

ORDINANCE NO. 9022 (New Series)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING AND REENACTING  
PORTIONS OF SECTION 362  
OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO  
BUILDING PERMIT FEES  
AND PLANNING AND LAND USE PERMIT PROCESSING FEES.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that Building Permit fees and Planning and Land Use Processing fees need to be amended to reflect process changes within the Department of Planning and Land Use. The amendments made by this Ordinance are intended to implement necessary changes to the fee schedules.

Section 2. Schedule A of Section 362 of Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 362. DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE.

The following fees and deposits shall be paid to the Department of Planning and Land Use for the processing of the following permits and applications:

SCHEDULE A - PLANNING FEES AND DEPOSITS

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT			
Application	7056 Zoning Ordinance (ZO)	\$990 V Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,10 + Est
Modification	7072 ZO	\$990 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,10 + Est
Time Extension	7064 ZO	\$230	\$230
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVES	395 County Administrative Code (CAC)		
All Work Establishment, Disestablishment, Contracts		\$710 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$840 + Est
Notice of Non-Renewal		No Charge	No C
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE DETERMINATION	Board Policy I-121		
Application		\$350	\$350

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
Appeal to Planning Commission		\$300	\$300
APPEALS (1) (Except for an Administrative Decision)			
To Board of Supervisors	81.307(d) County Code (CC); 81.207(c)	\$500	\$500
To Planning Commission	395.1 CAC; 7201 ZO; Board Policy I-114; San Diego County California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 6.3.3. and 7.2	\$750	\$750
APPEAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION	7201 d. ZO		
Application		\$750 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$880 + Est
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT PLATS	81.209 CC		
Application		\$770 V (2 to 4 Lots - 2 Lot Minimum)	\$770 Minir
Each Additional Increment of 1 Lot or Part Thereof		\$50 Per Lot	\$50 F
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE	81.1105 CC		
Application Legal Lot		\$350 V (1 Lot and Mergers)	\$350
Application Legal Lot		\$350 V (2 to 4 Lots)	\$350
Each Additional Increment of 1 Lot or Part Thereof		\$50 Per Lot	\$50 F
Certificate of Compliance With Boundary Adjustment		\$790 V (2 to 4 Lots - 2 Lot Minimum)	\$790 Minir
Each Additional Increment of 1 Lot or Part Thereof		\$50 Per Lot	\$50 F
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE VIOLATION	81.1105 CC	\$2,100 + \$600 Non-Refundable Violation Fee	\$2,100 Viola

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
COPIES OF DOCUMENTS	395 CAC		
All Paper Sizes		\$0.25 Per Copy	\$0.25
Zoning/Planning Overlays		\$1.50 Per Page	\$1.50
Microfilm Copies (Per Page Up to 18" x 24")		\$1.00 Per Page	\$1.00
Audio Tapes - Copies - Transcription Cert.		\$5.00 Per Tape \$46.43 Per Hour	\$5.00 \$48.7
Computer Disks - Copies		\$5.00 Per Disk	\$5.00
DOCUMENT/FILE/MISC. RESEARCH	395 CAC	Time and Material Rate (See Schedule B)	Time Sched
EASEMENT VACATIONS			
Open Space and Public Service Easements	Board Policy I-100 and 462 CAC	\$890 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$960 + Est
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS CEQA PROCESSING:			
CEQA Exemption Review		\$140.00	\$140.
Board Policy I-119 Review of Environmental Impact Report		\$1,200 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,200 + Est
Environmental Impact Report Review		\$1,200 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,200 + Est
Extended Initial Studies Review		\$1,200 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,200 + Est
Negative Declaration Processing	County Ordinance 4901 (N.S.)	\$1,200 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,200 + Est
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION APPLICATION	San Diego County CEQA Guidelines Qualifications Procedures, Attachment B		
Per Applicant		\$130	\$130
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT			
Application	395.1 CAC	\$1,820 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,970 + Est

