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Councilmember Traci Park, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery
Attn: Luigi Verano, Legislative Assistant

RE: Council file No. 25-0006-S57

On October 7, 2025, the Budget and Finance Committee considered City Administrative Officer (CAO) and City Attorney reports, and Ordinance relative to adding Section 98.0419.1 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to waive fees imposed in connection with permits to repair or rebuild buildings or structures damaged or destroyed by the January 2025 Wildfires; and feasibility of waiving plan check and permit fees associated with reconstruction of private property damaged in the January 2025 Wildfires, and an additional CAO Report dated October 2, 2025. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move amend the Ordinance presented by the City Attorney and approve specific recommendations from the CAO reports, as amended, as detailed below.

1. APPROVE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated October 2, 2025.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to revise the draft Ordinance dated June 20, 2025 to align with the Mayor's revised Executive Order dated April 25, 2025, to waive all building permit fees associated with repair or reconstruction of single family structures and duplexes, damaged or destroyed up to 110% of the original structure as a result of the Wildfires of January 2025.
3. APPROVE the following Recommendations contained in the CAO report dated May 7, 2025 as Recommendation No. 1.b-e, attached to Council file No. 25-0006-S57
 - a. Find that the waiving of permit and plan check fees for rebuilding properties represents a clear public benefit inasmuch as the waivers would remove barriers to reconstruction and benefit the economy of the City.
 - b. Request the Controller to establish a new account Wildfire Emergency Permit Fee Waivers in the General City Purposes (GCP) and appropriate \$10 million from a temporary revolving loan from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety's (LADBS) Building Permit Enterprise Fund (Enterprise Fund) to be repaid, with interest, by General Fund dollars.
 - c. Instruct the LADBS to establish fee waiver procedures, including the process for obtaining reimbursements of waived fees from GCP to ensure full cost recovery for the Enterprise Fund.

- d. Instruct the CAO to identify General Fund dollars to repay the Enterprise Fund, for any and all fees waived in connection with the January 2025 Wildfires, with interest calculated at the City Daily Interest Pool Rate.

4. INSTRUCT the CAO to report on the following:

- a. A breakdown of the cost estimate, including the specific fees waived, not waived and the estimated amount for each.
- b. The payment structures and how that could be limited or predictable on an annual basis.
- c. Adding a provision in the report on whether this fee waiver could be time limited to four or five years.

This file is now transmitted to the Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery.

Mandy Morales
Legislative Assistant
Budget and Finance Committee

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES