

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Building, Subdivision, and Administrative Codes - Fee Adjustment and Building Inspection Fund Subfunds]

Ordinance amending the Building, Subdivision, and Administrative Codes to adjust fees charged by the Department of Building Inspection and to establish Subfunds within the Building Inspection Fund; 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 in Tables 1A-A through 1A-S. Subdivision Code Section 1315 establishes a set \$374 for fee for subdivisions. Section 10.100-45 establishes the Building Inspection Fund ("BIF") for depositing permit fees and the outlines the permissible expenditures from the Fund.

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. The Proposed Legislation would also amend Section 1315 of the Subdivision Code to delete the set \$374 fee and instead refer back to Section 110A, Table 1A-J of the Building Code. Finally, the Proposed Legislation would add subfunds within the BIF for specific revenue sources and expenditures.

Background Information

In 2023, the Department of Building Inspection ("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. To implement fee increases gradually, the fees were increased partially in 2024 and the Proposed Legislation makes the next incremental adjustment of fees. All the fees will remain at or below the maximum recoverable amount identified in the fee study. This legislation is part of the Mayor's budget presentation.

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