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
HABITAT LOSS PERMIT		\$920	\$920
LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION PLANS	7602 ZO and 6712 ZO		
Large		\$1,030	\$1,030
Large - Modification		\$515	\$515
Small		\$800	\$800
Small - Modification		\$400	\$400
Revegetation Plan		\$1,200 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,200 + Est
Water Conservation Ord Landscape and Irrigation Plan		\$650	\$650
Water Conservation Ord Landscape and Irrigation Plan Modification		\$325	\$325
LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS (SPECIFIC PLANS)	Board Policy I-59		
Application		\$4,340 Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$4,670 + Est
Modification		\$4,340 Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$4,670 + Est
Waivers		\$710 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$760 + Est
MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS			
Tentative Map	81.201 CC	\$1,190 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,290 + Est
Certificate in Lieu of Tentative Map	81.616 CC	\$860 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$930 + Est
Expired Tentative Map		\$860 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$930 + Est
Final Map Amendment Review	81.307(d) CC	\$260	\$260
Resolution Amendment	81.203.5 CC	\$1,000	\$1,000
Revised Tentative Map	81.203 CC	\$860 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$930 + Est

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
Time Extension	81.308.5 CC	\$770	\$770
<b>MAJOR USE PERMITS</b>			
Application	7354 ZO	\$1,280 V Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$1,38 + Est
Minor Deviation	7609 ZO	\$390 V	\$390
Modification	7378 ZO	\$1,280 V Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$1,38 + Est
Time Extension	7376 ZO	\$460	\$460
<b>MINOR SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
Tentative Parcel Map	81.207(a) CC	\$950 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,02 + Est
Amendment of Final Notice of Approval	81.608 CC	\$310	\$310
Expired Tentative Parcel Map	81.608.5 CC	\$1,000	\$1,00
Revised Tentative Parcel Map	81.608 CC	\$1,080	\$1,08
Time Extension	81.617 CC	\$400	\$400
<b>MINOR USE PERMITS</b>			
Application	7354 ZO	\$890 V Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$960 + Est
Minor Deviation	7609 ZO	\$340 V	\$340
Modification	7378 ZO	\$890 V Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$960 + Est
Time Extension	7376 ZO	\$360	\$360
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS</b>			
Administrative Fence Height Exception	6708(i) ZO	\$100	\$100
Administrative Deviation: Planned Development	7614 ZO	\$75	\$75
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT +Planned Residential Development	6600 ZO	\$1,820 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,96 + Est
Waiver of Planned Development Regulations	5804 ZO	\$480 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$520 Depo

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
PLANNER REVIEW OF BUILDING PERMITS	7602 ZO 51.0107 CC		
Large/Complex Residential Plans		\$60	\$60
Residential Plans, Additions/Alterations		\$30	\$30
Commercial and Industrial Plans		\$70	\$70
Commercial and Industrial Plans, Additions/Alterations		\$40	\$40
Plan Review Expediting		Time and Material Rate (See Schedule B)	Time Schec
PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE	7602 ZO and Board Policy B-29	Time and Material Rate (See Schedule B)	Time Schec
RECLAMATION PLAN	87.706 CC		
Application		\$1,270 V Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$1,36 + Est
Modification		\$1,270 V Intake Dep. + Estimated Deposit	\$1,36 + Est
ZONE RECLASSIFICATION (REZONE) (TEXT OR MAP)	7505 ZO	\$1,270 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,36 + Est
ROAD MATTERS	462 CAC		
Remandment Review		\$390	\$390
Road Openings		\$1,100 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,18 + Est
Road Vacations		\$970 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,04 + Est
SIGNS			
On-Premise Sign	6268 ZO	\$160 V	\$160
Off-Premise Sign - All Signs- Sec. 6204	6207, 7602 ZO	\$210 V	\$210
Modification		\$110 V	\$110
Temporary Real Estate Refundable Deposit (1-Time Only per Company)	6207 ZO	\$1,000 Deposit	\$1,00
SITE PLANS			
Application	7158 and 7602 ZO	\$890 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$960 + Est
Minor Deviation	7609 ZO	\$340	\$340
Modification	7169 ZO	\$690	\$690
Time Extension	7168 ZO	\$260	\$260

