



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Dan Caris, Planning and Development Director

DATE: August 23, 2022

AGENDA TEXT: Building Department Services

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this discussion is to review implications of bringing building department services internal as a City department versus continuing to contract with Mesa County to provide these services. Staff has prepared sample positions and salaries for the Council to review with a 75 percent cost recovery (fee revenue for service) as the targeted goal. Staff is not requesting an increase in fees to what is already being charged by Mesa County at the time of building permit. Staff presently has access to software that is being used by the Planning Department which will function sufficiently for permitting purposes and will be implemented in January of 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A currently – but will impact future budgets with new revenues and expenses to staff a building department internally, which will be considered prior to any decision.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Economic Health (EH) The City of Fruita strives to be financially sustainable by enabling a stable economy and supporting a diversity of businesses that offer well-paying jobs that attract educated employees. The City works to be fiscally responsible and continuously seeks ways to allocate resources to services and projects that have the highest impact on the City's priorities. We are the innovative leader for economic development in the Grand Valley. The City wants to ensure the same values and service delivery offered by the Planning & Development Department are seamless with building inspections in the most efficient way possible.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

This item is for the purpose of discussion and direction by the City Council.