



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: November 27, 2023

ITEM TITLE: Resolution Updating the Fees for Building Permits for the City of Independence, Iowa

BACKGROUND:

This item was discussed at the November 6th, 2023, City Council Work Session. As Staff has been working through the process of updating our Building Permitting Software, we noticed that our Building Permit Fees seem to be lower than surrounding communities. As such, we have prepared and brought forth a Resolution to increase the fees to more reasonable amounts.

DISCUSSION:

Building Permit Fees in general are supposed to support the Building Permit Program and help cover costs associated with issuing building permits and inspecting work being performed throughout the community. Increasing these fees is necessary as they have not been updated in recent times and do not cover the costs of this program at this point in time.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by ensuring that the viability of the Building Permit program continues.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no financial cost to the City for this change in fees, but it will result in an increase in revenues for the City related to Building Permits.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution Updating the Fees for Building Permits for the City of Independence, Iowa.