File No. 09-0969-S4

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM), AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the Department of City Planning (DCP) Non-Applicant Appeal Fee Options.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE an amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Chapter 1, Article 9, Section 19.01 B.1(b) and Chapter 1A, Article 15, Section 15.1.1.F.1.b. (Appeal by Aggrieved Person Other than Applicant) to update the non-applicant appeal fee(s), according to Option B23 listed in the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated March 24, 2026, attached to the Council file, to:

    a. Increase the non-applicant appeal fee filed by non-applicants within the noticing/mailing radius to the 5 percent cost recovery rate (or $1,145).

    b. Increase the non-applicant appeal fee filed by non-applicants outside the noticing/mailing radius to the 10 percent cost recovery rate (or $2,289).

2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to amend LAMC Chapter 1, Article 9, Section 19.01 B.1(b) and Chapter 1A, Article 15, Section 15.1.1.F.1.b. (Appeal by Aggrieved Person Other than Applicant) in accordance with City Council's selected option and percentage of cost recovery rate.

3. AUTHORIZE the DCP to make technical changes as needed to implement Mayor and City Council intentions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation to note and file this report. There is a positive impact to the General Fund should the City Council approve an option to increase the non-applicant appeal fee from the DCP report dated March 10, 2026. The current annual General Fund subsidy of $3,354,420 may be reduced by up to $643,000 depending on the option selected.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the report is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that the Mayor and City Council determined to set the amount of the non-applicant appeal fee below the level required to recover the reasonable cost of providing the service and have taken action in the 2025-26 Adopted Budget to appropriate necessary funds to fully pay for the service. Should the City Council increase the non-applicant appeal fee and maintain a General Fund subsidy, the Mayor and City Council must appropriate the necessary funds to fully pay for the services in the 2026-27 Budget and report annually through the budget process in order to comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:
At a regular meeting held on August 25, 2026, the PLUM Committee considered reports from the DCP and CAO relative to Non-Applicant Appeal Fee Options. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations listed above.

Subsequently, at a regular meeting held on October 6, 2026, the Budget and Finance Committee considered this matter and concurred with the PLUM Committee's action above.

This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES
LEE:	YES
RAMAN:	YES

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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