

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
FROM: Jennifer Steingasser, Deputy Director, Development Review & Historic Preservation
DATE: May 14, 2010
SUBJECT: Zoning Commission Case Nos. 10-09 and 10-10
Proposed Text Amendments to the Filing Fees for applications filed with the Office of Zoning under 11 DCMR Chapters 30 and 31 of the Zoning Regulations

I. RECOMMENDATION

The Office of Planning (OP) recommends that the Zoning Commission setdown the proposed text amendments to Chapters 30 and 31 as petitioned by the Office of Zoning to:

- Increase the current filing and hearing fees for the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment fees by 30%; and
- Include minor text changes for clarity.

This report serves as the final report to the Commission. The Office of Zoning's report, including amended text, is attached.

II. BACKGROUND

The Office of Zoning (OZ), the petitioner, is requesting amendments to 11 DCMR Chapters 30 and 31 to permit fee increases for the filing and hearing of petitions before the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The proposed increases are part of ongoing OZ initiatives to further improve its services and are necessary adjustments to reflect existing operating costs. The increases would offset a small portion of the operating cost of the Commission, as a major portion would still be derived from the District's revenues.

Filing fees established in 1980 under ZC Order 337 were increased by 100% in 1994. Since 1994 no increases have been initiated by the Office of Zoning. The proposed increases would represent a mere 30% increase over the prior increase sixteen years ago.

The Office of Zoning conducted an analysis of current and proposed fees relative to surrounding jurisdictions. This analysis revealed that the proposed fees for services would be less than those charged for similar services in surrounding jurisdictions.

III. CONCLUSION

This is an administrative procedure and has no impact on the Zone Plan or on the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. The Office of Planning has no objection to the setdown of the proposed amendments.

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