

# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

# **Executive Summary** Planning Code and Administrative Code Fee Language Legislation Amendment

HEARING DATE: APRIL 21, 2016

Date: April 14, 2016 2016-004497PCA Case No.: **Project Address:** N/A Zoning: N/A N/A Block/Lot: Planning Commission Project Sponsor: Staff Contact: Deborah Landis - (415) 575-9118 Deborah.Landis@sfgov.org Recommendation: Approval

LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation will amend Planning Code Sections 351-360 and Administrative Code Sections 31.22-31.23, to describe the process for adopting and annually adjusting Planning Department fees, delete the fees from the Planning and Administrative Codes, and adopt the existing fees, as currently indexed, in an uncodified section.

#### **EXISTING LAW**

Fees for Planning Department services are established in Section 351 et seq. of the Planning Code and Sections 31.22 et seq. of the Administrative Code. Pursuant to Planning Code Section 350(g) and Administrative Code Section 31.22(b)(3), the Controller annually adjusts these fees, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, by the two-year average consumer price index (CPI) change for the San Francisco/San Jose Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Department's current fees, inclusive of the annual indexing for inflation, are listed on a fee schedule that is posted on the Planning Department's website.

#### SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The proposed change will not affect any properties or neighborhoods. The change will simplify and clarify what fees will cost for applicants. Currently, confusion stems from fees being published in multiple locations, with the Planning Code and Administrative Code rates often being outdated.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The legislation change is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it is not a project and does not cause any physical change to the environment.

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#### HEARING NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The proposal is going through required notification as part of the Commission and future Board of Supervisor meeting processes. All public comment and community outreach will be part of the Commission and Board processes. The proposed legislation will be presented at the Planning Commission's April 21, 2016 hearing and, if approved, will move forward to the Board of Supervisors as part of the proposed FY2016-17 and 2017-18 budget cycle.

#### ISSUES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Planning Code Sections 351 – 360 and Administrative Code Sections 31.22 -31.23 set specific fees for the Planning Department. These fees are adjusted annually by the Controller by the two-year average Consumer Price Index (CPI) change. Because the Planning and Administrative Codes are not annually amended to show the fees as adjusted by the Controller, the fees shown in the Codes have become inaccurate over time. The correct fees are shown on the fee schedule posted on the Planning Department's website. Deleting the specific fees from the Codes and codifying only the process for establishing and adjusting the fees will be less misleading and confusing to the public.

#### REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

In order for the legislation to proceed, the Commission must approve the proposed legislation and pass it on to the Board of Supervisors.

#### **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The proposed Ordinance will amend the Administrative Code and the Planning Code so that they are in line with the City's current practices and adopted budget.
- The legislation simplifies the language around the Department's Schedule of Application Fees, promoting clearer communication with the public and decreasing confusion around fee amounts.
- By including current fee amounts in an uncodified section of the ordinance, the Planning Department and the City will avoid possible contradictory fee amounts published in different locations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

Attachments: Legislation Legislative Digest

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Attachment Checklist

Executive Summary	Project sponsor submittal
Draft Motion	Drawings: Existing Conditions
Environmental Determination	Check for legibility
Zoning District Map	Drawings: Proposed Project
🔲 Height & Bulk Map	Check for legibility
Parcel Map	3-D Renderings (new construction or significant addition)
Sanborn Map	Check for legibility
Aerial Photo	Wireless Telecommunications Materials
Context Photos	Health Dept. review of RF levels
Site Photos	RF Report
	Community Meeting Notice
	Housing Documents
	Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program: Affidavit for Compliance

Exhibits above marked with an "X" are included in this packet

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#### LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning, Administrative Codes – Planning Department Fees; Future Fee Adjustments]

Ordinance amending the Planning and Administrative Codes to adopt fee amounts for Planning Department fees, and set the process for annually adjusting the fee amounts; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act, making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code Section 302.

#### Existing Law

Fees for Planning Department services are established in Section 351 et seq. of the Planning Code and Sections 31.22 et seq. of the Administrative Code. Pursuant to Planning Code Section 350(g) and Administrative Code Section 31.22(b)(3), the Controller annually adjusts these fees, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, by the two-year average consumer price index (CPI) change for the San Francisco/San Jose Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA). The Department's current fees, inclusive of the annual indexing for inflation, are listed on a fee schedule that is posted on the Planning Department's website.

#### Amendments to Current Law

Planning Code Sections 351 through 360, setting forth the specific fees for Planning Department services, are deleted and the fees on the Department's current posted fee schedule, as adjusted by the Controller, are adopted in an uncodified section of the ordinance. Section 350 is revised to set forth the process for establishing and adjusting the fees.

Administrative Code Sections 31.22 and 31.23.1 are revised to set forth the process for establishing and adjusting the fees for the Planning Department's environmental review services. The specific fees are deleted from these sections and the fees on the Department's current posted fee schedule, including the Controller's adjustments, are adopted in an uncodified section of the ordinance.

#### Background Information

Because the Planning and Administrative Codes are not annually amended to show the fees as adjusted by the Controller, the fees shown in the Codes have become inaccurate over time. The correct fees are shown on the fee schedule posted on the Planning Department's website. Deleting the specific fees from the Codes and codifying only the process for establishing and adjusting the fees will be less misleading and confusing to the public.

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## ORDINANCE NO.

1	[Planning, Administrative Codes - Planning Department Fees; Future Fee Adjustments]			
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3	Ordinance amending the Planning and Administrative Codes to adopt fee amounts for			
4	Planning Department fees, and set the process for annually adjusting the fee amounts;			
5	and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California			
6	Environmental Quality Act, making findings of consistency with the General Plan and			
7	the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and adopting findings of			
8	public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code Section 302.			
9	NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font.			
10	Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> . Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font.			
11	Board amendment additions are in <u>double-underlined Arial font</u> . Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font.			
12	Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.			
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14	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:			
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16	Section 1. Findings.			
17	(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this			
18	ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources			
19	Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of			
20	Supervisors in File No and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms			
21	this determination.			
22	(b) On, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No,			
23	adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance,			
24	with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The			
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Board adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of 1 the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, and is incorporated herein by reference. 2 3 Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this ordinance will (c) serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning 4 Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Board incorporates such reasons herein by 5 reference. A copy of Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is on file with the Clerk of 6 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 7 8 9 Section 2. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 350 and deleting Sections 351 through 360, to read as follows: 10 SEC. 350. FEES, GENERAL. 11 12 (a) Authorization of Fees. The Planning Department shall charge Ffees shall be imposed 13 in order to compensate the Planning Department for the cost of processing applications, and for the development developing and revising revision of land use controls, and performing or 14 providing other activities and services. Notwithstanding the procedures set forth in this Section 350, the 15 16 *Board of Supervisors may modify the fees by ordinance at any time.* 

17 *(b)* **Base Fees.** The base Ffees shall be to be charged and collected as indicated by the Department for each class of application, permit, filing request, or activity, or service processed or 18 performed by the Department are stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No. , available in Board 19 20 of Supervisors File No. and on the website of the Board of Supervisors listed in Sections 351 21 through 360 below. The base fees stated in Section 4 of that ordinance are the fees in effect as of the 22 date of introduction of the ordinance. (c) Annual Adjustment of Base Fees. Consistent with preexisting law, beginning with the 23 setting of fees for fiscal year 2016-2017, the Controller will annually adjust the base fee amounts 24 referenced in subsection (b) and stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No. in Board of Supervisors 25

1	File No, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the two-year		
2	average Consumer Price Index (CPI) change for the San Francisco/San Jose Primary Metropolitan		
3	Area (PMSA). This process will occur as follows.		
4	No later than April 15 of each year, the Director shall submit the Department's current Fee		
5	Schedule to the Controller, who shall apply the CPI adjustment to produce a new Fee Schedule for the		
6	fiscal year beginning July 1. No later than May 15 of each year, the Controller shall file a report with		
7	the Board of Supervisors reporting the new Fee Schedule and certifying that: (1) the fees produce		
8	sufficient revenue to support the costs of providing the services for which the fee is charged and (2) the		
9	fees do not produce revenue that exceeds the costs of providing the services for which each permit fee		
10	<u>is charged.</u>		
11	No later than September of each year, the Department's Fee Schedule showing the current fee		
12	amounts inclusive of annual adjustments shall be published in an Appendix to the Planning Code,		
13	posted on the Department's website, and made available upon request at the main office of the		
14	<u>Department.</u>		
15	(d) Surcharges. In addition to fees, a surcharge shall be assessed on some fees to		
16	compensate the Department for the cost of appeals to the Board of Supervisors or the Board of		
17	Appeals. These surcharges are stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No in Board of		
18	Supervisors File No These surcharges are not part of base fees as described in subsection		
19	(b) and are not subject to the annual adjustment process described in subsection (c). However, to fully		
20	inform the public, such surcharges shall be included in the Planning Department Fee Schedule		
21	referenced in subsection (c).		
22	In addition, there shall be a surcharge assessed on certain permit fees to fully compensate the		
23	Department for the costs of discretionary review, as detailed in Section 4 of the aforementioned		
24	ordinance. That surcharge will be treated as if it were a base fee, and will be subject to the annual		
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1	adjustment process described in subsection (c) and included in the Planning Department Fee Schedule		
2	referenced in subsection (c).		
3	(e) Estimated Construction Costs. Estimated construction costs are as defined by the		
4	San Francisco Building Code. Certain of the fees specified in Section 4 of Ordinance No.		
5	in Board of Supervisors File No place a limit on the fee based on its not		
6	exceeding a specified percentage of construction cost.		
7	(f) <b>Time for Payment.</b> All fees are payable at time of filing application or request,		
8	except where noted otherwise. However, the Director of Planning or his/her designee may		
9	authorize phased collection of the fee for a project whose work is projected to span more than		
10	one fiscal year. The balance of phased payments must be paid in full one week in advance of		
11	the first scheduled public hearing before the Planning Commission to consider the project or		
12	before issuance of the first site permit if no hearing is required.		
13	(g) <b>Time and Materials.</b> The Planning Department shall charge the applicant for		
14	any time and materials cost incurred in excess of the initial fee charged if required to recover		
15	the Department's costs for providing services.		
16	(1) The Department shall charge time and materials to recover the cost of		
17	correcting code violations and violations of Planning Commission and Department conditions		
18	of approval of use if such costs are not covered by the monitoring fee for conditions of		
19	approval specified <i>in the Planning Department Fee Schedule</i> in Section 351(e)(1).		
20	(2) Where a different limitation on time and material charges is set forth		
21	elsewhere in this Article 3.5, that limitation shall prevail.		
22	(3) The Planning Department may also charge for any time and material		
23	costs incurred by other departments or agencies of the City and County of San Francisco.		
24	(4) Any balance of time and materials costs for active and open projects		
25	must be paid in full one week in advance of a scheduled public hearing before the Planning		

Commission to consider the project or before issuance of the first site permit if no hearing is
 required.

