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Rule 38 Response to the Revised Draft Fee Waiver Ordinance (to waive fees imposed in connection with permits to repair or rebuild single-family dwellings or duplexes damaged or destroyed by the Wildfires of January 2025)

The Department of Building and Safety reviewed the revised fee waiver draft ordinance (25-0006-S57) per Council Rule 38 and provides the following comment:

LAMC Section 91.107 and 98.0415 should be amended to read as follows:

91.107.3.1.1. Buildings and Structures. Unless otherwise required below, the plan check fee for buildings, structures or portions thereof shall be equal to 90% of the building permit fee as shown in Table 1-A of this division. Alternatively, the Department shall assess a plan check fee, at its own discretion, based on LAMC 91.107.3.1.4.

91.107.3.1.4. Hourly Plan Check Fee. The Department may collect a plan check fee as specified in Section 98.0415(e) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for any time not included by the original plan check fee and shall be in addition to other fees specified in this code. Additionally, the Department, where appropriate, shall assess a plan check fee based on an hourly basis

SEC. 98.0415. CLERICAL, ISSUING OR RESEARCH FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

The Department may collect a fee from the applicant or appellant for the following types of services:

(a) Correction of address for permit	\$34.00
(b) Transfer of name of permittee to any other person	\$48.00
(c) Permit issuing fee for:	
Electrical, plumbing, mechanical and elevator permits	\$23.00
Building permits	\$27.00
(d) Supplementary permit issuing fee	\$19.00
(e) Plan check, supplementary, or preliminary plan check or study fee	\$104.00 per staff hour
or portion thereof	

(f) Fee for report *
thereof

\$104.00 per staff hour or portion

* A minimum fee of \$104.00 shall be payable when a request for a written report on a property or code item is made and any balance shall be due prior to the release of the report. Written reports for which this fee is applicable shall include, but not limited to, interpretation of the public records for the property (document research), termination of covenants and agreements, written interpretation or request for modification of the codes (municipal and/or other codes and regulations), and issuance of reports seeking the status of code violations, permitted use, etc. of a property or other similar purposes.

This will allow the Department, where appropriate, to assess plan check fees based on actual time spent instead of solely project valuation. The current valuation-based fee structure can occasionally result in inequitable fees especially where the required plan check fee is minor.

Please direct any questions regarding the proposed ordinance to Rudy Arias at rodolfo.arias@lacity.org or (213) 693-5880.



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