Legislation Details (With Text)

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Title:	Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding a request from the Humane Society of New Braunfels Area (HSNBA) to waive development related fees for their new spay and neuter building.		
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Attachments:	1. HSNBA request for fee waiver, 2. Building location and drawing, 3. Draft Ordinance - HSNBA fee waivers		

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result

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SUBJECT:
Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding a request from the Humane Society of New Braunfels Area (HSNBA) to waive development related fees for their new spay and neuter building.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:
Council District: 1

Owner/Applicant: Humane Society of New Braunfels Area
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City Council held a public meeting on March 8, 2021 and unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance.

The Humane Society of New Braunfels Area (HSNBA) is requesting a waiver of fees associated with bringing a building onto their property. The building will provide a location to spay and neuter dogs and cats before adoption. The HSNBA is a not-for-profit organization that works with the City of New Braunfels to house stray animals brought in by the Animal Services Team of the City. The HSNBA also accepts stray pets brought in by citizens and, if space allows, pets whose owners can no longer care for them.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan	**Action 3.6:** Pro-actively provide a regulatory environment that remains business and resident friendly. **Action 8.3:** Foster opportunities for collaboration with local nonprofits.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Application and plan review fees offset the costs associated with the City's examination of plans and processing of development applications, thereby reducing the impact to the taxpayer. If approved, this waiver would result in a reduction of application, and plan review revenue to the Development Services Fund.

- Type VB construction permitting fees for a 1500 square-foot structure, Occupancy Group B, is $1,300.
- With plan review fees and inspection fees the total would be approximately $1,800.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
[NA]

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Approval. Staff supports permit fee relief or discounts for not-for-profit organizations. The City has provided reduced fees or discounts for such organizations for a variety of city permits such as street banners, special event permits, building permits, and health permits. The Humane Society of New Braunfels Area is a not-for-profit entity that provides services to the community and relies on local contributions and assistance for support.

City Council has approved similar fee waivers on individual projects for Hope Hospice (May 2015), The Food Bank (January 2016), NB Housing Partners (December 2016) and Habitat for Humanity (March 2018).

Attachments:
1. Applicant's Request for fee waiver.
2. Building drawing and location of proposed structure.
3. Ordinance