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Project Name: Amendments related to referencing Planning Department fees in Planning and Administrative Codes
Case Number: 2016-004497PCA [Board File No. TBD]
Initiated by: Planning Commission/ Introduced April 21, 2016
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Recommendation: **Recommend Approval**

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND PLANNING CODE SECTION 351 ET SEQ. TO DESCRIBE THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTING AND ANNUALLY ADJUSTING PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEES, DELETE THE FEES FROM THE CODES, AND ADOPT THE EXISTING FEES, AS CURRENTLY INDEXED, IN AN UNCODIFIED SECTION; ADOPTING FINDINGS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, PLANNING CODE SECTION 302 FINDINGS, AND FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2016 The Planning Department introduced a proposed Planning Code and Administrative Code change, which would amend Sections 350 et seq. of the to describe the process for adopting and annually adjusting Planning Department fees, delete the fees from the Codes, and adopt the existing fees, as currently indexed, in an uncodified section;

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on April 21, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15060(c); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors **approve** the proposed ordinance.


FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The proposed Ordinance will amend the Planning Code so that it is in line with the City's current practices and adopted budget.
2. The legislation simplifies the language around the Department's Schedule of Application Fees, promoting clearer communication with the public and decreasing confusion around fee amounts.
3. By including current fee amounts in an uncodified section of the ordinance, the Planning Department and the City will avoid possible contradictory fee amounts published in different locations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board ADOPT the proposed Ordinance described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution R-19625 was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on April 21, 2016.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Antonini, Fong, Hillis, Johnson, Richards, Wu

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Moore

ADOPTED: April 21, 2016