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Public Works Fee Proposal (25-0608)

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FY26 Fee Updates: Purpose and Impact

- Proposed fee updates affect three funds: the Subdivision Fund, the Excavation Fund (both self-appropriating) and the General Fund.
- Proposed fees are based on an independent user fee study
- Most fee increases apply to developers, contractors and utilities—not to homeowners, typically
- Subdivision and excavation fees have not increased beyond CPI adjustments in more than 20 years
- Fee revenues are legally restricted to support the services they fund



Subdivision Fund – FY26 Fee Changes

 Covers parcel reviews, certificates, lot adjustments and legislative map actions tied to land development

Fees cover:

- Final maps and parcel maps for new construction and condo conversions
- Certificates of Compliance, corrections and corner records
- Lot-line adjustments and vertical subdivision maps
- Sidewalk legislation and street vacation processing
- Enables Public Works to review land-use changes, ensure compliance and maintain accurate parcel records
- Fee increases are modest and capped at no more than 15% above CPI
- Subdivision Fund is a Category 8 self-appropriating fund no General Fund impact



Excavation Fund – FY26 Fee Changes

- Supports review, inspection and administration of excavation permits in the public right of way
- Fees cover:
 - General Excavation permits for private projects (administration, inspection and modification fees)
 - Utility Excavation permits for utility companies or City agencies (based on project size)
 - Nighttime Work permits for construction after hours
- Helps ensure safe and timely restoration of public streets and sidewalks
- Excavation Fund is a Category 8 self-appropriating fund used exclusively for excavation-related services



General Fund – FY26 Fee Changes

- Supports review and permitting for temporary and permanent private use of the public right of way
- Fees cover encroachments, sidewalk improvements, temporary occupancy and construction staging in the public right of way
- Fees fund core Public Works services and are deposited in the General Fund
- The ordinance also includes a fee waiver for the tables and chairs permit and display merchandise permit, helping support small businesses and the goals of PermitSF









