



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

One Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of 6/11/2019

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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<p>Amending residential building permit fees from valuation based to square footage based.</p>

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code to change residential building permit fees from valuation based to square footage based; providing for publication; and declaring an emergency for a one-reading action.

PURPOSE:

To establish a method for calculating residential building plan review and permit fees which does not use construction valuation as a factor.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On May 21, 2019, the Texas Legislature passed, and Governor Greg Abbott signed, House Bill 852 which prohibits municipalities from calculating building permit fees based on the construction value of the project. This became effective on the date of passage, May 21, 2019. Residential permit applications impacted by the legislation include new one and two-family residential dwellings and additions/remodels to existing one and two-family residential dwellings. The proposed method for calculating building permit fees is a unit rate based on the square footage of the project. Applications for building permits at existing one and two family residential dwellings located in a special flood hazard area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are still required to provide the cost of the construction value at permit submittal for compliance with National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Chapter 14 – Article XIII Development Services Fees

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Request is for one emergency reading.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2018-2019	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Funding Detail:

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only)**:

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Presentation