3 (h) Document Retrieval. The fee for files stored on-site shall be the actal costs for printing
4 the file(s). The fee for files stored off-site shall be the actual costs for retrieval, printing, and return of
5 files, as specified in a retrieval schedule prepared by the Director of Planning, or the Director's
6 designee.

7 (*i*) **Refunds.** When an application is withdrawn by the applicant prior to a public 8 hearing, or deemed canceled by the Planning Department due to inactivity on the part of the 9 applicant, then the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of the fee paid to the Department 10 less the time and materials expended. Refund requests must be submitted within six months 11 of the project closure date.

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#### Deferred or Reduced Fee; *Fee Waivers*.

13 (1)Any fraternal, charitable, benevolent or any other nonprofit organization, 14 that is exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue laws of the United States and the 15 Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California as a bona fide fraternal, charitable, 16 benevolent, or other nonprofit organization, or public entity that submits an application for the 17 development of residential units all of which are affordable to low and moderate income 18 households, as defined by the United States Housing and Urban Development Department, 19 for a time period that is consistent with the policy of the Mayor's Office of Housing and 20 Community Development and the Successor to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, may 21 defer payment of the fees except those for discretionary review and appeals to the Board of Supervisors under 352d and 352n until (1) (A) before final Planning Department approval of the 22 23 building permit, preparatory to issuance of the building permit, before the building permit is 24 released to the applicant, or (2) (B) within one year of the date of action on the application, 25 whichever comes first. This exemption shall apply notwithstanding the inclusion in the

1 development of other nonprofit ancillary or accessory uses. Should the project be withdrawn 2 prior to final Planning approval, the applicant shall pay time and material costs pursuant to 3 Section 350(g)(c).

4 (2) An exemption from paying the full fees specified for discretionary review or 5 appeals to the Board of Supervisors under Section 352d and 352n may be granted when the 6 requestor's income is not enough to pay for the fee without affecting their his or her abilities to 7 pay for the necessities of life, provided that the person seeking the exemption demonstrates 8 to the Planning Director or his/her designee that *they are he or she would be* substantially 9 affected by the proposed project.

- (3) Certain of the fees charged in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) are 10 subject in some circumstances to waiver, as stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 11 in Board
- 12 of Supervisors File No.

(f) (k) Late Payment-; Charges and Collection of Overdue Accounts. The Director 13 or his/her designee shall call upon the Bureau of Delinguent Revenues or duly licensed 14 15 collection agencies for assistance in collecting delinguent accounts more than 60 days in 16 arrears, in which case any additional costs of collection may be added to the fee amount 17 outstanding. If the Department seeks the assistance of a duly licensed collection agency, the 18 approval procedures of Administrative Code Chapter 10, Article V5, Section 10.39-1 et seq. will 19 be applicable.

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## (g) Fee Adjustments.

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(1) The Controller will annually adjust the fee amounts specified in Sections 350-360 by the two-year average consumer price index (CPI) change for the San Francisco/San Jose Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA). For a listing of the Department's current fees inclusive of annual indexing for inflation, reference the Schedule of Application Fees available on the

25 *Department website.* 

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## SEC. 351. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

2	(a) Agendas for Planning Commission: \$38.00 annual subscription to cover costs of
3	mailing. The Planning Director or his/her designee may authorize exemptions in those instances where
4	costs would impose financial hardship.
5	(b Agendas for Historic Preservation Commission: \$38.00 annual subscription to cover
6	costs of mailing. The Planning Director or his/her designee, may authorize exemption in those
7	instances where costs would impose financial hardship.
8	(c) - Document Retrieval: Files stored on-site actual costs for printing file(s), Files stored
9	off-site: actual costs for retrieval, printing and return of files, as specified in a retrieval schedule
10	prepared by Director of Planning, or his/her designee.
11	(d) Monitoring Projects: Monitoring Conditions of Approval: Upon adoption of conditions
12	of approval which the Zoning Administrator determines require active monitoring, the fee shall be
13	\$1,153.00 as an initial fee, plus time and materials as set forth in Section 350(c).
14	(c) Project Review for Policy and Code Review and Interpretation for Prospective Projects
15	for Which an Application Has Not Been Filed, and Site-specific Design Guidelines and Code-
16	complying Massing Recommendations and Department Facilitated Pre-application Meetings:
16 17	complying Massing Recommendations and Department Facilitated Pre-application Meetings: \$376.00 for new construction and modifications to 5 or fewer dwelling units and for affordable housing
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17 18 19	\$376.00 for new construction and modifications to 5 or fewer dwelling units and for affordable housing projects as defined in the Guidelines of the United States Housing and Urban Development Department, and \$889.00 for all other projects and Department facilitated pre-application meetings.
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17 18 19 20 21	\$376.00 for new construction and modifications to 5 or fewer dwelling units and for affordable housing projects as defined in the Guidelines of the United States Housing and Urban Development Department, and \$889.00 for all other projects and Department facilitated pre-application meetings. (f) (1) Project Notifications for an Individual Requesting Notification of Project Applications:
17 18 19 20 21 22	\$376.00 for new construction and modifications to 5 or fewer dwelling units and for affordable housing projects as defined in the Guidelines of the United States Housing and Urban Development Department, and \$889.00 for all other projects and Department facilitated pre-application meetings. (f) (1) Project Notifications for an Individual Requesting Notification of Project Applications: (A) First Address or First Assessor's Lot: \$33.00 per annum.

1	(2) Project Notifications for a Neigh	borhood Organization, defined as (i) having	
2	been in existence for 24 months prior to the request, and (ii) is listed on the Planning Department's		
3	neighborhood organization notification list, requesting Notification of Project Applications:		
4	(A) First Address or First Ass	essor's Block: \$33.00 per annum.	
5	(B) Additional Addresses: \$13.00 for addresses in each new Assessor's Block		
6	thereafter, per annum.		
7	<del>(g) Zoning Administrator Written Determin</del>	ations Pursuant to Section 307(a): \$125.00 for	
8	zoning letters of conformance, \$563.00 for other written	determinations.	
9	(h) Preliminary Project Assessment: \$4,427 which will be credited to the first project		
10	application filed.		
11	SEC. 352. COMMISSION AND ZONING ADMINIS	TRATOR HEARING APPLICATIONS.	
12	(a) Conditional Use (Section 303), Planned Unit Development (Section 304). The initial		
13	fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost. A \$111 surcharge shall be added to the fees		
14	for a conditional use or planned unit development to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the		
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	Board of Supervisors.		
16	Board of Supervisors.  Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee	
16 17	Board of Supervisors. Estimated Construction Cost No construction cost, excluding extension of hours	Initial Fee           \$1,837.00	
16 17 18	Board of Supervisors. Estimated Construction Cost No construction cost, excluding extension of hours No construction cost, extension of hours	Initial Fee           \$1,837.00           \$1,313.00	
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2	\$10,000,000.00 to \$19,999,999.00	<del>\$66,608.00 plus 0.309% of cost over</del>
3		<del>\$10,000,000.00</del>
4	<del>\$20,000,000.00 or more</del>	<del>\$98,222.00</del>

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(b) Variance (Section 305). Variance fees are subject to additional time and material

6 *charges, as set forth in Section 350(c). The initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction* 

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8	Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
9	<del>\$0.00 - \$9,999.00</del>	<del>\$834.00</del>
10	<del>\$10,000.00 - \$19,999.00</del>	<del>\$1,859.00</del>
11	\$20,000.00 and greater	<del>\$3,785.00</del>

(c) Downtown (C-3) District Review (Section 309) and Coastal Zone Permit (Section 330)

Applications Commission Hearing Fee Schedule. The initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the

- construction cost. 15 **Estimated Construction Cost** Initial Fee 16 \$0.00 to \$9.999.00 <u>\$261.00</u> 17 \$10,000.00 to \$999,999.00 \$266.00 plus 0.119% of cost over \$10,000.00 18 \$1.000.000.00 to \$4.999.999.00 \$1,472.00 plus 0.142% of cost over 19 <u>\$1.000.000.00</u> 20 \$5.000.000.00 to \$9.999.999.00 \$7,278.00 plus 0.118% of cost over 21 *\$5,000,000.00* 22 \$10,000,000.00 to \$19,999,999.00 \$13,320.00 plus 0.062% of cost over 23 <u>\$10.000.000</u> 24 \$20,000,000.00 or more *\$19,667.00* 25
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1	(1) Where an applicant requests two or more approvals involving a conditional use,
2	planned unit development, variance, Downtown (C-3) District Section 309 review, Large Project
3	Authorization in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, certificate of appropriateness, permit
4	to alter a significant or contributory building both within and outside of Conservation Districts, or a
5	coastal zone permit review, the amount of the second and each subsequent initial fees of lesser value
6	shall be reduced to 50 percent.
7	(2) Minor project modifications requiring a public hearing to amend Conditions of
8	Approval of a previously authorized project, not requiring a substantial reevaluation of the prior
9	authorization: \$975.00.
10	(3) — The applicant shall be charged for any time and materials beyond the initial fee
11	in Section 352, as set forth in Section 350(c).
12	(4) An applicant proposing major revisions, as determined by the Zoning
13	Administrator, to a project application that has been inactive for more than six months and is assigned
14	shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing major revisions to a project which has not been
15	assigned and for which an application is on file with the Planning Department shall be charged time
16	and materials to cover the full costs in excess of the initial fee paid.
17	(5) For agencies or departments of the City and County of San Francisco, the initial
18	fee for applications shall be based upon the construction cost as set forth above.
1 <del>9</del>	(d) Discretionary Review Request: \$500.00; provided, however, that the fee shall be waived
20	if the discretionary review request is filed by a neighborhood organization that: (1) has been in
21	existence for 24 months prior to the filing date of the request, (2) is on the Planning Department's
22	neighborhood organization notification list, and (3) can demonstrate to the Planning Director or
23	his/her-designee that the organization is affected by the proposed project. Such fee shall be refunded to
24	the individual or entity that requested discretionary review in the event the Planning Commission
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1 denies the Planning Department's approval or authorization upon which the discretionary review was 2 requested. Mandatory discretionary reviews: \$3,509.00. 3 (e) Institutional Master Plan (Section 304.5). (1) Full Institutional Master Plan or Substantial Revision: \$12,513.00 plus time and 4 materials if the cost exceeds the initial fee as set forth in Section 350(c). 5 6 (2) Abbreviated Institutional Master Plan: \$2,290.00 plus time and materials if the 7 cost exceeds the initial fee as set forth in Section-350(c). 8 (f) Land Use Amendments and Related Plans and Diagrams of the San Francisco 9 General Plan: Fee based on the Department's estimated actual costs for time and materials required to 10 review and implement the requested amendment, according to a budget prepared by the Director of 11 Planning, in consultation with the sponsor of the request. 12 (g) General Plan Referrals: \$3,724 plus time and materials if the cost exceeds the initial fee 13 as set forth in Section 350(c). (h) Redevelopment Plan Review: The Director of Planning shall prepare a budget to cover 14 15 actual time and materials expected to be incurred, in consultation with the Redevelopment Agency. A 16 sum equal to 1/2 the expected cost will be submitted to the Department, prior to the commencement of 17 the review. The remainder of the costs will be due at the time the initial payment is depleted. 18 (i) Reclassify Property or Impose Interim Zoning Controls: \$7,198.00 19 (1) The applicant shall be charged for any time and materials as set forth in Section <del>350(c).</del> 20 21 Applications with Verified Violations of this Code: The Planning Department (2)22 shall charge time and materials as set forth in Section 350(c). 23 (i) Setback Line, Establish, Modify or Abolish: \$2,910.00 **Temporary Use Fees:** \$417.00 - as an initial fee, plus time and materials if the cost 24 <del>(k)</del> 25 exceeds the initial fee, as set forth in Section 350(c).

