code proposed changes