

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending Sections 19.00 through 19.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) for a Comprehensive Fee Update to more accurately reflect the cost of providing planning and land use services.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONCUR with the Department of Planning's (DCP) policy recommendations to charge less than full cost recovery on various planning and land use services fees, as outlined in the Case Processing Fee Schedule Update dated November 2020 (Fee Schedule), included as Attachment 2 of the DCP report, dated December 2, 2020, attached to the Council file.
2. APPROVE an amendment to LAMC Sections 19.00 through 19.12 to update fees and more accurately represent the cost of providing planning and land use services to achieve full cost recovery where applicable, as outlined in the Fee Schedule included as Attachment 2 of said DCP report, dated December 2, 2020.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend LAMC Sections 19.00 through 19.12 in accordance with the proposed fee changes described in Recommendation No. 2.
4. INSTRUCT the DCP to report back on the following:
 - a. The potential impact of eliminating the child care fee to the City.
 - b. The number of appeals filed for projects requiring 500-foot radius notification that come from within the community itself or outside of the community, and potentially expanding the notification to a one-mile radius.
 - c. The payment of oil drilling fees by operating wells, ensuring that oil wells are being inspected and maintained; and, on a potential annual inspection fee, to be reported jointly with the Department of Public Works.
 - d. The nexus of the appeal process relating to the questions of location and success as factors for development projects, and whether appeals are being used as dilatory tools to slow down the process for the growth of businesses and affordable housing projects in the City.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCP. The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is a positive impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations contained in the CAO report, dated February 24, 2021, as amending the fees in LAMC Section 19.01 through 19.12 to achieve full cost recovery would eliminate the estimated current annual General Fund subsidy of approximately \$14.7 million for planning case processing services.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports the recommendations contained in the CAO report, dated February 24, 2021, comply with the City's Financial Policies in that fees for service are set at full cost recovery to generate revenues sufficient to fully offset associated expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

Against:

Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council
Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Mid City West Community Council
Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council
P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council

Against, Unless Amended:

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams, and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on May 4, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered reports from the DCP and CAO relative to amending Sections 19.00 through 19.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) for a comprehensive fee update to more accurately reflect the cost of providing planning and land use services. Representatives of the Department of City Planning (DCP) and CAO's Office provided an overview of the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the PLUM Committee recommended to adopt the recommendations presented in the DCP report dated December 2, 2020, with instructions for the DCP to report back on matters referenced in Recommendation No. 4, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	ABSENT

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