1	(l) Amendments to Text of the Planning Code: \$14,382.00 as an initial fee, plus time and
2	materials if the cost exceeds the initial fee as set forth in Section 350(c).
3	(m) Zoning Administrator Conversion Determinations Related to Service Station
4	Conversions: \$2,841.00 as an initial fee, plus time and materials if the cost exceeds the initial fee.
5	<del>(Section 228.4).</del>
6	(n) Appeals to the Board of Supervisors:
7	(1) The fee for appeals shall be \$521.00, plus any inflation indexing as described in
8	Section 350(g) for the appellant of a decision by the Planning Commission as described in Section
9	308.1 or certain disapproval actions by the Historic Preservation Commission as described in Sections
10	1004.4, 1006, and 1006.7, to the Board of Supervisors; provided, however, that the fee shall be waived
11	if the appeal is filed by a neighborhood organization that: (1) has been in existence for 24 months prior
12	to the appeal filing date, (2) is on the Planning Department's neighborhood organization notification
13	list, and (3) can demonstrate to the Planning Director or his/her designee that the organization is
14	substantially affected by the proposed project.
15	(2) Such fees shall be used to defray the cost of an appeal to the Planning
16	Department. At the time of filing an appeal, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall collect such fee
17	and forward the fee amount to the Planning Department.
18	SEC. 353. DOWNTOWN APPLICATIONS.
19	(a) Exception in C-3 District (Section 309): \$1,853.00 as an initial fee, plus time and
20	materials as set forth in Section 350(c).for one or more exceptions to the Planning Code, which shall
21	not be reduced per Section 352(c)(2).
22	(b) Modifications in C-3 District, Determination of Need (Section 309): Same as Basic
23	commission hearing fee schedule (Sections 352(c), 352(c)(1) et seq.).
24	(c) Office Development Limitation Projects (Sections 320 through 323): \$4,967.00 per
25	application at initial intake plus time and materials as set forth in Section 350(c).

1 (d) Article 11 Designated Buildings: 2 (1) Significant or Contributory Building, Designation or Change of Boundary: 3 *\$6,407.00.* 4 (2) Conservation District, Designation or Change of Boundary: \$6,407.00. (3)- Permit to Alter a Significant or Contributory Building Within a Designated 5 6 Conservation District, not Deemed Minor by the Zoning Administrator: \$8,459.00 plus time and 7 materials in excess of initial fee as set forth in Section 350(c). 8 (4) Alteration of a Contributory Building Located Outside a Conservation District 9 From Which No TDR Has Been Transferred and No Issuance of a Permit Pursuant to Sections 1111 10 through 1111.6: \$8,459.00. 11 12 District for which TDRs have been transferred: \$8,459.00. This fee shall be in addition to any fee 13 otherwise required for permits to alter or demolish. However, applications to demolish a Contributory 14 Building located outside a Conservation District from which no TDR has been transferred or a 15 Category V Building in a Conservation District from which no TDR has been transferred are subject 16 only to the demolition fee contained in Section 355(b). 17 (6) Statement of Eligibility: \$1,500.00. (7) Certificate of Transfer, Execution: \$433.00. 18 19 (8) Certification of Transfer of TDR, Notice of Use: \$1,351.00. 20 SEC. 354. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. 21 See Administrative Code, Section 31.21et seg. for fees. 22 SEC. 355. PERMIT APPLICATIONS. 23 Building permit applications for a change in use or alteration of an existing building, to <del>(a)</del>— 24 be collected by Central Permit Bureau; provided, however, that the fees charged for Planning 25 Department approval over-the-counter for the replacement of windows, roofs, siding, and doors shall

1 be reduced to ½ the fee set forth below. The Planning Department initial fee amount shall not exceed

2 50% of the construction cost, notwithstanding the foregoing. Applications for permit revisions are

3 *excluded from this limitation.* 

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5 **Estimated Construction Cost Initial Fee** 6 \$0.00 to \$9,999.00 \$<u>326.00</u> 7 \$10.000.00 to \$49.999.00 \$334.00 plus 3.414% of cost over \$10,000.00 8 \$50.000.00 to \$99.999.00 \$1,725.00 plus 2.281% of cost over \$50,000.00 9 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review Surcharge and 10 *\$291.00 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fee* 11 \$100.000.00 to \$499.999.00 \$2,890.00 plus 2.497% of cost over \$100,000.00 12 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review Surcharge and 13 \$291.00 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fee 14 \$500,000.00 to \$999,999.00 \$13,068.00 plus 0.631% of cost over 15 \$500,000.00 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review 16 Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption 17 Stamp Fee 18 \$1,000,000.00 to \$4,999,999.00 \$16,286.00 plus 0.248% of cost over 19 \$1,000,000.00 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review 20 Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption 21 Stamp Fee 22 \$5,000,000.00 to \$99,999,999.00 \$26,392.00 plus .004% of cost over 23 \$5,000,000.00 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review 24 Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption 25

1		Stamp Fee	
2	<del>\$100,000,000.00 or more</del>	\$30,530.00 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review	
3		Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption	
4		Stamp Fee	
5	(1) Application with Verified V	Violations of this Code: The Planning Department	
6	shall-charge \$1,153.00 as an inspection fee for me	onitoring code violation abatements.	
7	<del>(2) Back-Check Fee for Permi</del>	<b>t Revisions: \$</b> 208.00 for the initial fee, plus time and	
8	materials as set forth in Section 350(c), to be colle	ected at time of permit issuance.	
9	(3) Shadow Impact Fee for Ne	w Construction or Alteration Exceeding 40 Feet in	
10	Height (Section 295): Additional \$477.00 plus tin	<del>we and materials as set forth in Section 350(c).</del>	
11	(4) Public Notification Fee for Projects Requiring Public Notice Pursuant to		
12	Section 311: \$49.00, plus \$3.26 per envelope (subject to increase based on envelope and postage		
13	costs). The City's reprographics department will print and mail public notices.		
14	(5) Public Notification Fee for Projects Requiring Public Notice Pursuant to		
15	Section 312: \$49.00, plus \$1.13 per envelope (subject to increase based on envelope and postage		
16	costs). The City's reprographics department will print and mail public notices.		
17	(6) For projects with a constru	ction cost of \$100,000,000.00 or more, the applicant	
18	shall be charged the permit fee for a project with a \$100,000,000.00 construction cost.		
19	(7) Permits for solar panels and over-the-counter permits for solar equipment		
20	installation shall be \$140.00 per permit.		
21	(b) Building Permit Applications for a New Building. The Planning Department initial fee		
22	amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost; notwithstanding the foregoing, applications for		
23	permit revisions are excluded from this limitation.		
24	Estimated Construction Cost Initial Fee		
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1	<del>\$0 to \$99,999</del>	\$1,887.00, plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review
2		Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption
3		Stamp Fee
4	<del>\$100,000.00 to \$499,999.00</del>	\$1,888.00 plus 2.446% of cost over \$100,000.00
5		plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review Surcharge and
6		\$291.00 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fee
7	<del>\$500,000.00 to \$999,999.00</del>	<del>\$12,068.00 plus 0.797% of cost over</del>
8		\$500,000.00 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review
9		Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption
10		Stamp Fee
11	\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999.00	\$16,130 plus 0.306% of cost over \$1,000,000.00
12		plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review Surcharge and
13		\$291.00 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fee
14	\$5,000,000.00 to \$99,999,999.00	\$28,630.00 plus 0.005% of cost of \$5,000,000
15		plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review Surcharge and
16		\$291.00 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fee
17	<del>\$100,000,000.00 or more</del>	\$33,804.00 plus \$89.00 Discretionary Review
18		Surcharge and \$291.00 Categorical Exemption
19		Stamp Fee
20	(1) Applications with Verified Violations of this Code: \$1,153 as an inspection fee	
21	for monitoring Code violation abatements.	
22	(c) Demolition Applications, to be col	lected by Central Permit Bureau: \$1,471.00.
23	(d) Fire, Police, Entertainment Comm	nission, State Alcohol & Beverages Control and
24	Health Department Permit Applications Referral Review: \$124.00 initial fee collected by the other	

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*departments in conjunction with current fee collections, plus time and materials as set forth in Section* 350(c).

