



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#21-0109

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 21, 2021

TITLE: Second Reading - Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City
of Fort Lauderdale, Chapter 9, Building and Construction Fees -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Chapter 9, Building and Construction Fees.

Purpose for Building Fee Amendment

On November 5, 2020 the City of Fort Lauderdale adopted Ordinance C-20-36, adopting a new building permit fee schedule. Upon adopting new schedule, Staff noticed that a minor change was not properly captured in Section 9-48 (c)(19). The wording for section currently reads;

Certificate of occupancy (including certificate of occupancy, partial certificate of occupancy, extension of partial certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy and extension of temporary certificate of occupancy): four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00). An additional four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00) will be charged for each extension or expansion of Temporary or Partial Certificates of Occupancy.

Amended language proposed is below;

Certificate of occupancy (including certificate of occupancy, partial certificate of occupancy, ~~extension~~ expansion of partial certificate of occupancy, and temporary certificate of occupancy and extension of temporary certificate of occupancy): four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00). An additional four hundred and five dollars (\$405.00) will be charged for each ~~extension or expansion of Temporary or Partial Certificates of Occupancy~~ a partial certificate of occupancy. A fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00) will be charged for an extension of partial certificate of occupancy, or extension of a temporary certificate of occupancy.

The proposed amendment is focused on reducing the fee to extend a partial certificate of occupancy (PCO) or temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO). The extension of a PCO or TCO is an administrative activity and requires no additional plan review or inspection effort.

The proposed ordinance was approved under first reading at the January 5, 2021 City Commission meeting.

Resource Impact

The text amendment will have insignificant impact on building services revenue as the core revenue generator for building fees are based on permits issued.

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: 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 – Ordinance

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