APPLICATION NAME	AUTHORITY	FEE/DEPOSIT	
		FY 99-00	
SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE REVIEW THRESHOLD DECISION	66.474.1 California Map Act and 81.501 CC	Time and Material Rate (See Schedule B)	Time Sched
Mobilehome Park	Board Policy I-101	\$1,600 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,72 + Est
Mobilehome Park Conversion	Board Policy I-105	\$1,600 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,72 + Est
Mobilehome Park Change of Use/Closure (Planning Only)	Board Policy I-105	\$1,900 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$2,05 Estin
Plan Amendment Authorization (GPA)	Board Policy I-63	\$1,600 Intake Deposit + Estimated Deposit	\$1,72 + Est
VARIANCES			
Administrative Variance	7106 and 7602 ZO	\$690 V	\$690
Application	7104 ZO	\$810 V	\$810
Minor Deviation	7609 ZO	\$230 V	\$230
Modification	7126 ZO	\$810 V	\$810
Time Extension	7124 ZO	\$440	\$440

V INDICATES SUBJECT TO VIOLATION PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE

- (1) Appeal Fees shall be in addition to actual work performed and charges against case deposits. Appeal Fees are non-refundable.

Section 3. Schedule B of Section 362 of Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code is hereby amended as follows:

SCHEDULE B--PROVISIONS

1. STANDARD BILLING RATES/TIME AND MATERIAL RATES

Unless otherwise specified in this section, all fees and deposits and time and material charges shall be calculated and will be charged using the following standard hourly billing rates:

<u>00</u>	<u>FY 00-01</u>	<u>FY 99-</u>
	Acoustical Engineer	\$ 69.63
	\$ 73.07	
	Analyst (I/II)	\$ 46.65
	\$ 48.95	
	Analyst III	\$ 64.13
	\$ 67.30	
	Chief, Land Use	\$78.52
	\$ 82.40	
	Commission Secretary	\$ 46.43
	\$ 48.73	
	Environmental Management Specialist (I/II/III)	\$ 83.06
	\$ 85.75	
	Geographic Information System Analyst	\$ 50.85
	\$ 53.36	
	Graphic Artist	\$ 46.18
	\$ 48.47	
	Groundwater Geologist	\$ 79.41
	\$ 83.34	
	Intermediate Clerk Typist	\$ 30.26
	\$ 31.75	
	Land Use Technician (I/II/Supervisor)	\$ 52.09
	\$ 39.49	
	Landscape Architect (I & II)	\$ 57.43
	\$ 60.27	
	Planner (Associate/Assistant)	\$ 74.43
	\$ 80.35	
	Planning Board Secretary	\$ 43.11
	\$ 45.25	
	Regional Planner	\$ 70.63
	\$ 74.12	



Word Processor Operator/Senior Word Processor	\$ 36.58
\$ 38.39	
Student Worker I	\$ 12.41
\$ 13.58	
Student Worker II	\$ 15.06
\$ 16.48	
Student Worker III	\$ 19.53
\$ 21.36	
Student Worker IV	\$ 24.42
\$ 26.71	

2. FLAT FEES:

All flat fees shall be paid as established in Schedule A.

3. INTAKE DEPOSIT:

An Intake Deposit shall be calculated and paid at the time of application submittal. The Intake Deposit shall be collected with the intent to recover actual costs related to project intake; preliminary case review; site/field visit; and all costs related to initial project analysis.

4. ESTIMATED DEPOSIT:

Upon completion of initial project analysis the applicant and project manager will discuss the scope of the project and calculate an estimated deposit(s). The estimated deposit(s) shall be calculated based on factors identified during the initial project analysis, established processing time standards, standard hourly rates and key milestones.

Unanticipated factors arising during project processing such as, but not limited to; complexity, controversy or environmental issues which require additional project review will be conveyed to the applicant as soon as they are known and the estimated deposit will be recalculated using the criteria outlined above.

Estimated deposits shall be paid and collected with the intent to recover actual project processing costs by key milestones. Estimated deposits shall be paid and collected prior to completion of key milestones. The Director of Planning and Land Use may discontinue permit processing and/or recommend denial of the said project based on the applicants refusal to pay the estimated deposit.

5. REFUNDS

An applicant who has paid the applicable application fee(s) and/or deposit(s) may withdraw the application by submitting a written request to the Director of Planning and Land Use. The Department shall discontinue work on such

application within one working day from the receipt of said request, except that the Department may continue to process an application involving the violation of a County ordinance.

