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MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember Sally J. Clark, Chair
Committee on the Built Environment

FROM: Diane M. Sugimura, Director
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DATE: May 9, 2011

SUBJECT: CB 117129 – Building Code Fees and Charges

The Council Bill we submitted for consideration at the Committee on the Built Environment's May 11, 2011 meeting (CB 117129) was prepared to correct technical errors in the Department of Planning and Development's 2011-2012 Fee Ordinance (Ordinance 123453). The proposed corrections to this ordinance do not adjust or change DPD fees and charges, nor do they alter or affect the intent or purpose of the adopted fee ordinance. The technical errors in Ordinance 123453 are as follows:

- A paragraph in Section 9 (concerning SMC 22.900B.050, Refunds) inadvertently omitted some of the underlining and strikethrough annotations that were necessary to show all of the intended changes being proposed and considered. The omitted formatting affected explanatory language and not actual refund fees.
- A paragraph in Section 11 (SMC 22.900C.010, Land use fees) also inadvertently omitted some of the underlining and strikethrough annotations that were necessary to show all of the intended changes being proposed and considered. As above, the omitted formatting affected explanatory language only, and not actual Land Use fees, permit amounts or schedules.
- The opening paragraph of Section 15 (SMC 22.900D.145, Site and Geotechnical review fee) mistakenly referred to a prior edition of the Seattle Municipal Code that has since been revised. As a result, Ordinance 123453 did not amend and update the current code as was intended to correct a cross-reference from the Grading Code to the Stormwater Code.

We have been advised by the Law Department that the best way to address these issues is to repeal the relevant sections of Ordinance 123453 and replace those sections with the corrected text, as indicated in the attached proposed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Jeff Davis, DPD Finance Manager, at 684-8071.



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