

ORDINANCE NO. 188948

An ordinance amending Article 9 of Chapter I, Article 7 of Chapter V, Article 1 of Chapter VI, Article 8 of Chapter IX, and Article 15 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to temporarily increase the current "One-Stop Permit Center" surcharge fee provisions to continue to help pay for the development and implementation of a citywide development services system known as BuildLA.

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

Section 1. Subsections B and C of Section 19.08 of Article 9, Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

B. The previous surcharge amount of two percent is increased solely to pay for the \$55.63 million cost of developing and implementing BuildLA, a comprehensive enterprise-wide development services system, and shall not be used to pay for ongoing BuildLA costs, such as maintenance or system hosting services.

C. The surcharge shall be returned to the greater of two percent or \$1.00 when the City Administrative Officer determines the surcharge increase has recovered the \$55.63 million cost of BuildLA.

Sec. 2. Subsections (c) and (d) of Section 57.118.4 of Article 7, Chapter V the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(c) The revenue from one-third of the surcharge shall be used solely to pay for the \$55.63 million cost of developing and implementing BuildLA, a comprehensive enterprise wide development services system, and shall not be used to pay for ongoing BuildLA Costs such as maintenance or system hosting services.

(d) The surcharge shall be returned to the greater of 2% or \$1.00, revenue allocation to BuildLA shall stop, and all surcharge revenue shall be allocated to the Development Services Centers when the City Administrative Officer determines the BuildLA allocation has recovered the \$55.63 million cost of BuildLA.

Sec 3. Subsections (b) and (c) of Section 61.17 of Article 1, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(b) The previous surcharge amount of two percent is increased solely to pay for the \$55.63 million cost of developing and implementing BuildLA, a comprehensive enterprise-wide development services system, and shall not be used to pay for ongoing BuildLA costs such as maintenance of system hosting services.

(c) The surcharge shall be returned to the greater of two percent or \$1.00 when the City Administrative Officer determines the surcharge increase has recovered the \$55.63 million cost of BuildLA.

Sec 4. Subsections (b) and (c) of Section 98.0410 of Division 4, Article 8, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(b) The previous surcharge amount of two percent is increased solely to pay for the \$55.63 million cost of developing and implementing BuildLA, a comprehensive enterprise wide development services system, and shall not be used to pay for ongoing BuildLA costs such as maintenance or system hosting services.

(c) The surcharge increase shall be returned to the greater of two percent or \$1.00 when the City Administrative Officer determines the surcharge increase has recovered the \$55.63 million cost of BuildLA.

Sec 5. Subsections B. and C of Section 15.7.1 of Division 15.7, Article 15, Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

B. BuildLA Increase

The previous surcharge amount of two percent is increased solely to pay for the \$55.63 million cost of developing and implementing BuildLA, a comprehensive enterprise-wide development services system, and shall not be used to pay for ongoing BuildLA costs, such as maintenance or system hosting services.

C. BuildLA Increase Reversion

The surcharge shall be returned to the greater of two percent or \$1.00 when the City Administrative Officer determines the surcharge increase has recovered the \$55.63 million cost of BuildLA.

Sec. 6. 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. 7. 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

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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



MAYOR



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