The Director of Planning and Land Use shall not authorize the refund of any fee and/or deposit(s) paid except upon written application filed by the original applicant, received not later than one year after the date of fee payment.

Where a refund is requested of a flat fee, the refund amount shall be based upon work completed based on standard project tasks and milestones by case types.

Where a refund is requested of a deposit and the actual cost incurred and the applicable time and material portions of the case are less than the amount deposited, after all final documents and review are completed, the difference shall be refunded to the applicant.

Flat fee refunds of \$5,000 or more must receive Board of Supervisor approval prior to payment.

Final permits and/or documents shall not be issued until all required fees/deposits are paid in full.

The Administrative Authority may authorize the full refund of any fee paid hereunder which is erroneously collected by the County.

6. DEPOSIT PROCESSING:

In cases involving one or more deposits, or one or more deposits and a flat fee, all deposits and associated flat fees shall be consolidated into one single deposit amount. All work related to the case shall be charged to this single deposit.

7. VIOLATIONS:

When a violation of any County Ordinance includes or results from the failure to obtain a required permit, the following requirements shall apply:

Administrative Permits: The standard fee or deposit for obtaining the permit required to correct the violation shall be collected. A violation fee in the amount of \$500.00 shall be collected.

All other Deposit cases subject to a violation fee (as indicated by a V): The standard deposit for obtaining the permit required to correct the violation shall be collected. A violation fee shall also be collected in the amount of the same Intake Deposit amount, not to exceed \$1,000.

All other Flat Fee cases subject to a violation fee (as indicated by a V): The standard flat fee for obtaining the permit required to correct the violation shall be collected. A violation fee shall also be collected in the amount of the same standard flat fee amount, not to exceed \$1,000.

In all cases the additional violation fee or deposit amount shall be treated as a non-refundable flat fee, even if the initial amount is a deposit.

#### 8. CHARGES FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS

Information, circulars, reports of technical work, and other reports prepared by the Department of Planning and Land Use when supplied to other government agencies, individuals or groups requesting copies of same may be charged for by the Department in a sum not to exceed the cost of publication and distribution of such documents.

**SCHEDULE C--PAYMENT OF FISH AND GAME FEES**

No change.

**SCHEDULE D--SANTA FE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN FEES**

No change.

Section 4. Schedule E of Section 362 of Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

**SCHEDULE E - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES**

(1) **BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

The following fees shall be paid to the Department of Planning and Land Use for the processing of the following permits and applications:

Permit Type	FY 99/00		FY 00/01	
	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee
Dwelling/Duplex	\$324.00 + \$0.178/sf	\$432.00 + \$0.151/sf	\$328.00 + \$0.187/sf	\$441 + \$
Dwelling/Duplex (larger)	\$1,214.00 + \$0.053 for each sf over 5,000	\$1,188.00+ \$0.053 for each sf over 5,000	\$1,263.00 + \$0.053 for each sf over 5,000	\$1,242.00 + \$0.053 for each sf over 5,000
Family Tract Models	\$324.00 + \$0.178/sf	\$352.00 + \$0.151/sf	\$328.00 + \$0.187/sf	\$360 + \$
Family Tract Subsequent	\$236.00 minimum for each unique floor plan. See Schedule F, Item 2	\$352.00 + \$0.151/sf	\$240.00 minimum for each unique floor plan. See Schedule F, Item 2	\$360 + \$
Second Dwelling Units	\$130.00 + \$0.178/sf	\$349.00 + \$0.151/sf	\$132.00 + \$0.187/sf	\$358 + \$
1 houses	\$130.00 + \$0.178/sf	\$349.00 + \$0.151/sf	\$132.00 + \$0.187/sf	\$358 + \$
Acc to SFD's	\$59.00 + \$0.134/sf	\$146.00 + \$0.142/sf	\$60.00 + \$0.134/sf	\$149.00 + \$
Pool/Spa	\$13.00	\$223.00	\$13.00	\$229.00
Minor int. SFD (no structural change, patios, fences, retaining walls, etc., Radio Towers, Antennas)	\$49.00	\$116.00	\$49.00	\$119.00
SFD/Duplex (1 to 100 sf)	\$120.00	\$280.00	\$120.00	\$280.00
SFD/Duplex (Larger than 100)	\$130.00 + \$0.178/sf	\$349.00 + \$0.151/sf	\$132.00 + \$0.187/sf	\$358.00 + \$
for Storage Bldgs.	\$59.00 + 0.134/sf	\$146.00 + \$0.142/sf	\$60.00 + \$0.134/sf	\$149.00 + \$
Survey	NA	\$98.00	NA	\$100.00
uses	25% of the fee for a site built dwelling	75% of the fee for a site built dwelling,	25% of the fee for a site built dwelling	75% of the fee for a site built dwelling

