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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**



**DEPARTMENT: CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**AGENDA DATE: INTRO: JULY 24, 2012  
PUB HEARING: JULY 31, 2012**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: VICTOR  
MORRISON-VEGA (915) 541-4556**

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code), Section 18.02.106 (Permit Fees) of the El Paso City Code, to clarify the criteria for valuation of New Residential and New Commercial permit fees, the penalty being as provided in Section 18.02.111 (Violations and Penalties) of the El Paso City Code.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Permit fees for new residential and commercial construction activities are based on project valuation. This ordinance modification allows for use of the International Building Code as a basis for determining valuation while providing for a local adjustment reflecting building costs in the El Paso area.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

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John F. Cook

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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION), CHAPTER 18.02 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATIVE CODE), SECTION 18.02.106 (PERMIT FEES) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO CLARIFY THE CRITERIA FOR VALUATION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NEW COMMERCIAL PERMIT FEES, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18.02.111 (VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**Section 1.** That Title 18 (Building and Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code), Section 18.02.106 (Permit Fees), Sub-Section 18.02.106.6 (Valuation for new commercial building permits), of the El Paso City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**18.02.106.6 - Valuation for new residential or commercial master permits.**

Permit valuation for the master permit for new residential or new commercial buildings and structures construction work shall be based on the International Code Council rates for building type and occupancy in effect on the date of the permit application. Valuation for new residential buildings may be adjusted per council action. Subsequent to the completion of work, a final accounting of all costs or a certified professional appraisal may be submitted to the building official for a re-valuation.

**Section 2.** That Title 18 (Building and Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code), Section 18.02.106 (Permit Fees), Sub-Section 18.02.106.8 (Valuation for tenant improvement permits to shell buildings) of the El Paso City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**18.02.106.8 – Valuation for tenant improvement permits to shell buildings.**

Permit valuation for tenant improvements to commercial shell only buildings and structures construction work shall be based on twenty percent of the value obtained from the International Code Council rates for building type and occupancy in effect on the date of permit application.

**Section 3.** That Title 18 (Building and Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code), Section 18.02.106 (Permit Fees), Sub-Section 18.02.106.9 (Valuation for foundation only permits) of the El Paso City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**18.02.106.9 – Valuation for foundation only permits.**

Permit valuation for foundation only work on commercial buildings shall be based on ten percent of the value obtained from the International Code Council rates for building type and occupancy

in effect on the date of the permit application. This work shall be authorized separately and the fee shall be in addition to the overall permit fee.

**Section 4.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be September 1, 2012. This ordinance shall be applicable to all permit applications received on or after that date.

**Section 5.** Except as herein provided, Title 18 (Building and Construction) shall remain in full force and effect.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

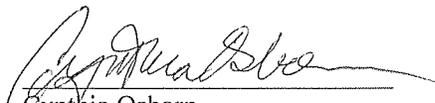
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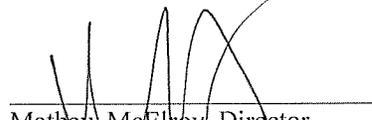
ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Cynthia Osborn  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Mathew McElroy, Director  
City Development Department