



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Public hearing and consideration of approval regarding an amendment to the Fee Ordinance as it relates to Parkland Dedication fees for residential projects and Building Inspection Fees.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

- a. Staff Report
- b. Public Hearing
- c. Ordinance Amendment

Agenda Item Requestor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Summary/Background: Building Fees:

On May 1st, 2023 B.B. Inspection Services joined the City as our 3rd party building inspection and plan review service. Their fee structure, unlike Bureau Veritas, does not include free reinspections. I am requesting the Building Department fee schedule be updated to add a reinspection fee for failed inspections. These reinspection fees will cover our costs owed to B.B. Inspection Services as well as our inspectors time in the field.

Using the City Inspector/Public Works fee schedule model, I am requesting the reinspection fee be doubled for subsequent failures of the same group/item to incentivize the builders to “walk the project” before calling for a reinspection. For example, if a builder fails the plumbing rough for 3 items (\$50 reinspection fee) and the inspector finds 1 of 3 items not repaired at the reinspection, the 2nd reinspection fee for that one item would be \$100. Once the plumbing rough (group) is cleared, the reinspection fee resets to \$50 for the remaining groups.

Commission Recommendations: N/A

Recommended Council Actions: Approval of the Fee Schedule Amendment.

Attachments: Fee schedule amendment (which includes changes to Parkland Dedication dealt with in the other attached staff report.).

Next Steps/Schedule: If approved, the fee amendment will be noticed in the newspaper and will become effective once published.