

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I write in opposition to the proposed fee increase to "full recovery cost" for land use appeals. The increase from the current fee is unreasonable and would be prohibitive for most people. Visibility to city land use decisions can be limited, and public hearings are often held after decisions have been made. The appeal process is critical and fees should not be so high as to stifle opposition or prevent an individual from presenting their case. The proposed increase gives more sway and influence to developers and disadvantages individuals. It smacks of backroom deal-making.