

FILE NO.

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Planning, Building Codes - Fee Waiver Program – Small Business Month May 2013]

**Ordinance recognizing Small Business Month in May 2013; amending the Planning Code, Sections 302, 355(a) and 355(e) and Building Code, Tables 1A-A and 1A-E to waive fees for the month of May for certain façade improvements; and making findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan and priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

### Existing Law

The Planning Code establishes permit fees for certain applications, including awning replacement and for signs. The Building Code establishes permit fees to review the structural integrity of awning replacements among other types of permit review.

### Amendments to Current Law

In recognition of Small Business Month in May 2013, this legislation would waive Planning Code fees for awning replacement and for signs during the month of May 2013 for small businesses. The Ordinance also would waive Building Code fees related to review of the structural integrity of awning replacements during this time for small businesses. The legislation would define small businesses to be those with 500 or fewer employees and delegate to the Directors of City Planning and Building Inspection the ability to establish a process to certify that a business meets this definition. The Ordinance would adopt environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.