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PB MEETING: August 09, 2021 **AGENDA ITEM** _____

DATE: 07.30.2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JESSICA CARPENTER, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Consider and discuss approval of amending Appendix A - FEES, RATES AND CHARGES CHAPTER 12—BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS to include the adopted Bureau Veritas contracted fees for plan review and inspections for residential, multi-family and commercial projects.

Amending the fee schedule in Appendix A - FEES, RATES AND CHARGES for CHAPTER 12 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS is to include the adopted Bureau Veritas contracted fees for plan review and inspections for residential, multi-family and commercial projects.

Appendix A - FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

CHAPTER 12—BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

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<u>CHAPTER 12</u> —BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS	
<i>Permit issuance fee:</i>	
All permits shall be charged an issuance fee (with the exception of food handler, peddler/vendor, alcohol in park and garage sale permits)	\$25.00
<i>Reinspection fee:</i>	
All reinspection fees	\$40.00

Section Number	Subject	Fee Amount
	The reinspection fee shall be charged for all reinspections	
	The reinspection fee shall be paid prior to the reinspection being performed	
	<i>Variance request fee:</i>	

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	Variance request	\$125.00
<i>In General</i>		
<u>12-1</u>	Plan review fees	
	(a) \$0.20 per square foot for new and remodel commercial construction and \$25.00 for new residential. There is no charge for plan review of type Group U and accessory structures (carports, boat sheds, gazebos, swimming pools, fences, and similar structures). At the sole discretion of the building official, the building official may require building plans to be reviewed at the cost of the owner.	
	(b) Plan review fees for all fire protective systems will be charged at the rate of ½ the permit fee with the exception of NFPA 13 and 13R sprinkler systems. Fees for sprinkler systems will be based on the number of heads per the following table:	
	1—100	\$300.00
	101—200	\$375.00
	201—300	\$500.00
	301—400	\$650.00
	401—500	\$750.00
	Over 500	\$750 plus .50 per head
	For hydraulically designed systems, multiply the fee by 2	
<i>Building moving fees.</i>		
<u>12-21(3)</u>	Moving less than 500 square feet	\$50.00
<u>12-21(3)</u>	Moving more than 500 square feet	\$100.00
<u>12-21(7)</u>	Building permit bond	\$50.00
<i>Licensing and registration fees.</i>		
<u>12-22(a)</u>	General Contractors	
	Initial fee	\$100.00
	Renewal fee	\$50.00

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	All general contractors license will expire on December 31 each year. Contractor's licenses that are expired for more than 30 days will be charged the initial fee of \$100.00	
<u>12-22(b)</u>	<i>Electrical Contractors and Electricians</i>	
	Registration fee H.B. No. 3329 Texas 85th Legislation, effective September 1, 2017	\$0.00
<u>12-22(c)</u>	<i>Plumbing Contractors and Plumbers</i>	
	Registration fee	\$0.00
	Plumbers shall register the same month their state licenses expire	
<u>12-22(d)</u>	<i>Irrigators</i>	
	Registration fee	\$50.00
<u>12-22(e)</u>	<i>Mechanical Contractors</i>	
	Registration fee	\$50.00
	Mechanical contractors will register the same month their state licenses expire	
	<i>Fire Safety Company</i>	
	Registration fee	\$50.00

<i>Building permit fees</i>	\$0.20 per square foot for all structures
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Section Number	Subject	Fee Amount
<i>Additional construction fees</i>		
	Demolition fees	All demolition is \$100.00
	Dump truck rental	\$100.00

	Permit Fee
<i>Electrical fees:</i>	

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<i>General</i>	
Appliances (220 volt)	\$2.50
Equipment (up to 5 kilowatts per kilowatt)	\$20.00
Equipment (6 kilowatts and over per kilowatt)	\$0.50
Light fixtures, receptacles and/or switches	\$0.50
Meter loop (200 amp)	\$15.00
Motor (up to 5 HP)	\$5.00
Motor (6 HP to 50 HP)	\$8.00
Motor (51 HP to 100 HP)	\$10.00
Motor (per HP greater than 100 HP)	\$0.25
Reconnect (all services)	\$20.00
Signs	\$15.00
Subpanels	\$15.00
Temporary pole	\$15.00
Transformers	\$15.00
X-ray machines	\$10.00

Total value of electrical project	Permit Fee
<i>Electrical fees:</i>	
<i>Electrical commercial construction</i>	\$0.50 per square foot

Type of Residential Construction	Permit Fee
<i>Electrical fees:</i>	
<i>Residential construction</i>	
New single-family residential (up to 1,500 sq. ft. of living space)	\$70.00
New single-family residential (1,500 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. of living space)	\$90.00
New single-family residential (2,001 sq. ft. to 2,500 sq. ft. of living space)	\$100.00

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New single-family residential (2,501 sq. ft. and greater sq. ft. of living space)	\$150.00
New single-family residential (one 200 amp meter loop per unit maximum)	
Residential remodel, repair or inspection	\$45.00
Meter loop or temporary pole	\$25.00

