



City of Pflugerville

Legislation Text

File #: ORD-0483, **Version:** 2

Approving an ordinance on second reading with the caption reading: An Ordinance of the City of Pflugerville, Texas Adopting the Pflugerville Fee Schedule; Amending Certain Fees and Establishing Costs and Fees Charged by the City of Pflugerville; Providing for a Penalty for a Violation of Section 10.99 of the City Code of Ordinances; and Declaring an Effective Date.

Please find the attached ordinance which establishes a Master Fee Schedule for the City of Pflugerville and adopts new fees and readopts existing fees for the Building Department and Engineering Department. These fees are consistent with other cities in the region and will provide better recovery of costs for services. Since these fees are development related, they will have minimal impact on current residents that are not in the development process. Please find an attached comparison of the current fees and the new fees provided by this ordinance. These fees were reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Budget Committee.

The current Building Department fees were adopted in 2004 and are generally a flat, per unit fee. The new fees are based on a tiered square footage schedule which will better align the revenues with the level of staff effort to inspect and permit each project. In addition, a few new fees are proposed for small plan reviews such as signs, irrigation, and residential revisions. These smaller reviews were previously completed at no cost, however, the increasing volume necessitates recovery of staff time and effort.

The Engineering Department fee changes are related to the temporary use of the City's Rights of Way (ROW). The current ROW standard permit fee was adopted in 2012 at a rate of \$50 which is requested to change to \$100 to better reflect the size and complexity of projects. The remainder of the fees are new and are needed to address the new Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 284 that allows for network nodes in public ROW. Utilities that remit franchise payments to the City will be exempt from ROW permit fees, unless the utility requests installation of network nodes.

Additional fees will be adopted to the Master Fee Schedule in the future to provide a singular, consolidated document for the City's fees.

The ordinance was approved with minor corrections on October 8, 2019.

Deadline for City Council Action

Approval on second reading is requested on October 22, 2019. There is no deadline for action.

Funding Expected: Revenue X Expenditure N/A

Budgeted Item: Yes X No N/A

Amount: fees vary, see documents

1295 Form Required? Yes No X

Legal Review Required: N/A Required X Date Completed: 9/30/2019

Supporting documents attached:

Ordinance

Exhibit A

Fee Comparison

Recommended Action

Approve adoption of the Master Fee Schedule Ordinance on second and final reading.