

Proposed FY 18 UF Fee Package

Background

- Fees help to cover the cost of performing Urban Forestry’s regulatory function as directed in Title 11
- Some fees are set to \$0 to encourage compliance, i.e. tree pruning, tree planting
- For FY 18, UF permit fee increases are intended to offset reduction in general fund
- Objective is to gradually move to full cost recovery over multiple years

Considerations

- Urban Forestry tree permits are not currently at full cost recovery
 - **UF FY 17:** Cost Recovery at 30% | Funding Gap at FY16 permit volume at \$2,185,607
 - **UF FY 18 Proposed:** Cost Recovery at 33% | Funding Gap at FY16 permit volume at \$2,093,188
- By comparison, other permit issuing bureaus are between 75% and 100% cost recovery
- As permit volume increases, UF’s funding gap widens necessitating increased general fund subsidization
 - FY15: 6,542 fee permits | FY16: 7,505 fee permits | 15% increase

Proposed Development Fee Increases

Street Trees	FY 17 Fee	Actual Cost	FY 18 Fee
Residential Remodel ≥ \$25,000 valuation	\$80.00	\$390.83	\$100.00
Residential Construction ≤ \$100,000 valuation	\$150.00	\$390.83	\$170.00
Residential Construction > \$100,000 valuation	\$200.00	\$390.83	\$220.00
Commercial Remodel ≥ \$25,000 valuation	\$194.78	\$390.83	\$215.00
Commercial Construction ≤ \$1,000,000 valuation	\$190.00	\$390.83	\$210.00
Commercial Construction > \$1,000,000 valuation	\$300.00	\$390.83	\$320.00
Public Works	\$325.00	\$694.80	\$400.00
Street Trees - Land Use Services	FY 17 Fee	Actual Cost	FY 18 Fee
Land Use Review	\$150.00	\$260.55	\$170.00
Early Assistance Meeting & Written Info	\$300.00	\$434.25	\$320.00
Pre-Application Conference	\$300.00	\$434.25	\$320.00

Proposed Fee in Lieu of Planting and Establishment Increase

- Fee is collected as a per-caliper-inch payment made in lieu of tree preservation or planting
 - Non-Development (11.40): in lieu of tree replacement as condition of a permit
 - Development (11.50): in lieu of planting or preservation when the project design makes it infeasible to meet the requirements
 - Enforcement (11.70): in lieu of planting as a correction for a violation
- Payments are paid into the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund
 - TPPF is primarily used for tree planting and establishment (2 years)
 - Trees must be planted in same watershed as source of revenue
- Current Fee: \$300/inch
- Actual UF cost: \$490/inch
 - Actual cost per inch is based on the cost of Urban Forestry to plant and establish one 2.5" caliper tree
- Proposed FY 18 Fee: \$325/inch

Going Forward

