

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Building Code - Permit Fee Calculation]

Ordinance amending the Building Code to clarify that the Department of Building Inspection may use multiple data sources to determine annual adjustments to the construction cost schedule for permit issuance fees and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

San Francisco Building Code Section 107A.2 requires the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) to use a cost schedule to determine fees for building permit and plan review. Section 107A.2 provides that DBI shall annually adjust the cost schedule "based on construction cost data reported by Marshall and Swift, Valuation Engineers." Currently, DBI uses a Marshall and Swift valuation handbook in addition to numerous other sources to update the cost schedule.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend Section 107A.2 to clarify that DBI may rely on construction cost data from a variety of sources, including local contractors, design professionals, cost estimators, or nationally published construction cost data, and other available information sources.

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