



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Memo Date: September 19, 2022
Agenda Date: September 27, 2022
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Requested Action:

FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING APPENDIX A, ZONING, ARTICLE XX OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA; REPEALING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID TO THE CITY UPON RECEIPT OF PLANNING AND ZONING RELATED APPLICATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF FUTURE PLANNING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULES BY RESOLUTION.

BACKGROUND:

The City is authorized by law to establish fee schedules for planning and zoning related applications. Appendix A, Zoning, Article XX of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cocoa currently provides for a schedule of fees to be paid to the City upon receipt of planning and zoning related applications, which has not been updated since 2003. During the 2023 Budget Hearings, City Council has expressed its support to update the fee schedule in order to assist the City in defraying a portion of the costs and administrative expenses incurred by the City in the administration and enforcement of planning and zoning regulations.

The proposed ordinance would repeal the existing planning and zoning application fees in Article XX of the Zoning Ordinance of the City and provide that future planning and zoning application fees will be adopted by resolution, which is consistent with the manner and procedure used by the City Council to adopt numerous other types of fees and fee schedules. Future adoption of fees by resolution allows the City to amend fee schedules more efficiently and with less cost to the City.

This is the first reading of the subject Ordinance. The proposed resolution and new planning and zoning application fees will be presented to the City Council following Second Reading of this Ordinance..

STRATEGIC PLAN CONNECTION:

Enhance efforts to make the City of Cocoa a thriving and competitive economic driver along the Space Coast.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended the requested action for approval to the City Council at the September 7, 2022, Planning and Zoning Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

APPROVE ON FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING APPENDIX A, ZONING, ARTICLE XX OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA; REPEALING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID TO THE CITY UPON RECEIPT OF PLANNING AND ZONING RELATED APPLICATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF FUTURE PLANNING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULES BY RESOLUTION.