

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
for MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC-03-004

In the matter of recommending that the Board of Commissioners establish fees and charges to support the Land Use Planning Program including MCC 11.05 Land Use General Provisions, 11.15 Zoning, 11.45 Land Divisions, 37 Administration and Procedures, 38 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and related permit and administrative fees, and Repealing Resolution No. 02-104.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Finds:

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapters 11.05, and 33 through 36 and Chapter 38, to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption, revision, or repeal of regulations intended to carry out all or part of a plan adopted by the Board.
- b. Fees charged by the Land Use Planning program are adopted by the Board and are regulations that carry out implementation of the planning program of Multnomah County.
- c. The fees of the Land Use Planning Division were last adjusted in May of 2001 through Resolution No. 01-068, and these fees should now be adjusted to account for the change in the Consumer Price Index since that time.
- d. On July 25, 2002, the Board adopted Resolution No. 02-104 that added fees for planning services provided by Portland and Troutdale under IGAs for areas outside those city limits and within the urban growth boundaries. All fees and charges set by Resolution 01-068 for areas not covered by IGAs were readopted unchanged from the amounts set in Resolution No. 01-068.
- e. The Land Use Planning Division has been providing services for certain Type I reviews and provides copies of decisions on a subscription basis without collecting a fee and it is reasonable to collect a fee for those services.
- f. The Land Use Planning Division will make land use decisions available to the public on the internet concurrently with the Board adoption of subscription fees for those decisions.
- g. In order to reduce administrative costs to maintain authorized cost recovery levels, the Board should authorize the Planning Director to annually raise fees for all Type I through IV permits, and for Pre-application conferences, in an amount consistent with any increase in the Consumer Price Index. Any increase should be calculated for the time period starting at the last increase date, and should be levied based on the calendar year.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Resolves:

1. The proposed fee schedule in Exhibit A for Land Use Planning services outside of IGA areas is hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. Fees set in Resolution No. 02-104 for IGA areas should be readopted.
2. The Commission further recommends that the Board authorize the Planning Director to annually raise fees for all Type I through IV permits, and for Pre-application conferences, in an amount consistent with any increase in the Consumer Price Index. Any increase should be calculated for the time period starting at the last increase date, and should be levied based on the calendar year.
3. The Commission recommends that the Board direct the Planning Director to undertake on a priority basis an analysis of the fee structure to consider the amount of cost recovery, the amount of fees charged relative to the public interest the permit serves, and to include the rationale for any increase.

Approved this 1st day of December, 2003.

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John Ingle, Chair