Permit Type	FY 99/00		FY 00/01	
	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	Permit Fee
		plus a compliance survey fee		plus a compliance survey fee
ly	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
ly	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
Only	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
Plumbing	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
Mechanical	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
Mechanical Only	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
Plumbing, and Mechanical	NA	\$100.00	NA	\$100.00
	\$151.00	\$120.00	\$154.00	\$121.00
Construction Power	NA	\$55.00	NA	\$56.00
Occupancy Permits	NA	\$55.00	NA	\$56.00
Fee	NA	\$55.00	NA	\$56.00
Arch Verification Fee	NA	\$12.00	NA	\$12.00
Building Construction Appeals	\$500.00	NA	\$500.00	NA
Plan Review to different Parcel	\$245.00	NA	\$250.00	NA
Conference	Time & Materials	NA	Time & Materials	NA

(2) STREET NAMING AND ADDRESSING FEES

Application Name	Authority	Fee
- Address Assignment	79.106 C.C.	\$95.00
- Private Street Naming (No Hearing)	79.104 C.C.	\$95.00
- Hearing for Name or Change of Names		\$1,520.00

(3) PROJECT TYPES NOT LISTED IN THE TABLES ABOVE:

When a project is not specifically listed in the Building Permit Fee table (Schedule E, Item 1) or the Street Naming and Addressing Fee table (Schedule E, Item 2) the fee shall be calculated based on the valuation as described in Schedule G of this Section.

Section 5. Section F is hereby added to Section 362 of Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code to read as follows:

SCHEDULE F - PROVISIONS

1. TIME AND MATERIAL RATES

Time and material rates shall be calculated and charged at the following standard hourly billing rates for minor services such as general research:

Building Division:

FY 99/00

FY 00/01

Associate Structural Engineer		\$ 84.92
\$ 85.38		
Building Inspector		
\$ 59.90	\$ 60.23	
Chief, Electrical Engineer		
\$ 55.21	\$ 55.51	
Chief, Land Use		
\$ 78.64	\$ 79.07	
Fire Code Specialist		\$ 55.21
\$ 55.51		
Intermediate Clerk		
\$ 30.56	\$ 30.73	
Land Use Tech III		
\$ 54.03	\$ 54.33	
Land Use Tech II		
\$ 38.81	\$ 39.02	
Permit Processing Coordinator		
\$ 55.21	\$ 55.51	
Plans Examiner		
\$ 59.53	\$ 59.86	
Senior Dept. System Engineer		
\$ 82.35	0	
Senior Structural Engineer		
\$ 89.17	\$ 89.66	
Supervising Building Inspector		
\$ 67.47	\$ 67.84	
Student Worker I		
\$ 13.50	\$ 13.58	
Student Worker II		
\$ 16.39	\$ 16.48	
Student Worker III		
\$ 21.24	\$ 21.36	

Student Worker IV

\$ 26.57

\$ 26.71

Code Enforcement:

