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Permitting Fees Adjustment

March 1, 2024

The Building Permitting Fee Schedule was adopted by City Council in 2021 with the priority of maintaining a high level of service and the flexibility to adjust plan review and inspection fees as necessary to prevent an excess or a shortage of fee revenue, essential to meet the Building Division's fiscal obligations without violating Florida Statute 553.80 (7) (a) "*A local government may not carry forward an amount exceeding the average of its operating budget for enforcing the Florida Building Code for the previous 4 fiscal years.*"

The Building Divisions' average operating budget for the past four years is \$2.9 million. The objective is to maintain between \$1.8 - \$2.0 million in reserves.

Fee revenue has been declining for several months and this trend is expected to continue. The current fund balance is \$1,500,000 and is estimated to be at \$1,100,000 by May which, if a fee adjustment is not made, will result in depletion of the Building Division's reserves.

In order to achieve a balanced revenue stream consistent with Statutes, effective May 1, 2024, Building Permitting fees will be adjusted from the current rate of 50% reduction from the base fee to a 10% reduction of the base fee.

The fee structure adjustment can be viewed on our website [https://copc-strap-production.s3.amazonaws.com/EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2024 Building Permitting Fees adjustment of 10 c824fe0f77.pdf](https://copc-strap-production.s3.amazonaws.com/EFFECTIVE_MAY_1_2024_Building_Permitting_Fees_adjustment_of_10_c824fe0f77.pdf)

The evaluation of the budget and the fee schedule are monitored regularly and will be re-adjusted as necessary to maintain the current level of service provided.