



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### *Building Department*

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City Council Regular Meeting Date December 6, 2022

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Craig Mole' Director of Building, Chief Building Official  
**Date:** 11/29/2022

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**SUBJECT:** Building permit fee modification

**BACKGROUND:** Section 553.791(2), Florida Statutes, requires local governments to have a private provider option for building code inspection services. If an owner or contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee by the amount of cost savings realized by the local enforcement agency for not having to perform such services. Such reduction may be calculated on a flat fee or percentage basis, or any other reasonable means by which a local enforcement agency assesses the cost for its plans review or inspection services. The local jurisdiction may not charge fees for building inspections if the fee owner or contractor hires a private provider to perform such services; however, the local jurisdiction may charge a reasonable administrative fee.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Building Permit Fee (16900-2400)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Provide a 15% fee reduction for permits using Private Provider for Plan Review and/or inspections for building code compliance. Recommend adoption of 15% reduction for Private Providers permitting to our existing fee schedule.

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