3	(e) Sign Permit Applications, to be collected by Central Permit Bureau: \$130.00.
4	(f) —— Small Business Month Fee Waiver. No Planning Department fees shall apply for
5	permits issued to Small Business Enterprises in the month of May for awning replacement and for signs
6	on awnings. For purposes of this Subsection (f), a Small Business Enterprise shall be a business that
-7	has 100 or fewer employees. The Planning Department and the Department of Building Inspection
8	shall establish process by which those two departments will certify that an applicant is a Small
9	Business Enterprise for the purpose of this Subsection and Section 110A, Tables 1A-A and 1A-E of the
10	Building Code.
11	SEC. 356. PRESERVATION APPLICATIONS. (Article 10).
12	<del>(a) Landmark: \$267.00.</del>
13	(b) Amendment, Reseission or Designation of Historical District: \$1,069.00 plus time and
14	materials in excess of initial fee, as set forth in Section 350c. The Planning Director or his/her designee
15	may waive time and material charges for the designation of a Historical District to encourage Citywide
16	preservation activities.
17	(c) Certificate of Appropriateness: \$314.00 for applications with an estimated construction
18	cost less than \$1,000.00; \$1,252.00 for applications with an estimated construction less than
19	\$20,000.00, \$5,793.00 for applications with an estimated construction value \$20,000.00 and more, plus
20	time and materials in excess of initial fee as set forth in Section 350(c). The initial fee amount is not to
21	exceed 50% of the construction cost.
22	(d) Determination that a Building is a Compatible Rehabilitation or a Compatible
23	Replacement Building, Pursuant to Section 309 or 1109: Same as for Conditional Use (Section
24	<del>352(a)).</del>
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1	(e) Processing and Administering an Application for a Historical Properties Contract
2	Under the California Mills Act, California Government Code Sections 50280 - 50290: \$5,000.00 for
3	commercial properties and \$2,500.00 for residential properties.
4	SEC. 357. TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT APPLICATIONS.
5	(a) Transportation Study \$21,758.00 plus time and materials as set forth in Section 350(c).
6	Extremely complex transportation studies will be charged a higher initial fee based on the specifics of
7	the project which will be outlined in an Agreement between the Department and the project sponsor.
8	(b) — Municipal Transportation Agency review of transportation impact study: \$4,185 per
9	study.
10	SEC. 358. GENERAL ADVERTISING SIGNS FEES.
11	(a) The fee for the relocation agreement application pursuant to Section 611 and
12	Administrative Code Section 2.21-shall be \$1,249.00 per-individual relocation agreement application.
13	(b) The fee for the initial inventory processing pursuant to Section 604.2 shall be \$699.00
14	per sign structure.
15	(c) The fee for an in-lieu application pursuant to Section 604.1 shall be \$399.00 per sign
16	structure.
17	(d) The fee for annual inventory maintenance pursuant to Section 604.2 shall be \$226.00.
18	(c) Fee Review and Adjustment. Beginning with fiscal year 2007-2008, the fees established
19	in this Section may be adjusted each year, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect
20	changes in the relevant Consumer Price Index, as determined by the Controller. No later that April
21	15th of each year, the Director shall submit the Department's current fees schedule to the Controller,
22	who shall apply the price index adjustment to produce a new fee schedule for the following year. No
23	later that May 15th of each year, the Controller shall file a report with the Board of Supervisors
24	reporting the new fee schedule and certifying that: (a) the fees produce sufficient revenue to support the
25	costs of providing the services for which the fee is charged and (b) the fees do not produce revenue that

1	exceeds the costs of providing the services for which each permit fee is charged. Notwithstanding the
2	procedures set forth in this Section, the Board of Supervisors, in its discretion, may modify the fees by
3	ordinance at any time.
4	SEC. 359. ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY FOR LARGE SCALE RETAIL USE.
5	The fee to review an economic impact study, as required by Section 303(i), shall be \$3,500.00,
6	plus any additional time and materials as set forth in 350.
°.7	SEC. 360. PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR FORMULA RETAIL USE.
8	The fee to provide performance review for Formula Retail uses as required by Section 303.1
9	shall be the standard building permit fee, plus time and materials as set forth in Section 350(c).
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11	Section 3. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 31.22 and
12	31.23.1, to read as follows:
13	SEC. 31.22. <i>BASIC</i> FEES.
14	(a) <u>Authorization of Fees. The Planning Department shall charge the following basic</u>
15	fees to applicants for projects located outside of recently adopted Plan Areas (adopted after July 1,
16	2005) that do not require one or more of the following, which will be initiated through the adoption of
17	an Area Plan: Code amendments for the height or bulk district and General Plan amendments, as
18	specified in Section 31.21 above: to compensate the Department for the cost of performing the activities
19	and providing the services described in Chapter 31 of this Code. Notwithstanding the procedures set
20	forth in this Section 31.22, the Board of Supervisors may modify the fees by ordinance at any time.
21	(b) <b>Base Fees.</b> The base fees to be charged and collected by the Department for the
21 22	(b) <b>Base Fees.</b> The base fees to be charged and collected by the Department for the activities performed by the Department under Chapter 31 of this Code are stated in Section 4 of
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1	(c) Annual Adjustment of Base Fees. Consistent with preexisting law, beginning with the
2	setting of fees for fiscal year 2016-2017, the Controller will annually adjust the base fee amounts
3	referenced in subsection (b) and stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No in Board of Supervisors
4	File No, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the two-year
5	average Consumer Price Index (CPI) change for the San Francisco/San Jose Primary Metropolitan
6	<u>Area (PMSA). This process will occur as follows.</u>
7	No later than April 15 of each year, the Director shall submit the Department's current Fee
8	Schedule to the Controller, who shall apply the CPI adjustment to produce a new Fee Schedule for the
9	fiscal year beginning July 1. No later than May 15 of each year, the Controller shall file a report with
10	the Board of Supervisors reporting the new Fee Schedule and certifying that: (1) the fees produce
11	sufficient revenue to support the costs of providing the services for which the fee is charged and (2) the
12	fees do not produce revenue that exceeds the costs of providing the services for which each permit fee
13	is charged.
14	No later than September of each year, the Department's Fee Schedule showing the current fee
15	amounts inclusive of annual adjustments shall be published in an Appendix to the Planning Code,
16	posted on the Department's website, and made available upon request at the main office of the
17	<u>Department.</u>
18	(d) Surcharges. In addition to fees, a surcharge shall be assessed on some fees to
19	compensate the Department for the cost of appeals to the Board of Supervisors. These surcharges are
20	stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No in Board of Supervisors File No These
21	surcharges are not part of base fees as described in subsection (b) and are not subject to the annual
22	adjustment process described in subsection (c). However, to fully inform the public, such surcharges
23	shall be included in the Planning Department Fee Schedule referenced in subsection (c).
24	(e) Estimated Construction Costs. Estimated construction costs are as defined by the San
25	Francisco Building Code.

1	(1) For an initial study of a project excluding use of special expertise or technical
2	assistance, as described in Section 31.23 below, the initial fee shall be:
3	Where the total estimated construction cost as defined by the San Francisco Building
4	Code is between \$0 and \$9,999: \$1,092;
5	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000 or more, but less than \$200,000:
6	\$4,249 PLUS 2.066% of the cost over \$10,000;
7	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
8	\$1,000,000: \$8,251 PLUS 1.562% of the cost over \$200,000;
9	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less than
10	\$10,000,000: \$20,987 PLUS 1.311% of the cost over \$1,000,000;
11	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less than
12	\$30,000,000: \$141,220 PLUS 0.404% of the cost over \$10,000,000;
13	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less than
14	\$50,000,000: \$ 223,531 PLUS 0.152% of the cost over \$30,000,000;
15	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less than
16	\$100,000; \$254,453 PLUS 0.037% of the cost over \$50,000,000;
17	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$272,962 PLUS
18	<del>0.016% of the cost over \$100,000,000.</del>
19	An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been inactive
20	for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing
21	significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an application is on file
22	with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to cover the full costs in excess of
23	the initial fee paid. A \$111 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of
24	appeals to the Board of Supervisors.
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1	(2) For preparation of an environmental impact report excluding use of special expertise or
2	technical assistance, as described in Section 31.23 below, the initial fee shall be:
3	Where the total estimated construction cost as defined in the San Francisco Building
4	Code is between \$0 to \$199,999: \$24,255;
5	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
6	\$1,000,000: \$24,255 PLUS 0.596% of the cost over \$200,000;
7	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less than
8	\$10,000,000: \$29,248 PLUS 0.404% of the cost over \$1,000,000;
9	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less than
10	\$30,000,000: \$66,289 PLUS 0.165% of the cost over \$10,000,000;
11	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less than
12	\$50,000,000: \$100,041 PLUS 0.045% of the cost over \$30,000,000;
13	Where said total construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less than \$100,000,000:
14	\$109,240 PLUS 0.045% of the cost over \$50,000,000;
15	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$132,433 PLUS
16	0.016% of the cost over \$100,000,000.
17	An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been inactive
18	for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing
19	significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an application is on file
20	with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to cover the full costs in excess of
21	the initial fee paid.
22	(3) For an appeal to the Planning Commission: The fee shall be \$521.00 to the appellant;
23	provided, however, that the fee shall be waived if the appeal is filed by a neighborhood organization
24	that: (a) has been in existence for 24 months prior to the appeal filing date, (b) is on the Planning
25	Department's neighborhood organization notification list, and (c) can demonstrate to the Planning

1 Director or his/her designee that the organization is affected by the proposed project. An exemption 2 from paying this appeal fee may be granted when the requestor's income is not enough to pay for the 3 fee without affecting their abilities to pay for the necessities of life, provided that the person seeking the 4 exemption demonstrates to the Planning Director or his/her designee-that they are-substantially 5 affected by the proposed project. 6 (4) For an appeal to the Board of Supervisors of environmental determinations, including 7 the certification of an EIR, a negative declaration, or determination of a categorical exemption, the fee 8 shall be \$521.00 to the appellant; provided, however, that the fee shall be waived if the appeal is filed 9 by a neighborhood organization that: (a) has been in existence for 24 months prior to the appeal filing 10 date, (b) is on the Planning Department's neighborhood organization notification list, and (c) can 11 demonstrate to the Planning Director or his/her designee that the organization is affected by the 12 proposed project. Fees shall be used to defray the cost of appeal for the Planning Department. Such fee 13 shall be refunded to the appellant in the event the Planning Department rescinds its determination or 14 the-Board of Supervisors remands or rejects the environmental impact report, negative declaration, or 15 determination of a categorical exemption to the Planning Commission for revisions based on issues related to the adequacy and accuracy of the environmental determination. An exemption from paying 16 17 this appeal fee may be granted when the requestor's income is not enough to pay for the fee without 18 affecting their ability to pay for the necessities of life, provided that the person seeking the exemption 19 demonstrates to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or his/her designee that they are substantially 20 affected by the proposed project. (5) For preparation of an addendum to an environmental impact report that has previously 21 22 been certified, pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines: or reevaluation of a modified

project for which a negative declaration has been prepared: \$22,844 plus time and materials as set

- 24 forth in Subsection (b)(2).
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1	(6) For preparation of a supplement to a draft or certified final environmental impact
2	report: One-half of the fee that would be required for a full environmental impact report on the same
3	project, as set forth in Paragraph (2) above, plus time and materials as set forth in Subsection (b)(2). A
4	\$111 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board
5	of Supervisors.
6	(7) (A) For preparation of a Certificate of Exemption from Environmental Review
7	determining that a project is categorically exempt, statutorily exempt, ministerial/nonphysical, an
8	emergency, or a planning and feasibility study: \$291 for applications that require only a stamp, \$5,697
9	as an initial fee for applications that require an Exemption Certificate, plus time and materials as set
10	forth in Subsection (b)(2). A \$111 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the
11	costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors.
12	(B) For preparation of a Class 32 Certificate of Exemption from Environmental
13	Review determining that a project is categorically exempt, the initial fee shall be:
14	Where the total estimated construction cost as defined by the San Francisco Building
15	Code is between \$0 and \$9,999: \$10,476;
16	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000 or more, but less than \$200,000:
17	\$10,476 PLUS 0.182% of the cost over \$10,000;
18	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
19	<del>\$1,000,000: \$10,822 PLUS 0.172% of the cost over \$200,000;</del>
20	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less than
21	\$10,000,000: \$12,201 PLUS 0.053% of the cost over \$1,000,000;
22	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more: \$16,978 PLUS
23	<del>0.386% of the cost over \$10,000,000.</del>
24	A \$111 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board
25	of Supervisors.

1 For preparation of an exemption that requires review of historical resource issues only, (8) 2 the following fees apply. For a determination of whether a property is an historical resource under CEOA. the fee is \$2,387. For a determination of whether a project would result in a substantial adverse 3 4 change in the significance of an historical resource, the fee is \$3,310. A \$111-surcharge shall be added 5 to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors. 6 (9) For preparation of a letter of exemption from environmental review: \$291, plus time and 7 materials as set forth in Subsection (b)(2). (10) For review of a categorical exemption prepared by another City Agency, such as the 8 9 Municipal Transportation Agency or the Public Utilities Commission: \$245, plus time and materials as 10 set forth in Subsection (b)(2). 11 (11) For reactivating an application that the Environmental Review Officer has deemed 12 withdrawn due to inactivity and the passage of time, subject to the approval of the Environmental 13 Review Officer and within six months of the date the application was deemed withdrawn: \$237 plus 14 time and materials to cover any additional staff costs. (12) Monitoring Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring: Upon adoption of 15 16 conditions of approval and/or mitigation measures which the Environmental Review Officer determines 17 require active monitoring, the fee shall be \$1,153, as an initial fee, plus time and materials as set forth 18 in Section 31.22(b)(2). 19 (f) (b) Time for Payment. 20 (1) The fee specified for an initial study of a project excluding use of special expertise 21 or technical assistance in Subsection (a)(1) shall be paid to the Planning Department at the time 22 of the filing of the environmental evaluation application., and wWhere an environmental impact 23 report is determined to be required, the fee specified for preparation of an environmental impact 24 report excluding use of special expertise or technical assistance in Subsection (a)(2) shall be paid at 25 the time the Notice of Preparation is prepared, except as specified below. However, the

Director of Planning or his/her designee may authorize phased collection of the fee for a
project whose work is projected to span more than one fiscal year. The balance of phased
payments must be paid in full one week in advance of the first scheduled public hearing
before the Planning Commission in consider the project or before any Environmental Impact
Report is published.

6 <u>(g)</u> <u>(2)</u>-<u>*Time and Materials.*</u> The Planning Department shall charge the applicant for 7 any time and material costs incurred in excess of the initial fee charged if required to recover 8 the Department's costs for providing services. Provided, however, that where a different 9 limitation on time and materials is set forth elsewhere in this <u>Article IV section</u>, then that 10 limitation shall prevail.

(3) Fee Adjustments. The Controller will annually adjust the project application fee
 amounts specified in Section 31.22 and Section 31.23 by the two-year average consumer price index
 (CPI) change for the San Francisco/San Jose Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA). For a
 listing of the Department's current fees inclusive of annual indexing for inflation, reference the
 Schedule of Applicable Fees available on the Planning Department website.

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#### (4) Deferred or Reduced Fee.

17 (1)Any fraternal, charitable, benevolent or any other nonprofit organization, 18 that is exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue laws of the United States and the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California as a bona fide fraternal, charitable, 19 20 benevolent or other nonprofit organization, or public entity that submits an application for the 21 development of residential units or dwellings all of which are affordable to low and moderate 22 income households, as defined by the United State Housing and Urban Development 23 Department, for a time period that is consistent with the policy of the Mayor's Office of 24 Housing and Community Development and the Successor Agency to the San Francisco 25 Redevelopment Agency may defer payment of the *applicable* fees *specified herein*, with the

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1 exception of the fees <u>for (A) an appeal of an environmental determination to the Planning</u>

2 <u>Commission or Board of Supervisors or (B) reactivation of an application that the Environmental</u>

3 <u>Review Officer has deemed withdrawn due to inactivity payable pursuant to Section 31.22(a)(3) and (4)</u>

4 *and Section 31.22(a)(11) herein*, until the time of issuance of the building permit, before the

5 building permit is released to the applicant; or within one year of the date of completion of the

6 environmental review document, whichever is sooner. This exemption shall apply

7 notwithstanding the inclusion in the development of other nonprofit ancillary or accessory

8 uses.

9 (5) (2) An exemption from paying the full fees <u>for an appeal of an environmental</u> 10 <u>determination to the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors</u> <u>set forth in Section 31.22(a)(3) and</u> 11 (4) <u>herein</u> may be granted when the requestor's income is not enough to pay the fee without 12 affecting his or her ability to pay for the necessities of life, provided that the person seeking 13 the exemption demonstrates to the Director of Planning or his/her designee that he or she is 14 <u>would be</u> substantially affected by the proposed project.

15 (6) (3) Exceptions to the payment provisions noted above may be made when 16 the Director of Planning or his/her designee has authorized phased collection of the fee for a 17 project whose work is projected to span more than one fiscal year. The balance of phased 18 payments must be paid in full one week in advance of the first scheduled public hearing 19 before the Planning Commission to consider the project or before any Environmental Impact 20 Report is published.

(i) (c) Refunds. When a request for an initial evaluation or for preparation of an
 environmental impact report is (1) either withdrawn by the applicant prior to publication of an
 environmental document or (2) deemed canceled by the Planning Department due to inactivity
 on the part of the applicant, then the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of the fees paid to

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the Department less the time and materials expended. Refund requests must be submitted
 within six months of the project closure date.

- *(j)* (d) Late Charges and Collection of Overdue Accounts. The Director or his/her
  designee shall call upon the Bureau of Delinquent Revenues or duly licensed collection
  agencies for assistance in collecting delinquent accounts more than 60 days in arrears, in
  which case any additional costs of collection may be added to the fee amount outstanding. If
  the Department seeks the assistance of a duly licensed collection agency, the approval
  procedures of Administrative Code <u>*Chapter 10*</u>, Article <u>V</u>5, Section 10.39-1 et seq. will be
  applicable.
- 10 (e) These amendments to fees related to the Planning Department are intended to provide
   11 revenues for the staffing and other support necessary to provide more timely processing of applications
   12 within that Department.
- 13 SEC. 31.23.1. COMMUNITY PLAN FEES.
- 14 (a) The Planning Department shall charge *the following* Community Plan Fees for 15 environmental applications filed in adopted Plan Areas effective after July 1, 2005.: The fee 16 amounts shall be as stated in Section 4 of Ordinance No. , available in Board of Supervisors 17 File No. and on the website of the Board of Supervisors, as stated in Section 31.22(b) of this 18 Code, and adjusted annually in accordance with the procedure established under Section 31.22(c). 19 (1) For Class 1 and 3 Exemptions: same as basic fees outlined in Section 20 31.22(a)(8) and (10). 21 (2) For determination of the appropriate environmental document: \$12,720 and any fee pursuant to Section 31.23.1(c) below. In addition, the applicant shall pay the following fees as 22 23 appropriate: 24 (i) If the determination is that the project qualifies for a Community
- 25 *exemption or exclusion, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$6,950.*

1	(ii) If the determination is that the project does not qualify for a Community
2	exemption or exclusion, the applicant shall pay fees as set forth in Section 31.23.1(b) below.
3	(b) The fees for projects determined not to qualify for a Community exemption or exclusion
4	are as follows:
5	(1) For an initial study excluding use of special expertise or technical assistance, as
6	described in Section 31.22 above, the initial fee shall be:
7	Where the total estimated construction cost as defined by the San Francisco Building
8	Code is between \$0 and \$9,999: \$1,360;
9	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000 or more, but less than \$200,000:
10	\$5,651 PLUS 2.571% of the cost over \$10,000;
11	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
12	\$1,000,000: \$10,631 PLUS 1.943% of the cost over \$200,000;
13	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less than
14	<del>\$10,000,000: \$26,478 PLUS 1.630% of the cost over \$1,000,000;</del>
15	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less than
16	<del>\$30,000,000: \$176,062 PLUS 0.502% of the cost over \$10,000,000;</del>
<b>17</b> .	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less than
18	<del>\$50,000,000: \$278,494 PLUS 0.189% of the cost over \$30,000,000;</del>
19	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more; but less than
20	<del>\$100,000; \$317,077 PLUS 0.045% of the cost over \$50,000,000;</del>
21	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$340,044 PLUS
22	<del>0.019% of the cost over \$100,000,000.</del>
23	An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been inactive
24	for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing
25	significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an application is on file

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1	with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to cover the full costs in excess of
2	the initial fee paid.
3	(2) For preparation of an environmental impact report excluding use of special expertise or
4	technical assistance, as described in Section 31.23 above, the initial fee shall be:
5	Where the total estimated construction cost as defined in the San Francisco Building
6	Code is between \$0 to \$199,999: \$30,185;
7	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
8	\$1,000,000: \$30,185 PLUS 0.741% of the cost over \$200,000;
9	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less than
10	\$10,000,000: \$36,401 PLUS 0.502% of the cost over \$1,000,000;
11	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less than
12	\$30,000,000: \$82,495 PLUS 0.206% of the cost over \$10,000,000;
13	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less than
14	\$50,000,000: \$124,524 PLUS 0.056% of the cost over \$30,000,000;
15	Where said total construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less than \$100,000,000:
16	\$136,065 PLUS 0.056% of the cost over \$50,000,000;
17	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$164,918 PLUS
18	0.019% of the cost over \$100,000,000.
19	An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been inactive
20	for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing
21	significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an application is on file
22	with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to cover the full costs in excess of
23	the initial fee paid.
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- (3) For the preparation of a focused Environmental Impact Report: one-half the fee that
   would be required for a full environmental impact report, as set forth in Paragraph (b)(2) above, plus
   time and materials.
- 4 (4) The fees above listed in Section 31.24(b) will sunset 20 years after the effective date of
  5 Plan Adoption.

6 (b) (c) The Planning Department shall recover the cost of preparing and defending 7 programmatic EIRs, including consultant and City Attorney costs, from project sponsors that 8 file or have filed projects in recently adopted Plan Areas (after July 1, 2005) and filed projects 9 within 10 years of the Programmatic EIR certification. The fee shall be a proportional share of 10 the cost of the Programmatic EIR, which is equal to the Department's average time and 11 material costs to prepare and defend a Programmatic EIR divided by the buildable envelope 12 times the square footage of the proposed project.

- 13 (c) (d) Except as provided in Subsection (d) below for projects in the Transit Center District area, if at the time of Community Plan adoption, a project application undergoing 14 15 review required amendments for height or bulk districts or General Plan amendments and 16 now complies with the Community Plan Zoning, the applicant may choose to pay either the 17 fees specified in Section 31.22 or Section 31.23.1. For projects that paid fees under Section 18 31.22 and opt to pay fees under Section 31.23.1, the applicant shall withdraw the application 19 filed under Section 31.22 and file a new application. Applicants that file a new application and 20 pay the Section 31.23.1 fees shall be entitled to a refund under Section 31.22(f)(c).
- 21 (d)-(i) Transit Center District Plan. Projects in the Transit Center District area that
   22 require amendments for height or bulk district or General Plan amendments at the time of
   23 project application shall pay the fees specified in <u>Subsection (b) above and the fees for projects</u>
   24 <u>determined not to qualify for a Community exemption or exclusion specified in Administrative Code</u>
   25 <u>Section 31.23.1(b) and 31.23.1(c)</u>. For projects that paid fees under Section 31.22, the applicant
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shall pay the difference between Section 31.22 fees and Section 31.23.1(b) and 31.23.1(c) the
 fees specified in this Subsection (d).

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4 Section 4. This section is uncodified. It establishes the base fees for Planning 5 Department services. These base fees shall be adjusted annually by the Controller pursuant 6 to Planning Code Section 350 and Administrative Code Sections 31.22 and 31.23.1. In 7 accordance with those provisions, the Department shall maintain a Planning Department Fee 8 Schedule showing the current fee amounts, inclusive of annual adjustments, and publish the 9 Fee Schedule in an Appendix to the Planning Code, post the Fee Schedule on the 10 Department's website, and make the Fee Schedule available upon request at the main office of the Department. 11

# 12 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

(a) Agendas for Planning Commission: \$42 annual subscription to cover costs of
 mailing. The Planning Director or his/her designee may authorize exemptions in those
 instances where costs would impose financial hardship.

(b) Agendas for Historic Preservation Commission: \$42 annual subscription to
 cover costs of mailing. The Planning Director or his/her designee may authorize exemptions in
 those instances where costs would impose financial hardship.

(c) Monitoring Projects and Conditions of Approval: Upon adoption of
conditions of approval which the Zoning Administrator determines require active monitoring,
the fee shall be \$1,271 as an initial fee, plus time and materials as set forth in Planning Code
Section 350(e).

23 (d) Project Review for Policy and Code Review and Interpretation for

24 **Prospective Projects for Which an Application Has Not Been Filed, and Site-specific** 

25 Design Guidelines and Code-complying Massing Recommendations and Department

2 fewer dwelling units and for affordable housing projects as defined in the Guidelines of the 3 United States Housing and Urban Development Department, and \$980 for all other projects and Department facilitated pre-application meetings. 4 **Project Notifications for an Individual Requesting Notification of** 5 (e) (1) **Project Applications:** 6 7 (A) First Address or First Assessor's Lot: \$36 per annum. 8 (B) Additional Addresses: \$14 for addresses in each new Assessor's 9 Lot thereafter, per annum. 10 (2) **Project Notifications for a Neighborhood Organization:** 11 Neighborhood Organization is defined as (A) having been in existence for 24 months 12 prior to the request, and (B) is listed on the Planning Department's neighborhood 13 organization notification list, requesting Notification of Project Applications: 14 (A) First Address or First Assessor's Block: \$36 per annum. 15 **(B)** Additional Addresses: \$14 for addresses in each new Assessor's 16 Block thereafter, per annum. 17 Zoning Administrator Written Determinations Pursuant to Planning Code (f) 18 Section 307(a): \$138 for zoning letters of conformance, \$620 for other written determinations. 19 A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals. 20

Facilitated Pre-application Meetings: \$414 for new construction and modifications to five or

- (g) Preliminary Project Assessment: \$4,980, which will be credited to the first
   project application filed.
- 23 COMMISSION AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING APPLICATIONS.
- 24 (a) **Conditional Use (Planning Code Section 303), Planned Unit Development**
- 25 (Planning Code Section 304): The initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the

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1 construction cost. A \$120 surcharge shall be added to the fees for a conditional use or

2 planned unit development to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of

3 Supervisors.

Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
No construction cost, excluding extension of hours	\$2,024
No construction cost, extension of hours	\$1,447
Wireless Telecommunications Services (WTS)	\$5,061
\$0 to \$9,999	\$1,447
\$10,000 to \$999,999	\$1,447 plus 0.656% of cost over
	\$10,000
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$8,065 plus 0.782% of cost over
	\$1,000,000
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	\$39,972 plus 0.656% of cost over
	\$5,000,000
\$10,000,000 to \$19,999,999	\$73,401 plus 0.341% of cost over
	\$10,000,000
\$20,000,000 or more	\$108,239
	No construction cost, excluding extension of hours           No construction cost, extension of hours           Wireless Telecommunications Services (WTS)           \$0 to \$9,999           \$10,000 to \$999,999           \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999           \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999           \$10,000 to \$19,999,999

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(b) Variance (Planning Code Section 305): Variance fees are subject to additional

time and material charges, as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e). The initial fee

amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost. A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the

fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals.

23	Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
24	\$0 - \$9,999	\$919
25	\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$2,049

1	\$20,000 and greater	\$4,171

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(c) Downtown (C-3) District Review (Planning Code Section 309) and Coastal

# Zone Permit (Planning Code Section 330) Applications Commission Hearing Fee

4 Schedule: The initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost. A \$25

5 surcharge shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the

6 Board of Appeals.

Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
\$0 to \$9,999	\$288
\$10,000 to \$999,999	\$293 plus 0.131% of cost over \$10,000
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$1,622 plus 0.157% of cost over \$1,000,000
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	\$8,020 plus 0.130% of cost over \$5,000,000
\$10,000,000 to \$19,999,999	\$14,678 plus 0.069% of cost over
	\$10,000,000
\$20,000,000 or more	\$21,673

Where an applicant requests two or more approvals involving a (1) 16 conditional use, planned unit development, variance, Downtown (C-3) District Section 309 17 review, Large Project Authorization in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, 18 certificate of appropriateness, permit to alter a significant or contributory building both within 19 and outside of Conservation Districts, or a coastal zone permit review, the amount of the 20 second and each subsequent initial fees of lesser value shall be reduced to 50%. 21

(2) Minor project modifications requiring a public hearing to amend 22 Conditions of Approval of a previously authorized project, not requiring a substantial 23 reevaluation of the prior authorization: \$1,074. A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fee to 24 compensate the City for the cost of appeals to the Board of Appeals. 25

1 (3) The applicant shall be charged for any time and materials beyond the 2 initial fee, as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e).

(4) An applicant proposing major revisions, as determined by the Zoning
Administrator, to a project application that has been inactive for more than six months and is
assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing major revisions to a project
which has not been assigned and for which an application is on file with the Planning
Department shall be charged time and materials, as set forth in Planning Code Section
350(e), to cover the full costs in excess of the initial fee paid.

9 (5) For agencies or departments of the City and County of San Francisco,
10 the initial fee for applications shall be based upon the construction cost as set forth above.

Discretionary Review Request: \$562; provided, however, that the Department 11 (d) 12 shall waive the fee if the discretionary review request is filed by a neighborhood organization that: (1) has been in existence for 24 months prior to the filing date of the request, (2) is on the 13 14 Planning Department's neighborhood organization notification list, and (3) can demonstrate to 15 the Planning Director or his/her designee that the organization is affected by the proposed 16 project. Such fee shall be refunded to the individual or entity that requested discretionary 17 review in the event the Planning Commission denies the Planning Department's approval or 18 authorization upon which the discretionary review was requested. Mandatory and staff-19 initiated discretionary reviews: \$3,867.

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### Institutional Master Plan (Planning Code Section 304.5):

- (1) Full Institutional Master Plan or Substantial Revision: \$13,789 plus time
  and materials if the cost exceeds the initial fee.
- 23 (2) Abbreviated Institutional Master Plan: \$2,524 plus time and materials if
  24 the cost exceeds the initial fee.
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### (f) Land Use Amendments and Related Plans and Diagrams of the San

Francisco General Plan: Fee based on the Department's estimated actual costs for time and
materials required to review and implement the requested amendment, according to a budget
prepared by the Director of Planning, in consultation with the sponsor of the request.

- 5 (g) **General Plan Referrals:** \$3,724 plus time and materials if the cost exceeds the 6 initial fee.
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(h) **Reclassify Property or Impose Interim Zoning Controls:** \$7,932

- 8 (1) The applicant shall be charged for any time and materials as set forth in
  9 Planning Code Section 350(e).
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(2) Applications with Verified Violations of this Code: The Planning

11 Department shall charge time and materials as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e).

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(i) Setback Line, Establish, Modify, or Abolish: \$3,207.

- (j) **Temporary Use Fees:** \$460 as an initial fee, plus time and materials if the cost
  exceeds the initial fee.
- 15 (k) Amendments to Text of the Planning Code: \$15,849 as an initial fee, plus
  16 time and materials if the cost exceeds the initial fee.

17 (I) Zoning Administrator Conversion Determinations Related to Service

Station Conversions: \$3,131 as an initial fee, plus time and materials if the cost exceeds the
initial fee.

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## (m) Appeals to the Board of Supervisors:

(1) The fee for appeals shall be \$562, plus any inflation indexing as
described in Section 350(a) of the Planning Code for the appeal to the Board of Supervisors
of a decision by the Planning Commission or the appeal of certain disapproval actions by the
Historic Preservation Commission; provided, however, that the fee shall be waived if the
appeal is filed by a neighborhood organization that: (A) has been in existence for 24 months

1 prior to the appeal filing date, (B) is on the Planning Department's neighborhood organization 2 notification list, and (C) can demonstrate to the Planning Director or his/her designee that the 3 organization is substantially affected by the proposed project.

- Such fees shall be used to defray the cost to the Planning Department of 4 (2) 5 an appeal. At the time of filing an appeal, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall collect 6 such fee and forward the fee amount to the Planning Department.
- 7 DOWNTOWN APPLICATIONS.
- 8 (a) Exception in C-3 District (Planning Code Section 309): \$2,042 as an initial 9 fee, plus time and materials as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e) for one or more 10 exceptions to the Planning Code, which shall not be reduced for multiple approvals per 11 Section (c)(1) above for Commission and Zoning Administrator Hearing Applications.
- 12 A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fee to compensate the City for the cost of 13 appeals to the Board of Appeals.
- 14 (b) Modifications in C-3 District, Determination of Need (Planning Code 15 Section 309): Same as Basic commission hearing fee schedule. A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fee to compensate the City for the cost of appeals to the Board of Appeals. 16
- **Office Development Limitation Projects (Planning Code Sections 320** 17 (c) 18 through 323): \$5,474 per application at initial intake plus time and materials as set forth in 19 Section 350(e). A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the 20 costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals.
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- (d) Planning Code Article 11 Designated Buildings: A \$25 surcharge shall be 22 added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals.
- 23 (1) Significant or Contributory Building, Designation or Change of Boundary: \$7,060. 24
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(2) Conservation District, Designation or Change of Boundary: \$7,060.

1 (3) Permit to Alter a Significant or Contributory Building Within a 2 **Designated Conservation District, not Deemed Minor by the Zoning Administrator:** 3 \$9,322 plus time and materials in excess of initial fee as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e). 4 5 (4) Alteration of a Contributory Building Located Outside a 6 Conservation District From Which No TDR Has Been Transferred and No Issuance of a 7 Permit Pursuant to Sections 1111 through 1111.6: \$9,322. 8 (5) Significant or Contributory Building Demolition in or outside of a 9 Conservation District for which TDRs have been transferred: \$9,322. This fee shall be in 10 addition to any fee otherwise required for permits to alter or demolish. However, applications to demolish a Contributory Building located outside a Conservation District from which no 11 12 TDR has been transferred or a Category V Building in a Conservation District from which no 13 TDR has been transferred are subject only to the demolition fee. 14 (6) Statement of Eligibility: \$1,653. A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the 15 fee to compensate the City for the cost of appeals to the Board of Appeals. 16 (7) Certificate of Transfer, Execution: \$477. Certification of Transfer of TDR, Notice of Use: \$1,489. 17 (8) PERMIT APPLICATIONS. 18 19 Building permit applications for a change in use or alteration of an existing (a)

building, to be collected by Central Permit Bureau; provided, however, that the fees charged
for Planning Department approval over-the-counter for the replacement of windows, roofs,
siding, and doors shall be reduced to ½ the fee set forth below. The Planning Department
initial fee amount shall not exceed 50% of the construction cost, notwithstanding the
foregoing. Applications for permit revisions are excluded from this limitation.

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Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
\$0 to \$9,999	\$359
\$10,000 to \$49,999	\$368 plus 3.762% of cost over \$10,000
\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$2,320 plus 2.513% of cost over \$50,000
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$100,000 to \$499,999	\$3,603 plus 2.752% of cost over \$100,000
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$500,000 to \$999,999	\$14,819 plus 0.696% of cost over \$500,00
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$18,366 plus 0.274% of cost over
	\$1,000,000 plus \$98 Discretionary Review
	Surcharge and \$321 Categorical Exemption
	Stamp Fee
\$5,000,000 to \$99,999,999	\$29,502 plus .004% of cost over \$5,000,00
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$100,000,000 or more	\$34,062 plus \$98 Discretionary Review
	Surcharge and \$321 Categorical Exemption
	Stamp Fee

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(1) Application with Verified Violations of the Planning Code: The
 Planning Department shall charge \$1,271 as an inspection fee for monitoring code violation
 abatements, plus time and materials as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e).

- 4 (2) **Back-Check Fee for Permit Revisions:** \$229 for the initial fee, plus time 5 and materials as set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e), to be collected at time of permit 6 issuance. A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of 7 appeals to the Board of Appeals.
- 8 (3) Shadow Impact Fee for New Construction or Alteration Exceeding
  9 40 Feet in Height (Planning Code Section 295): Additional \$526 plus time and materials as
  10 set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e). A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to
  11 compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals.
- (4) Public Notification Fee for Projects Requiring Public Notice Pursuant to
  Planning Code Section 311: \$54, plus \$3.26 per envelope (subject to increase based on
  envelope and postage costs). A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to compensate the
  City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals. The City's reprographics department will
  print and mail public notices.

17 (5) Public Notification Fee for Projects Requiring Public Notice
18 Pursuant to Planning Code Section 312: \$54, plus \$1.13 per envelope (subject to increase
19 based on envelope and postage costs). A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to
20 compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals. The City's
21 reprographics department will print and mail public notices.

22 (6) For projects with a construction cost of \$100,000,000 or more, the
23 applicant shall be charged the permit fee for a project with a \$100,000,000 construction cost.
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(7) Permits for solar panels and over-the-counter permits for solar equipment installation shall be \$154 per permit. A \$25 surcharge shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Appeals.

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(b) **Building Permit Applications for a New Building:** The Planning Department initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost; notwithstanding the foregoing, applications for permit revisions are excluded from this limitation.

Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
\$0 to \$99,999	\$2,079, plus \$98 Discretionary Review
	Surcharge and \$321 Categorical Exemption
	Stamp Fee
\$100,000 to \$499,999	\$2,080 plus 2.752% of cost over \$100,000
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$500,000 to \$999,999	\$13,298 plus 0.878% of cost over \$500,000
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$17,775 plus 0.338% of cost over
	\$1,000,000 plus \$98 Discretionary Review
	Surcharge and \$321 Categorical Exemption
	Stamp Fee
\$5,000,000 to \$99,999,999	\$31,550 plus 0.005% of cost of \$5,000,000
	plus \$98 Discretionary Review Surcharge
	and \$321 Categorical Exemption Stamp Fe
\$100,000,000 or more	\$37,251plus \$98 Discretionary Review

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1		Surcharge and \$321 Categorical Exemption
2		Stamp Fee
3		(1) Applications with Verified Violations of the Planning Code: \$1,271 as
4	an inspectio	on fee for monitoring Code violation abatements.
5	(c)	Demolition Applications, to be collected by Central Permit Bureau: \$1,621.
6	A \$25 surch	narge shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to
7	the Board o	f Appeals.
8	(d)	Fire, Police, Entertainment Commission, State Alcohol & Beverages
9	Control and	d Health Department Permit Applications Referral Review: \$137 initial fee
10	collected by	the other departments in conjunction with current fee collections, plus time and
11	materials as	s set forth in Planning Code Section 350(e).
12	(e)	Sign Permit Applications, to be collected by Central Permit Bureau: \$143. A \$25
13	surcharge s	shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the
14	Board of Ap	opeals.
15	(f)	Small Business Month Fee Waiver: No Planning Department fees shall apply
16	for permits	issued to Small Business Enterprises in the month of May for awning replacement
17	and for sigr	is on awnings. For purposes of this Subsection (f), a Small Business Enterprise
18	shall be a b	usiness that has 100 or fewer employees. The Planning Department and the
19	Department	t of Building Inspection shall establish a process by which those two departments
20	will certify the	hat an applicant is a Small Business Enterprise for the purpose of this Subsection
21	(f) and Sect	tion 110A, Tables 1A-A and 1A-E of the Building Code.
22	PRESERV	ATION APPLICATIONS. (Planning Code Article 10).
23	(a)	Landmark: \$294.
24	(b)	Amendment, Rescission, or Designation of Historical District: \$1,178 plus
25	time and m	aterials in excess of initial fee. The Planning Director or his/her designee may

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waive time and material charges for the designation of a Historical District to encourage
 Citywide preservation activities.

(c) Certificate of Appropriateness: \$346 for applications with an estimated
construction cost less than \$1,000; \$1,380 for applications with an estimated construction cost
less than \$20,000, \$6,384 for applications with an estimated construction cost \$20,000 and
more, plus time and materials in excess of initial fee as set forth in Planning Code Section
350(e). The initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost. A \$25 surcharge
shall be added to the fees to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of
Appeals.

10 (d) Determination that a Building is a Compatible Rehabilitation or a
 11 Compatible Replacement Building, Pursuant to Section 309 or 1109: Same as for
 12 Conditional Use.

13(e)Processing and Administering an Application for a Historical Properties14Contract Under the California Mills Act, California Government Code Sections 50280 -

15 **50290:** \$5,390 for commercial properties and \$2,695 for residential properties.

16 TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT APPLICATIONS.

(a) Transportation Study: \$23,977 plus time and materials as set forth in Planning
Code Section 350(e). Extremely complex transportation studies will be charged a higher initial
fee based on the specifics of the project which will be outlined in an Agreement between the
Department and the project sponsor.

(b) Municipal Transportation Agency review of transportation impact study:
\$4,612 per study.

23 **GENERAL ADVERTISING SIGNS FEES.** 

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5 604.2 shall be \$770 per sign structure. 6 (c) The fee for an in-lieu application pursuant to Planning Code Section 604.1 shall 7 be \$440 per sign structure. The fee for annual inventory maintenance pursuant to Planning Code Section 8 (d) 604.2 shall be \$249. 9 ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY FOR LARGE SCALE RETAIL USE. 10 11 The fee to review an economic impact study, as required by Planning Code Section 12 303(i), shall be \$3,500, plus any additional time and materials as set forth in Planning Code 13 Section 350(e). 14 PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR FORMULA RETAIL USE. The fee to provide performance review for Formula Retail uses as required by Planning 15 16 Section 303.1 shall be the standard building permit fee, plus time and materials as set forth in 17 Planning Code Section 350(g)(e). ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

The fee for the relocation agreement application pursuant to Planning Code

The fee for the initial inventory processing pursuant to Planning Code Section

Section 611 and Administrative Code Section 2.21 shall be \$1,376 per individual relocation

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agreement application.

19 (a) The Planning Department shall charge the following fees to applicants for 20 projects located outside of recently adopted Plan Areas (adopted after July 1, 2005) that do 21 not require one or more of the following, which will be initiated through the adoption of an Area 22 Plan: Code amendments for the height or bulk district and General Plan amendments, as 23 specified in Administrative Code Section 31.21: 24 (1) For an initial study of a project excluding use of special expertise or

25 technical assistance, as described in Administrative Section 31.23, the initial fee shall be:

1	Where the total estimated construction cost as defined by the San Francisco
2	Building Code is between \$0 and \$9,999: \$1,203;
3	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000 or more, but less than
4	\$200,000: \$4,682 PLUS 2.276% of the cost over \$10,000;
5	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
6	\$1,000,000: \$9,092 PLUS 1.721% of the cost over \$200,000;
7	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less
8	than \$10,000,000: \$23,127 PLUS 1.445% of the cost over \$1,000,000;
9	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less
10	than \$30,000,000: \$155,622 PLUS 0.445% of the cost over \$10,000,000;
11	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less
12	than \$50,000,000: \$246,327 PLUS 0.167% of the cost over \$30,000,000;
13	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less
14	than \$100,000,000: \$280,403 PLUS 0.041% of the cost over \$50,000,000;
15	Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$300,903
16	PLUS 0.016% of the cost over \$100,000,000.
17	An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been
18	inactive for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant
19	proposing significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an
20	application is on file with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to
21	cover the full costs in excess of the initial fee paid. A \$120 surcharge shall be added to this
22	fee to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors.
23	(2) For preparation of an environmental impact report excluding use of
24	special expertise or technical assistance, as described in Administrative Code Section 31.23,
25	the initial fee shall be:

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Where the total estimated construction cost as defined in the San Francisco
Building Code is between \$0 to \$199,999: \$26,729;
Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than
\$1,000,000: \$26,729 PLUS 0.657% of the cost over \$200,000;
Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less
than \$10,000,000: \$32,231 PLUS 0.445% of the cost over \$1,000,000;
Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less
than \$30,000,000: \$73,049 PLUS 0.182% of the cost over \$10,000,000;
Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less
than \$50,000,000: \$110,243 PLUS 0.049% of the cost over \$30,000,000;
Where said total construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less than
\$100,000,000: \$120,381 PLUS 0.049% of the cost over \$50,000,000;
Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$145,939
PLUS 0.016% of the cost over \$100,000,000.
An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been
inactive for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant
proposing significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an
application is on file with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to
cover the full costs in excess of the initial fee paid.
(3) For an appeal to the Planning Commission: The fee shall be \$562 to the
appellant; provided, however, that the fee shall be waived if the appeal is filed by a
neighborhood organization that: (A) has been in existence for 24 months prior to the appeal
filing date, (B) is on the Planning Department's neighborhood organization notification list, and
(C) can demonstrate to the Planning Director or his/her designee that the organization is
affected by the proposed project. An exemption from paying this appeal fee may be granted

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when the requestor's income is not enough to pay for the fee without affecting his or her
abilities to pay for the necessities of life, provided that the person seeking the exemption
demonstrates to the Planning Director or his/her designee that he or she is substantially
affected by the proposed project.

For an appeal to the Board of Supervisors of environmental 5 (4) 6 determinations, including the certification of an EIR, a negative declaration, or determination 7 of a categorical exemption, the fee shall be \$562 to the appellant; provided, however, that the fee shall be waived if the appeal is filed by a neighborhood organization that: (A) has been in 8 9 existence for 24 months prior to the appeal filing date, (B) is on the Planning Department's neighborhood organization notification list, and (C) can demonstrate to the Planning Director 10 11 or his/her designee that the organization is affected by the proposed project. Fees shall be used to defray the cost of appeal for the Planning Department. Such fee shall be refunded to 12 13 the appellant in the event the Planning Department rescinds its determination or the Board of 14 Supervisors remands or rejects the environmental impact report, negative declaration, or 15 determination of a categorical exemption to the Planning Commission for revisions based on 16 issues related to the adequacy and accuracy of the environmental determination. An exemption from paying this appeal fee may be granted when the requestor's income is not 17 enough to pay for the fee without affecting his or her ability to pay for the necessities of life, 18 19 provided that the person seeking the exemption demonstrates to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or his/her designee that he or she is substantially affected by the proposed 20 21 project.

(5) For preparation of an addendum to an environmental impact report that
has previously been certified, pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines: or
reevaluation of a modified project for which a negative declaration has been prepared:
\$25,174 plus time and materials as set forth in Administrative Code Section 31.22(e).

1 (6) For preparation of a supplement to a draft or certified final environmental 2 impact report: One-half of the fee that would be required for a full environmental impact report 3 on the same project, as set forth in Paragraph (a)(2) above, plus time and materials as set 4 forth in Subsection (b)(2). A \$120 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City 5 for the costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors.

6 For preparation of a Certificate of Exemption from Environmental (7) (A) 7 Review determining that a project is categorically exempt, statutorily exempt, 8 ministerial/nonphysical, an emergency, or a planning and feasibility study: \$321 for 9 applications that require only a stamp, \$6,278 as an initial fee for applications that require an 10 Exemption Certificate, plus time and materials as set forth in Subsection (b)(2). A \$120 11 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the 12 Board of Supervisors. 13 **(B)** For preparation of a Class 32 Certificate of Exemption from 14 Environmental Review determining that a project is categorically exempt, the initial fee shall be: 15 16 Where the total estimated construction cost as defined by the San Francisco 17 Building Code is between \$0 and \$9,999: \$11,544; 18 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000 or more, but less than 19 \$200,000: \$11,544 PLUS 0.201% of the cost over \$10,000; 20 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than 21 \$1,000,000: \$11,926 PLUS 0.190% of the cost over \$200,000; 22 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less 23 than \$10,000,000: \$13,446 PLUS 0.057% of the cost over \$1,000,000; 24 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more: \$18,709

25 PLUS 0.426% of the cost over \$10,000,000.

A \$120 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of
 appeals to the Board of Supervisors.

- (8) For preparation of an exemption that requires review of historical
  resource issues only, the following fees apply. For a determination of whether a property is an
  historical resource under CEQA, the fee is \$2,630. For a determination of whether a project
  would result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, the
  fee is \$3,648. A \$120 surcharge shall be added to this fee to compensate the City for the
  costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors.
- 9 (9) For preparation of a letter of exemption from environmental review: \$321, 10 plus time and materials as set forth in Administrative Code Section 31.22(e).
- (10) For review of a categorical exemption prepared by another City Agency,
  such as the Municipal Transportation Agency or the Public Utilities Commission: \$270, plus
  time and materials as set forth in Administrative Code Section 31.22(e).
- 14 (11) For reactivating an application that the Environmental Review Officer has
  15 deemed withdrawn due to inactivity and the passage of time, subject to the approval of the
  16 Environmental Review Officer and within six months of the date the application was deemed
  17 withdrawn: \$237 plus time and materials to cover any additional staff costs.
- Monitoring Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring: Upon 18 (12) adoption of conditions of approval and/or mitigation measures which the Environmental 19 20 Review Officer determines require active monitoring, the fee shall be \$1,271, as an initial fee, 21 plus time and materials as set forth in Administrative Code Section 31.22(e). 22 (b) The Planning Department shall charge the following Community Plan Fees for environmental applications filed in adopted Plan Areas effective after July 1, 2005: 23 For Class 1 and 3 Exemptions: same as basic fees outlined in Section 24 (1)
- (1) For Class 1 and 3 Exemptions, same as basic lees outlined in 3(a)(8) and (10) above.

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For determination of the appropriate environmental document: \$14,017 1 (2) 2 and any fee pursuant to Administrative Code Section 31.23.1(a)-(c). In addition, the applicant 3 shall pay the following fees as appropriate: 4 (A) If the determination is that the project qualifies for a Community exemption or exclusion, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$7,659. A \$120 surcharge shall be 5 6 added to this fee to compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors. 7 **(B)** If the determination is that the project does not qualify for a 8 Community exemption or exclusion, the applicant shall pay fees as set forth in Subsection (c) 9 below. 10 (C) The fees for projects determined not to qualify for a Community exemption or 11 exclusion are as follows. A \$120 surcharge shall be added to these fees to compensate the 12 City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors: 13 (1) For an initial study excluding use of special expertise or technical assistance the initial fee shall be: 14 15 Where the total estimated construction cost as defined by the San Francisco 16 Building Code is between \$0 and \$9,999: \$1,499; 17 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000 or more, but less than 18 \$200,000: \$6,227 PLUS 2.833% of the cost over \$10,000; 19 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than 20 \$1,000,000: \$11,715 PLUS 2.141% of the cost over \$200,000; 21 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less 22 than \$10,000,000: \$29,178 PLUS 1.796% of the cost over \$1,000,000; 23 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less 24 than \$30,000,000: \$194,017 PLUS 0.553% of the cost over \$10,000,000; 25

1 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less 2 than \$50,000,000: \$306,896 PLUS 0.208% of the cost over \$30,000,000; 3 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less 4 than \$100,000,000: \$349,413 PLUS 0.049% of the cost over \$50,000,000; Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$374,723 5 PLUS 0.019% of the cost over \$100,000,000. 6 7 An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been inactive for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant 8 9 proposing significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an 10 application is on file with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to 11 cover the full costs in excess of the initial fee paid. (2) For preparation of an environmental impact report excluding use of 12 13 special expertise or technical assistance, the initial fee shall be: 14 Where the total estimated construction cost as defined in the San Francisco 15 Building Code is between \$0 to \$199,999: \$33,263; Where said total estimated construction cost is \$200,000 or more, but less than 16 17 \$1,000,000: \$33,263 PLUS 0.818% of the cost over \$200,000; Where said total estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000 or more, but less 18 than \$10,000,000: \$40,113 PLUS 0.553% of the cost over \$1,000,000; 19 20 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$10,000,000 or more, but less 21 than \$30,000,000: \$90,908 PLUS 0.227% of the cost over \$10,000,000; 22 Where said total estimated construction cost is \$30,000,000 or more, but less 23 than \$50,000,000: \$137,223 PLUS 0.061% of the cost over \$30,000,000; Where said total construction cost is \$50,000,000 or more, but less than 24 \$100,000,000: \$149,941 PLUS 0.061% of the cost over \$50,000,000; 25

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- Where said total estimated construction cost is \$100,000,000 or more: \$181,737
   PLUS 0.019% of the cost over \$100,000,000.
- An applicant proposing major revisions to a project application that has been inactive for more than six months and is assigned shall submit a new application. An applicant proposing significant revisions to a project which has not been assigned and for which an application is on file with the Planning Department shall be charged time and materials to cover the full costs in excess of the initial fee paid.
- 8 (3) For the preparation of a focused Environmental Impact Report: one-half 9 the fee that would be required for a full environmental impact report, as set forth in Paragraph 10 (c)(2) above, plus time and materials.
- 11 (4) The fees listed in Subsection (c) above will sunset 20 years after the
  12 effective date of Plan Adoption.
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Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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Section 6. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
the official title of the ordinance.

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