



COCHISE COUNTY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cochise County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Daniel Coxworth, Development Services Director
SUBJECT: Proposed Building Fee Schedule
DATE: February 27, 2018

I. NATURE OF REQUEST

The current Building Code Fee Schedule was last approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2004. Since the last Board Work Session in August 2017 concerning this topic, the County has seen a turn-over in staff to include a new Development Services Director and Interim Building Official. As such, new staff has reviewed the proposed Building Fee Schedule and is proposing a few minor changes. Staff is requesting guidance from the Board of Supervisors to move forward with all proposed changes to the draft fee schedule and within the next 4 – 6 weeks present the fee schedule to the Board for approval.

II: CHANGES PROPOSED

Attached is the Development Services Fee Schedule with all associated County development fees and proposed changes to the residential and non-residential building fees and other minor changes. Since the last Board Work Session in August 2017, county staff has reviewed the proposed fee schedule and recommends moving forward with the following changes:

- Rural Residential Owner/Builder (Page 4): The proposed fee schedule includes options for Limited Inspection with Plan Review and No Inspection – No Plan Review options. The Board may desire to remove these options by removing them from the fee schedule and rescinding Resolution 06-42.
- Exemptions (Page 6): The Board previously directed staff to increase the dollar amount that would exempt a project from needing a permit. State Statute 11-321 requires a building permit for any construction of a building or addition thereto exceeding a cost of \$1000.
- Flat Rate Residential Trade Permit Fees (Page 7): The previously proposed fee schedule listed all residential trade permits fees as per construction value. Instead of charging per construction value, staff is proposing flat-rate fees for the more straightforward and

simpler permits that require minimum review and typically one or two inspections. The proposed fee is \$125 for most residential trade permits, except a water heater permit is \$50. Other residential trade permits, such as a swimming pool, and fire sprinkler and fire alarms, may require more extensive plan review and inspections and therefore are based on construction value.

III: ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Fee Schedule with updated proposed changes.