

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Board, 3/2/2021)

[Building Code - Fee Waiver for Accessory Dwelling Units]

Ordinance amending the Building Code to waive specified fees for certain accessory dwelling unit projects through June 30, 2023; requiring the Department of Building Inspection to annually report on such waivers; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act

Existing Law

The Building Code establishes a variety of fees for building permit applications, inspections, and other actions under the Building Code.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would waive certain Building Code fees for certain accessory dwelling unit projects, as defined in the legislation, beginning on January 1, 2021. The fee waiver program established by this ordinance would expire on either (1) June 30, 2023, or (2) the first day of any fiscal year for which the Board of Supervisors has not appropriated monies or authorized expenditures necessary to fund the fee waiver program, whichever is earlier. The ordinance would require that the subject accessory dwelling unit be located on a lot containing a single-family home. The fee waiver program would apply to building inspection, plan review, records retention, and site surcharge fees. The ordinance would require the Department of Building Inspection to report annually on the fee waiver program. The ordinance also would make environmental findings.

Background Information

The City previously enacted a one-year pilot program to waive certain Building Code fees for 100% affordable housing projects and accessory dwelling unit projects, beginning on June 1, 2019. That pilot program expired on October 14, 2020.