

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Sandy Paulos, Director of Finance

SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, Appendix D - Fee Schedule by adopting new fees for Traffic Impact Analysis Services.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** All**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

A presentation regarding proposed fee adjustments was given at the July Council Retreat. At the retreat, staff was given direction to move forward with implementation of the proposed fee adjustments including changes to Development Fees related to Traffic Impact Analysis Services fees. These fees have never been adjusted. With the traffic impact of new developments being a City priority and community concern, it is important that these reviews occur in a timely manner, which requires the use of third party reviewers. The current fee structure does not come close to covering the costs of the third party reviews. The majority of these proposed fee adjustments will pass through the City's cost to the developer which was the direction that Council gave at the July retreat. This will bring the fees more in line with benchmark cities and help cover the City's costs, which are significant.

These fee adjustments will impact developers.

Council approved the first reading of this item unanimously at the December 11, 2023 meeting.

If approved, a campaign to communicate the changes to the public will take place from January to March 2024, with the planned implementation date of April 1, 2024.

The proposed fee adjustments are as follows:

TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	
TIA Worksheet	\$100.00
Level 1	Actual cost determined with report scope (at rate billed to the City). \$500.00
Level 2	Actual cost determined with report scope \$750.00 (at rate billed to the City).
Level 3	Actual cost determined with report scope \$1,250.00 (at rate billed to the City).
Additional review	Actual cost determined with each additional comment review letter (at rate billed to the City).
Comment review meeting	\$250.00
Revision review	Actual cost determined with revision scope (at rate billed to the City). \$500.00
Scoping meeting	\$0.00

ISSUE:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Any additional revenue generated by these fee adjustments will be incorporated into the FY 2025 Budget to help offset increased costs and cover unfunded resource needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance amending the New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, Appendix D - Fee Schedule by adopting new fees for Traffic Impact Analysis Services.