FY 99/00      FY 00/01

Chief, Land Use

\$ 69.01      \$ 69.39

Code Enforcement Coordinator

\$ 75.22      \$ 75.63

Code Enforcement Officer

\$ 44.12      \$ 44.36

Environmental Health Specialist

\$ 49.29      \$ 49.56

Intermediate Clerk

\$ 25.74      \$ 25.88

Student Worker I

\$ 13.50      \$ 13.58

Student Worker II

\$ 16.39      \$ 16.48

Student Worker III

\$ 21.24      \$ 21.36

Student Worker IV

\$ 26.57      \$ 26.71

2. **PLAN REVIEW FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL TRACTS:** When a plan is registered with the Building Official as a Master Plan, all subsequent plan reviews for that Master Plan will be charged the fee listed in Item 1 of Schedule E, Building Permit Fees. The minimum fee will be charged for each unique floor plan in the phase regardless of the total number of dwelling units in the phase. If more than two hours is required to intake and review each unique floor plan, the time in excess of two hours will be charged at the Time and Material Rate described in Schedule F, Item 1. Minor, nonstructural changes to Master Plans are acceptable, however, all additional staff time spent processing any plan changes will be added to the plan review fee.
3. **EXTENSION OF AN EXPIRED PLAN REVIEW:** When plans are submitted subsequent to plan review expiration, as permitted by Section 51.0107, subsection 107.4, the plan review extension fee shall be 25 percent of the plan review fee prescribed above for newly submitted plans.
4. **PLAN CHANGES, ADDITIONS, REVISIONS OR INCOMPLETE PLANS:** Additional plan review required by plan changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans or because the plans are incomplete shall be charged at the time and material labor rate and the minimum charge shall be one-half hour.



5. **FEE REDUCTION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS:** For building permit applicants who voluntarily participate in the Innovative Building Review Committee Program, as established by Board of Supervisors policy F-50, and exceed California Energy Commission Standards by 15% or more for residential and 25% or more for commercial and industrial developments, the fee for conducting inspections and review of plans shall be reduced by 7.5%.
6. **EXPEDITED PLAN REVIEW:** When requested by the applicant and approved by the Building Official staff may use overtime to expedite a plan review. An additional fee shall be charged for this service. The fee amount shall be determined using the time and material labor rate multiplied by the amount of time staff spends on expedited plan review.
7. **INSPECTIONS OUTSIDE OF NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS:** When the Building Official approves inspections outside of normal business hours the fee shall be charged hourly at the rate of one and one-half times the standard time and material labor rate described in Schedule F, item 1. The minimum time charged shall be two hours.
8. **REFUNDS:** An applicant who has paid the applicable plan review or permit fees may withdraw the application by submitting a written request to the Director of Planning and Land Use. The Department shall discontinue work on such application within one working day from the receipt of said request, except that the Department may continue to process an application involving the violation of a County ordinance.

The Director of Planning and Land Use shall not authorize the refund of any fee and/or deposit(s) paid except upon written application filed by the original applicant, received not later than one year after the date of fee payment.

Where a refund is requested of a flat fee, the refund amount shall be based upon work completed based on standard project tasks and milestones by permit types.

Flat fee refunds of \$5,000 or more must receive Board of Supervisor approval prior to payment.

Final permits and/or documents shall not be issued until all required fees/deposits are paid in full.

The Administrative Authority may authorize the full refund of any fee paid hereunder which is erroneously collected by the County.

Refund of fees described in Schedules E, F and G shall be made in accordance with San Diego County Code Sections 51.0107(107.6), 52.503, 53.117 or 58.117.

9. VIOLATIONS: When a violation of any County code includes or results from the failure to obtain a required permit a violation fee may be assessed as prescribed in San Diego County Code Sections 51.0107(107.5), 52.801 through 52.806, 53.124 through 53.125, 55.117, and 58.119 through 58.120.

In all cases the additional violation fee or deposit amount shall be treated as a non-refundable flat fee, even if the initial amount is a deposit.

10. CHARGES FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS: Information, circulars, reports of technical work, and other reports prepared by the Department of Planning and Land Use when supplied to other government agencies, individuals or groups requesting copies of same may be charged for by the Department in a sum not to exceed the cost of publication and distribution of such documents.
11. HOMEOWNER AND BUSINESS OWNERS RELIEF - WAIVER OF PLAN REVIEW AND PERMIT FEES: Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Schedules E and G, and San Diego County Code, Sections 51.0107(107.2), and 53.109, the plan check review fee and the permit fee shall not be charged for the following improvements:

Cargo containers of 320 square feet or less, when used for storage.

Exterior siding or plastering.

