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Subject Setting of fees to recover City costs for review of projects subject to the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards	Code and Section Reference 22.900.260 SMC Misc. & Special Fees		
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The Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards were enacted by the City Council as Emergency Ordinance #114630 effective on August 17, 1989. Implementation of the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards requires additional traffic analysis of proposed projects by the Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU). Since this ordinance was enacted as an emergency and increased the amount of DCLU staff time needed to review projects, additional fees are necessary to implement the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards and off-set greater review costs.

The 1991 Permit Fee Ordinance (115253), Chapter 22.900.260, Miscellaneous and Special Fees, provides authority to assess fees to recover costs for services which are not otherwise specified in the Fee Code, or where the valuation or other methodology normally used does not reflect actual conditions.

"Miscellaneous and special fees shall be assessed to recover City costs for services and materials which are not otherwise specified in this Code or where the valuation or other methodology normally used does not reflect actual conditions which may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Notification, examination, consultation, testing, or inspection of proposals, particular plans, construction, equipment, personnel or material which may be related to, but not directly covered by, a specific permit or approval process."

RULE

The fee for DCLU Land Use Review services for projects subject to the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards shall be a minimum of One Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$165.00), with an hourly fee charged for time spent over one and one-half (1.5) hours. The hourly rate shall be One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00). The minimum fee of One Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$165.00) shall be due at permit application intake upon determination by the DCLU Intake Staff that the project is subject to the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards. Any additional fees owed will be billed prior to issuance of a decision. This is a new, additional fee applied only to projects located within the boundaries of the Northgate study area and subject to the Interim Traffic Standards, and does not replace, substitute, or duplicate any other required DCLU permit fee. When a project is also subject to SEPA, it will not be double-billed for review time.

REASON

Increased permit intake responsibilities, requests for pre-application conferences to explain the technical aspects of the traffic standards, and detailed review, analysis and recommendations for proposed projects increases the amount of staff time needed to review projects subject to the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards. This rule sets the fees charged to recover City costs for services associated with implementation of the Northgate Area Interim Traffic Standards.

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