

DRAC Members,

Interagency partners Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Water Bureau (PWB) planned to provide a brief update on proposed development fees for fiscal year 14/15 at the March meeting. Since that meeting was cancelled, a brief summary is provided below. There will be time for more discussion at the April 17 DRAC meeting. In the interim, if you have questions, contact the individuals identified below.

BES

After having no or limited fee increases during the past few years, BES will be proposing an increase in Land Use Review and Building Plan Review fees to move closer to full cost recovery in addition to a small inflationary adjustment. SDCs are currently under review.

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PWB

PWB is collecting and analyzing data now; at this time it is too early in the process to project any estimated changes for review fees, installation costs, and SDCs.

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PBOT

PBOT has completed a preliminary review of fees for fiscal year 14-15. Currently, they are proposing to increase most building and utility fees by approximately 5%. This increase is predominately due to increasing costs associated with COLA and inflation. PBOT is also anticipating raising PBOT Land Use fees by 8%. This increase is also due to the factors noted earlier, however, it's to bring our actual costs in line with a full cost recovery model. We have capped the Land Use fee at 8%; however, we anticipate further increases over the next 2-3 years to reach full Cost Recovery.

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Additionally, BES wanted you to be aware of an upcoming Code Chapter Replacement of Sewer, Storm Sewer and Drainage System Permits section of the Portland City Code 17.32. A notice of this action and the opening of the public comment period will be posted April 14 at www.portlandoregon.gov/BES/review. The replacement will:

- Reorganize existing authorities to group permit-specific items for clarity
- Make text changes to clarify odd wording
- Add language to clarify BES authorities to require permits to access City sewer and drainage systems
- Move Green Street voluntary maintenance allowances from 17.38 to 17.32