



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Scott Morgan, Interim City Manager

THRU: John Pearson, Chief Building Official

DATE: March 6, 2025

RE: Resolution 2025-11, amending Resolution 2024-30, which established rates, charges and fees pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 96, Florida Building Code.

SUMMARY:

Per Florida Statute 553.80(7)(a), when providing a schedule of reasonable fees, the total estimated annual revenue derived from fees, and the fines and investment earnings related to the fees, may not exceed the total estimated annual costs of allowable activities. A local government may not carry forward an amount exceeding the average of its operating budget for enforcing the Florida Building Code for the previous four (4) fiscal years. Allowable activities include the construction of a building to house the Building Department. The Building Department had held funding for the construction of Building E; however, the Building Department's allowable contribution towards Building E has come in lower than previously estimated. Therefore, it has been ascertained that an amendment to the current fee schedule is required to ensure that the City remains compliant with Florida Statutes. Staff proposes a reduction in certain building-related fees to reduce future revenue of the Building Department.

Per Florida Statute 553.791(2)(b), if an owner or contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee by the amount of cost savings realized by the local enforcement agency for not having to perform such services. Such reduction may be calculated on a flat fee or percentage basis, or any other reasonable means by which a local enforcement agency assesses the cost for its plans review or inspection services.

Per the above summary, staff is requesting approval to amend the current fiscal year fee schedule. This request does not require any budget adjustments and will not impact the Building Department's personnel or operating, nor its ability to continue to provide services.

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REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:

Building

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, and based on the current rate of permit applications, the Building Department Enterprise Fund could see a reduction in revenue of approximately \$1,000,000 per fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve a Resolution amending Resolution 2024-30, Chapter 96 Building Department Fees Schedule.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution