
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2015

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL No. 2015-539
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill changes certain existing sign permit fees.

DISCUSSION:

The City recently completed the bi-annual user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 16, 2015. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service.

The last major change to the sign permit fee ordinance was in 2008. As detailed in the bi-annual user fee review, certain user fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Increase the attached sign permit fee from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per square foot of total area.
- Increase the billboard fee from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per square foot of total area.

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.