

**ORDINANCE NO. 188899**

An ordinance amending Section 19.16 of Article 9, Chapter I and Section 15.7.3 of Article 15, Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to implement a fee update by the Department of City Planning for case processing application fees.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 19.16. of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 19.16. GENERAL PLAN MAINTENANCE SURCHARGE FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING.**

There shall be added to each fee imposed for any permit, plan check, license or application, provided in Chapter I of this Code, a surcharge in an amount equal to the greater of 10 percent of the fee or \$1.00, except that any other surcharge shall be excluded from the computation of this surcharge. Monies received from this surcharge shall be deposited into the Department of City Planning Long-Range Planning Special Revenue Trust Fund. The monies received pursuant to this section shall be used for maintenance of the City's General Plan and all associated underlying plans or elements, ordinances, and other associated planning initiatives. Fifty percent of the monies received, after the effective date of this ordinance, shall be used for costs directly related to updating the City's 34 Community Plans. Exempted from this surcharge are all fees and costs imposed pursuant to Section 12.37.

Sec. 2. Section 15.7.3. of Division 15.7. of Article 15 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 15.7.3. GENERAL PLAN MAINTENANCE SURCHARGE FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT.**

There shall be added to each fee imposed for any permit, plan check, license or application provided in this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A), a surcharge in an amount equal to the greater of ten percent of the fee or \$1.00, except that any other surcharge shall be excluded from the computation of this surcharge. Monies received from this surcharge shall be deposited into the Department of City Planning Long-Range Planning Special Revenue Trust Fund. The monies received pursuant to this *Section (General Plan Maintenance Surcharge For The Department)* shall be used for maintenance of the City's General Plan and all associated underlying plans or elements, ordinances, and other associated planning initiatives. Fifty percent of the monies received, after the effective date of this ordinance, shall be used for costs directly related to updating the City's 34 Community Plans. Exempted from this surcharge are all fees and costs imposed pursuant to *Div. 10.1. (Street Dedication & Improvement)*.

Sec. 3. **REFERENCES.** Any references to state or federal statutes or regulations in this ordinance shall be to those statutes or regulations as written and in effect on the date the ordinance adding those references is adopted.

Sec. 4. **SEVERABILITY.** If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Sec. 5. **STYLE AND FORMATTING CORRECTIONS.** City Planning prior to publishing the Code shall ensure all of the following style and formatting corrections are made in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in consultation with the City Attorney's Office:

A. All numbering of chapters, articles, parts, divisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sub-subparagraphs, and sub-sub-subparagraphs shall match the existing numbering format, style, and hierarchy in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (e.g., all numbering ends with a period, except sub-sub-subparagraphs which are punctuated with a parenthetical).

B. Formatting and typeface style for all headings shall match the existing formatting and typeface style in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including the following, paragraph breaks after subsection headers, no periods at the end of headers, headers of divisions and sections in all caps, and headers of subsections or any lower ordinal in title case with the first letter of each word capitalized.

C. All internal citations to the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall match the formatting and style of the existing Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including adding periods at the end of the citation number, including the title that matches the cited section in parenthesis after the period (e.g., "Sec. 5A.2.2. (Use Applicability))" or "Paragraph 2. (No Net Loss of Dwelling Units)"), and citations to Chapters of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall use Roman numerals for the chapter number and I. (General Provisions and Zoning) of this Code").

D. All internal citations within the Los Angeles Municipal Code referring to content modified by this ordinance shall be updated to reflect the latest titles and Section references.

E. All internal citations within the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall be updated to the correct citation where the cited Section number does not exist, but the Section name is stated clearly (e.g., correct "Sec. 13.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)" to "Sec. 13A.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)" because Sec. 13.2.10. does not exist).

F. All citations stating “section” shall be updated to “Sec.” and those stating “division” shall be updated to “Div.” This does not apply to citations internal to the Division or Section being referenced, in which case the full term of Section or Division shall be used (e.g., “The intent of this Section (Roof Materials) is to...”).

G. All citations to State Code shall be updated to first state the name of the Code, followed by the referenced citation and the title of the referenced citation if available (e.g., California Government Code, Title 7. (Planning and Land Use)).

H. Words and phrases that are included in the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall not be capitalized unless they are proper nouns, mapped areas under Article 1 of Chapter 1A, district names, or zone string components. Any glossary terms used in Chapter 1A shall be indicated by underline in the published Code and linked to the Glossary term in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

I. All fonts and/or typeface and spacing and layout (including indentations) of text, headings, graphs and tables, and colors shall match that of the existing published Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

J. All numbers shall be written in accordance with the following protocol:

(a) Numbers one through nine shall be written out, unless within a table.

(b) Numbers written as the first word of sentence shall be written out (e.g. “One hundred percent of all affordable housing...”)

(c) Fractions and numbers including fractions shall be displayed as numerals (e.g. “ $\frac{1}{2}$ ” instead of “one-half,” and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  instead of “one and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ”).

(d) Ordinance numbers shall be written so that “Ordinance number” is abbreviated and includes a comma after 3 digits, and includes the effective or operative dates (e.g. “...as established by Ord. No. 176,445 (effective 3/9/05)...”)

(e) FAR numbers remain per drafting standard.

i. Example: “... a FAR of 2.5:1 shall be...”


(f) Zoning District numbers remain as a number.

i. Example: “...those lots with a Density District 6 or more restrictive...”

K. All instances of the percentage symbol (%) shall be updated to “percent” or “percentage” as appropriate unless the percentage is shown within a table, in which case the percentage symbol (%) shall be used.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality  
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By   
KIMBERLY A. HUANGFU  
Deputy City Attorney

Date February 27, 2026

File No. 09-0969-S4

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I  
**approve** this ordinance on behalf  
of the City Planning Commission and  
recommend that it be adopted.

  
VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP  
Director of Planning

Date February 27, 2026

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.


CITY CLERK



Ordinance Passed March 25, 2026

Ordinance Published: 04/10/2026  
Ordinance Effective Date: 06/09/2026

MAYOR



Approved 04/06/2026