

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Building Code - Temporary Fee Reduction]

Ordinance extending the reduction of all Building Code fees for staff services by 7% until the effective date of an updated Building Code fee schedule, and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Building Code establishes fees for various City services and programs concerning building permits, site permits, and related actions. Board of Supervisors Ordinance No. 164-14 reduced all Building Code fees for staff services by 7% for a period of six months. That ordinance expires on or about March 1, 2015.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would continue this 7% fee reduction until the Department completes a fee study, the City enacts an updated fee schedule, and the updated fee schedule ordinance becomes effective. The legislation would not affect the existing program for refunds nor would it allow permittees who already have paid fees to obtain the fee reduction. The Ordinance would be uncodified, but it would direct the City Attorney to work with the publisher of the Building Code to provide notice in the Code of the temporary fee reduction. The legislation also would affirm the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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