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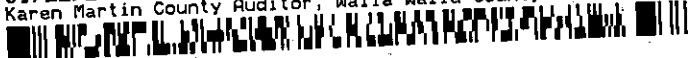
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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WHEREAS, RCW 36.32.120 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish a fee schedule to recover costs incurred in processing permit applications; and

WHEREAS, the cost for outside consultants for certain types type of permit review may be greater than the \$100 per hour currently authorized by County Code. For the County to recoup all the costs associated with plan review, the County Community Development Department recommended modifying Walla Walla County Code Chapter 15.04; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on November 4, 2019 for the purpose of receiving testimony for and/or against the proposed fees.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners that:

Section I. The Board of County Commissioners Makes the Following Findings of Fact:

1. The Community Development Department Director is responsible for the administration of Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Title 15, Buildings and Construction, pursuant to WWCC 14.03.010.
2. Walla Walla County Code Section 2.08.010 establishes a building inspection division, which is under the control of the building official as designated by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. The fees for permits required by the Walla Walla County Building Code (Title 15) are prescribed in Tables 9-A through 9-G pursuant to WWCC 15.04.050.
4. The County's building permit fee schedule has a fee established for "special projects/plan review/inspection/overtime," which is established at a rate of \$100 per hour (Table 9-B).
5. The County entered into an agreement with Northwest Code Professionals for building and fire plan review and construction inspection services in July 2019 and certain permit applications require structural engineering review, which costs the County more than the current plan review fees.
6. If a project requires structural engineered review services, services for these fees are billed at cost +5% according to the contract with Northwest Code Professionals.
7. Modifying the fee schedule will allow the County to recoup its costs when outside expertise, such as engineering review, is needed.



8. On September 23, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners held a workshop to discuss possible amendments to the plan review fees.
9. On October 7, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners signed Resolution No. 19-232, setting a date and time of the public hearing.
10. On October 21, 2019, a Notice of Public Hearing was issued by the Community Development Department. This notice was posted online and distributed by email to interested parties on October 22, and it was published in the Walla Walla Union Bulletin, Tri-City Herald, and The Times (Waitsburg) on October 24, 2019.
11. On November 4, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing for the purposes of receiving testimony for and/or against the proposed fee amendments. No members of the public spoke at the hearing or submitted written testimony.
12. On November 4, 2019, after closing the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to concur with the recommendations and directed staff to prepare an ordinance for approval.

Section II. The Board of County Commissioners Makes the Following Conclusions of Law:

1. The amended fees would enable the County to recoup the actual costs incurred by having an outside contract reviewer conduct plan review under *Walla Walla County Code Title 15, Buildings and Construction*, and the Washington State Building Code.

Section III. Amendments to Walla Walla County Code Title 15, Chapter 15.04, Buildings and Construction (Table 9-B).

Table 9-B
Misc. Permits/Service Fees

Permit Activity	Valuation/Description	Fee
Special projects/plan review/inspection/overtime, including outside professional services by contract reviewers	Per hour	Actual cost (\$100.00/hr. minimum rate)

Section IV. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon signing.

Section V. Savings and Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.



Section VI. Publication.

This ordinance will be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners in regular session at Walla Walla, Washington, then signed by its membership and attested by its Clerk in authorization of such passage this 21st day of January, 2020.

Attest:



Diane L. Harris, Clerk of the Board



Gregory A. Tompkins Chairman, District 3



James K. Johnson, Commissioner, District 1



Todd L. Kimball, Commissioner, District 2

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
of Walla Walla County, Washington

Approved as to form:



Jesse D. Nolte, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