Type of Plumbing Service	Permit Fee
<i>Plumbing fees:</i>	
<i>New single-family residential</i>	
Two bathrooms	\$65.00
Over two bathrooms	\$65.00, plus the per fixture rate from the list below:
<i>Commercial and over two-bath residential</i>	
Plumbing fixture, floor drain, trap or gas fixture	\$4.00
House sewer (new, repair or replace)	\$7.00
Gas supply line (new, repair or replace)	\$7.00
Water heater or vent	\$7.00
Installation, alteration or repair of water piping and/or water treatment equipment	\$7.00
Replace or alteration of drainage or vent piping	\$7.00
<i>Vacuum breakers/ backflow prevention devices:</i>	
One to five devices	\$7.00
Over five devices, each	\$1.50
Reroute	\$75.00

<i>Mechanical fees:</i>	\$0.50 per square foot
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Heating, ventilating, ductwork, air-conditioning and refrigeration systems

(Ord. No. G-7-06, § 3, 9-11-2006; Ord. No. G-1-12, art. II, 3-12-2012; [Ord. No. G-7-16](#), § 1, 4-11-2016; [Ord. No. G-10-16](#), art. II, 9-12-2016; [Ord. No. G-3-17](#), art. II, 11-13-2017; Ord. No. [G-10-19](#), 8-12-2019)

The amendments are not due to a rate change, Below the 2016 Bureau Veritas fee table, and the 2021 Bureau Veritas fee table have the exact rate of charges for the plan review and the inspections. The 2021 improvements of the table explain the rates in a more feasible manner to understand and calculate. The Bureau Veritas 2021 fee table will replace the highlighted area of the current fee schedule in Municode, referenced above in this memo.

These fees were adopted by City Council on May 10, 2021, as a part of the updated Bureau Veritas service contract.

Internally this amendment to Appendix A will allow staff to build the Incode software program to properly reflect and calculate rates for each permit issued. Thus, improving the data integrity of the Development Services department revenue in the following years, and building transparency and consistency with the building community and residence in regard to the building fee rates.

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The 2021 Bureau Veritas contract fee table is as follows:

ATTACHMENT B FEE SCHEDULE

Construction Code Services

Fee Table 1 - Commercial and Multi-Family construction plan review

Valuation	Fee
\$1. ⁰⁰ to \$10,000. ⁰⁰	\$50. ⁰⁰
\$10,001. ⁰⁰ to \$25,000. ⁰⁰	\$70.69 for the first \$10,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$5.46 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$25,001. ⁰⁰ to \$50,000. ⁰⁰	\$152.59 for the first \$25,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$3.94 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$50,001. ⁰⁰ to \$100,000. ⁰⁰	\$251.09 for the first \$50,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$2.73 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$100,001. ⁰⁰ to \$500,000. ⁰⁰	\$387.59 for the first \$100,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$2.19 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$500,001. ⁰⁰ to \$1,000,000. ⁰⁰	\$1,263.59 for the first \$500,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$1.85 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$1,000,001. ⁰⁰ and up	\$2,188.59 for the first \$1,000,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$1.23 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰

Fee Table 2 - Commercial and Multi-Family construction inspection

Valuation	Fee
\$1. ⁰⁰ to \$10,000. ⁰⁰	\$76. ⁹²
\$10,001. ⁰⁰ to \$25,000. ⁰⁰	\$108.75 for the first \$10,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$8.40 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$25,001. ⁰⁰ to \$50,000. ⁰⁰	\$234.75 for the first \$25,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$6.06 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$50,001. ⁰⁰ to \$100,000. ⁰⁰	\$386.25 for the first \$50,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$4.20 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$100,001. ⁰⁰ to \$500,000. ⁰⁰	\$596.25 for the first \$100,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$3.36 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$500,001. ⁰⁰ to \$1,000,000. ⁰⁰	\$1,940.25 for the first \$500,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$2.85 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰
\$1,000,001. ⁰⁰ and up	\$3,365.25 for the first \$1,000,000. ⁰⁰ plus \$1.89 for each additional \$1000. ⁰⁰

Fee Table 3 - Construction or Improvement of a Residential Dwelling

New Residential Construction	
Plan Review and Inspection Fee	
Square Footage (S.F.)	Fee
0 - 1,500 S.F.	\$785.00
1,501 - 10,000 S.F.	\$785.00 for the first 1,500 S.F. plus \$0.35 for each additional S.F. to and including 10,000 S.F.
Over 10,000 S.F.	\$3,760.00 for the first 10,000 S.F. plus \$0.15 for each additional S.F. over 10,000 S.F.

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Plan Review Only	
Plan Review Fee Only Per Dwelling Unit, a new plan for previously reviewed plan or Master Plan	\$200.00 per Plan or per Address
Plan review fee when a permit has been issued for the dwelling and the construction plans are altered such that an additional plan review is required (excludes new plan)	\$150.00 per Plan or per Address
Alterations / Additions / Improvements for Residential Construction	
Trade Permits	Fee
Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas and similar	\$100.00 per trade
Other project types not listed above	\$160.00 per trade
Miscellaneous residential projects such as, but not limited to, Accessory Structures, Fences, Pools, etc.	See Fee Table 2

* All fees billed upon issuance of the permit by the jurisdiction