

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Building Code - Fees]

**Ordinance amending the Building Code to adjust fees charged by the Department of Building Inspection; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

### Existing Law

Building Code Section 110A establishes the fees for permits and services provided by the Department of Building Inspection ("DBI") in Tables 1A-A through 1A-S.

### Amendments to Current Law

The fee tables in Section 110A are being amended to adjust all fees by amounts pursuant to a 2023 fee study.

### Background Information

The fees charged by DBI, including a universal 15% increase enacted last year, do not fully recover DBI's costs, necessitating drawdown of reserve funds to balance the department's budget. In 2023, DBI commissioned a fee study to determine the actual costs of service for each permit service. The fee study produced a recommended maximum amount to set each fee that would fully recover DBI costs to perform the service without risk of overcharge to permit applicants. The Proposed Legislation sets each fee to a value at or below the maximum recoverable amount in the fee study. This legislation is part of the Mayor's budget presentation.

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