Non-masonry fencing and free-standing walls.

Re-roofs.

Skylights that are ICBO approved.

Window replacements with the same net openable area.

Door replacements that are not required to be fire-rated.

Replacement or repair of interior drywall when on a wall or ceiling which is not required to be fire rated.

Electric heat pump and air conditioner replacements provided there is no alteration to the electrical system which supplies power to the heat pump or air conditioning unit.

Replacement hot water heater installation when there is no modification or alteration of the electrical or gas system which supplies the water heater.

Emergency repair of gas lines.

Lawn sprinkler systems.

Septic to sewer connections.

12. **HOMEOWNER RELIEF WAIVER OF PLAN REVIEW FEES:**  
Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Schedules E and G, no fee shall be charged for the plan check review of the following improvements if the improvement is accessory to a single-family dwelling, a duplex, or a mobilehome built pursuant to county standard plans:

Carports over 300 square feet.

Patio covers over 300 square feet.

Fireplaces.

Retaining walls built to County standards.

13. **HOMEOWNER RELIEF EXEMPTION FOR SEISMIC RETROFITS:**  
Notwithstanding the fees otherwise specified in Schedules E and G, and San Diego County Code Sections 51.0107(107.3), and 51.0107(107.23), the application fee and the plan check review fee shall not be charged for a seismic retrofit to a single-family dwelling, a duplex or a mobilehome built pursuant to County standard plans.
14. **MISCELLANEOUS-HOURLY RATES:** The fee for items not listed in the above fee schedules or those designated "Time and Materials" shall be determined by the actual costs incurred by the Department of Planning and Land Use. The cost will be determined by using the labor rates specified in Schedule F, Item 1, Time and Material Labor Rates.
15. **SURFACE MINING INSPECTION DEPOSIT:** The deposit for conducting annual inspections of surface mining operations to review compliance with the Major Use Permit, Reclamation Plan and Interim Management Plan shall be \$2,000. The deposit shall be due within 60 days after the adoption of this ordinance and on July 1 of each year thereafter. The \$2,000 amount shall apply to all existing surface mining operations for the first year and for the first year of each new surface mining operation. Thereafter, the Director shall determine the appropriate amount of the deposit for each surface mining operation. Approval and inspections of an Interim Management Plan shall be an expense of the inspection deposit.
16. **SIGNS - REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT:** The refundable deposit required prior to the approval of any administrative sign permit or minor use permit, as prescribed in the County Zoning Ordinance Section 6207 b. 1. xiv., shall be \$1,000.

17. DEMOLITION PERMIT FEE: The fee for a demolition permit shall be \$15.00.

Section 6. Section G is hereby added to Section 362 of Article XX of San Diego County Administrative Code to read as follows:

**SCHEDULE G – BUILDING PERMIT FEES BASED ON VALUATION**

(1) **BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

FOR ISSUING EACH PERMIT . . . . \$15.00

<b>TOTAL VALUATION</b>	<b>PERMIT FEE</b>
\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$15.00
\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$15.00 for the first \$500.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$500.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00.
\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$45.00 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$9.00 for each additional \$500.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00.
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$252.00 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$6.50 for each additional \$500.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$414.50 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$4.50 for each additional \$500.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00.
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$639.50 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$3.50 for each additional \$500.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00.
\$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$2,039.50 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00.
\$1,000,001.00 and up	\$3,539.50 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

(2) **OTHER FEES UNDER SCHEDULE G:**

**PLAN REVIEW FEES.** When a plan or other data is required or requested pursuant to the code, a plan review fee shall be paid at the time of submitting plans and specifications for review. Said plan review fee shall be 65% of the building permit fee.

**DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW FEES.** The fee for conducting a review of plans for compliance with the disabled accessibility standards found at Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, to be assessed at the time of application for plan review, shall be an additional 10% of the plan review fee specified in Schedule G. The fee for conducting an inspection for compliance with said disabled accessibility standards, to be assessed at the time of issuance of a building permit, shall be an additional 10% of the building permit fee which is assessed under Schedule G.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days after the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, a summary shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in the San Diego Daily Transcript, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

Section 8. Operative Date. This Ordinance shall be operative on July 1, 1999.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999.