

Are you planning on applying for building permits?

You need to be aware of new charges for 2019 from the Assessor

**The Property Record Maintenance Charge:**

These charges will be collected at the time you pay for your building permit.

*Understanding the Charge and its Impact on Your Planned Project*

**Background Information**

The City Assessor’s Office inspects thousands of properties per year for the purpose of adding to and maintaining the integrity of its database in order to create assessments based on credible appraisals. The inspection and appraisal of new construction requires the department to spend extra time and resources. It is estimated that a typical property undergoing new construction requires many hours of work including administrative, technical, appraisal, and management personnel. In the case of complicated new commercial construction hours are very great.

Under our current policy property that is not improved (changed or altered) in any manner actually subsidizes the extra effort it requires to inspect, list, appraise, and process newly constructed or remodeled properties into our systems. This charge will partially compensate for the extra costs associated with the appraisal and record maintenance process.

**Charge Structure:**

New Construction:

1 Family - \$259	Industrial - .37% of construction cost \$23 minimum
2 Family - \$391	
Multi Family - \$463 + \$115/ unit over 2	Institutional - .37% of construction cost \$23 minimum
Commercial - .05/sqft.; \$572 minimum	
Industrial - .05/sqft.; \$572 minimum	Siding - \$18
Institutional - .05/sqft.; \$572 minimum	Deck - \$18
	Garage - \$18
<u>Alterations and Additions:</u>	Air Cond - \$18
Residential - .37% of construction cost \$13 minimum	Fireplace - \$18
Commercial - .37% of construction cost \$23 minimum	Razing - \$18
	Plumbing - 28% of permit cost per Sec.200-33-43

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

What is the purpose of the charge?

*The record maintenance and appraisal attributed to new construction requires inspection and or listing in order to arrive at the value the project brings to the property. This necessitates extra resources. The purpose of the charge is to have those costs paid by the user rather than have those be borne by all taxpayers*

What will the charge be used for?

*The revenue will be used to offset the costs incurred to measure, list, and appraise new construction, alterations or additions.*

How is the charge collected, do I have to do anything special?

*The charge is collected when you pay for your building permits issued through the Development Center, 809 N Broadway, there is no extra effort on your part.*

Is there extra paperwork involved?

*The charge is included with your building permit, causing no additional paperwork for you.*

How were the costs determined?

*Three factors were considered:*

*Reasonableness: Private appraisals cost about \$300 for residential property and tends to go up tens of thousands of dollars for commercial property. The appraisal work involved is similar to that of a private appraiser – the charge is significantly less than that of a private appraiser.*

*Time required: Actual costs based on current production reports were reviewed. The charges are at or less than actual costs.*

*Collection considerations: Since the charges are collected at the Developments Center, the methodology is based on their existing system processes. This creates efficiency and ease of implementation.*

What if I change my mind and decide not to complete this project?

*All refunds or charge cancellations can be applied for at the Development Center. If a refund on your other permit is allowed, it will also be allowed for this charge.*

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More Questions?

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