



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Resolution 17627

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Project Name: **Amendments relating to Planning Code Article 3.5:
Increase fees 1.63% and make other adjustments.**

Case Number: 2008.0639T [Board File No. 08-0737]

Initiated by: Mayor / Introduced May 30, 2008

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Recommendation: **Recommend Approval with Amendments**

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND ARTICLE 3.5 TO INCREASE THE DEPARTMENT'S FEES ACROSS THE BOARD BY 1.63%, AND WOULD MAKE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS.

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2008, Mayor Newsom introduced a proposed Ordinance, File Number 08-0737 to increase the Department's fees across the board by 1.63%. The fees have also been updated to show prior CPI adjustments and the CPI adjustment of 3.84% for Fiscal Year 2009. Appeal and discretionary review fees, which are not subject to CPI adjustments, have also been increased. The project sponsor option to provide public notice using Planning Department mailing labels has been eliminated and the City's reprographics department will print and mail public notices; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission will receive a General Fund subsidy in FY2008-2009 only to directly support General Fund services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supports (1) a fee increase of 1.63 percent to maintain cost recovery, (2) an increase in the Discretionary Review and Conditional Use appeal fees to \$500 to prevent frivolous requests, and (3) clerical staff providing planning staff with critically needed clerical support; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to encourage small scale maintenance projects and set project fees for these projects at a level where the fees as a percent of construction cost is more consistent for all project types; and

The Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on June 19, 2008; and,

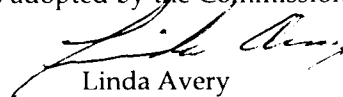
The Planning Department has determined the proposed Planning Code amendment is subject to a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)2 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act for activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and,

The Department has not received any letters or phone calls in support or in opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board ADOPT the proposed Ordinance with the following Amendments:

Refund processing fee:	Page 2, line 22, increase from \$211 to \$400
Conditional use appeal:	Page 10, line 1, increase from \$400 to \$500
Building Permits:	Page 12, lines 6 – 20, change the structure to the revised option
Building Permits:	Page 12, line 12 do not charge the DR surcharge for projects less than \$100K
Certificates of Appropriateness:	Page 16, line 3, decrease from \$575 to \$288 consistent with the recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board
Mill Act Applications, Residential:	Page 16, line 13, increase form \$1,121 to \$8,410 consistent with the recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board
Administrative adjustments	Page 13, line 3, Strike "Review", add "Impact" Page 14, line 17 Strike "Commission", add "Control"

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on June 19, 2008.



Linda Avery

Commission Secretary

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ADOPTED: