



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0796

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 20, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Repealing Resolution 20-174 and Approving a New
Development Permit Fee Schedule to Provide for the Inclusion of Certain
Fees Related to Historic Preservation, and Corrections in Fee Calculations
- (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff Recommends the City Commission consider adopting a Resolution Repealing Resolution 20-174 and Approving a new development permit application fee schedule to provide the inclusion of certain fees related to historic preservation, and corrections in fee calculations.

Background

At the September 15, 2020 City Commission meeting, the City Commission approved Resolution 20-174 to adopt a new fee schedule for the Urban Design and Planning Division and the Zoning and Landscape Division. Fees adopted were based on an in-depth study that was initiated by Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) with assistance from consulting firm PMG Associates, Inc. The study aimed to analyze and update the current fees with the goal of recovering the full cost for providing services, pursuant to authority set forth in Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.1.H. - Fees and costs. The fee study performed by the consultant is attached as Exhibit 1.

Included in the Resolution were select fees for historic preservation processes, which the City Commission chose to withhold from the overall fee schedule approval, with the intent for staff to return to the City Commission with a revised proposal addressing all fees for historic preservation applications. The City Commission indicated that staff should review the fees and propose a historic preservation fee schedule that will benefit and promote historic preservation. The City Commission's direction to staff is consistent with the City's role as a Certified Local Government (CLG), by maintaining a commitment to Historic Preservation as an established public purpose. Offering low or no historic preservation application fees helps to incentivize property owners and defray costs to perform rehabilitation work through the appropriate channels.

The proposed fee schedule for historic preservation processes is applicable to all designated historic resources in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Included as Exhibit 2 is the proposed historic preservation fee schedule which provides distinct fee schedules for commercial properties and residential properties that are either designated historic landmarks or located within a designated historic district.

Fees for commercial properties primarily remain the same as the existing fees except for application fees for After-the-Fact Certificates of Appropriateness, appeals, Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, and archaeology reviews. Most fees for residential properties have been removed. Fees that remain for residential properties include application fees for demolitions, appeals, After-the-Fact Certificates of Appropriateness, and archaeology reviews.

Additionally, a correction to the previously approved fee schedule for the Urban Design and Planning Division and the Zoning and Landscape Division is included. Proposed correction is for the Easement Vacation application, adjusting the final fee from \$300 to \$600 and adjusting the total fee to \$3,300. The full fee schedule showing all historic preservation fees and corrections to fee calculations are shown in the Fee Schedule provided as Exhibit 3.

If the City Commission approves item, the proposed effective date for the new fees will be November 1, 2020.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact associated with this action. Based on the number of historic preservation applications received in FY19, revenues that would be collected under the proposed historic preservation fee schedule would be approximately \$5,230. Actual revenue collected from historic preservation applications in FY19 was \$7,250 for a revenue loss of \$2,020. If fees proposed within the PMG Fee Study were adopted, the revenue loss will be \$75,570.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective 1: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – PMG Fee Study

Exhibit 2 – Historic Preservation Fee Schedule

Exhibit 3 – Fee Schedule

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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