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MEMORANDUM

To: Marilynn Beard, Interim City Manager

From: Ray Steiger, PE, Interim Public Works Director
John Burkhalter, PE, Development Engineering Supervisor

Date: May 6, 2010

Subject: Correspondence from Mr. Vladimir Zayshlyy

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of response to Mr. Zayshlyy who sent a letter asking for a review of his permit fees.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Mr. Zayshlyy built a new home in 2006 within his two-lot short plat, and permit fees at that time were between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Mr. Zayshlyy is now proposing to build a house on the other vacant lot in the short plat and has raised questions about the approximately \$30,000 in fees.

When the short plat was created, the existing house was demolished. The demolished house allowed the City to provide credits for water and sewer connection fees and for traffic and park impact fees on the first building permit; the second house does not qualify for these credits accounting for the predominant difference in permit fees.

cc: Rob Jammerman, Development Engineering Manager

Vladimir Zayshlyy
11313 NE 61st PL
Kirkland, WA 98033
April 22, 2010

Mayor Joan McBride
City of Kirkland
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland WA, 98033

Dear Mayor Joan,

I am currently living and doing business in Kirkland. As a mayor of our great city, I ask that you consider other solutions for my concern.

I am trying to build a house in city of Kirkland, located at 5529 108th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033. I applied for permit and my fees are well over \$30,000. It is way over our budget. As you know in a current economy all developments and real estate prices went well down and seem to be still heading down that direction. We built a house on the lot next to this one two years ago and my permit fees were approximately \$8,000.

With our current economy, I want to reach out to you and ask you for your help. I am asking you to please review my case and see if there is anything that we can do to adjust permit fees, so I can still stay in business and provide for my family in our beautiful city of Kirkland. My family and I, deeply appreciate all your hard work to keep our city safe, clean and prosperous.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Vladimir Zayshlyy
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Kirkland, WA 98033
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May 18, 2010

DRAFT

Mr. Vladimir Zayshlyy
11313 NE 61st Place
Kirkland WA 98033

Dear Mr. Zayshlyy:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Kirkland's building permit fees as they related to the construction of a home you built in 2006 and the current application fees associated with the home you intend to build on 108th Avenue NE. Your letter was researched by the Public Works Department, and I offer you the following information.

According to our permit records, your first house was built in 2006 on one lot of your two-lot short plat and the building permit fees were approximately \$8,000. Currently you are proposing to build a second home on the remaining lot and the fees are estimated at \$30,000. The table below identifies the related fees for each of your projects:

Fee Type	2006 Home	Proposed 2010 Home
Plan Review and Inspection Fees	\$8,955 (per City records)	\$10,000 (estimated)
Water Connection Fee	\$0 (<i>due to credit</i>)	\$9,133*
Sewer Connection Fee	\$0 (<i>due to credit</i>)	\$3,056
Traffic Impact Fee	\$0 (<i>due to credit</i>)	\$3,825
Park Impact Fee	\$0 (<i>due to credit</i>)	\$3,845
Total Fees	\$8,955	\$29,859

(* \$6,005 of the Water Connection Fee is a pass-through to the Cascade Water Alliance, our regional water purveyor)

Development Engineering Manager Rob Jammerman had an opportunity to discuss your project with you. The primary difference in permit fees between the two houses is due to the credits that you received on the first house for utility and impact fees as a result of the existing house that was demolished.

The City Council recognizes concerns about permit fees in these existing difficult economic conditions. We carefully consider all of our rates and fees prior to adopting them. Though the City is not in a position to adjust your current fees, the City is in the process of developing a program to delay the payment of impact fees for single-family homes until the home is sold which may provide some relief. It is likely that this program will be presented to the City Council at the June 1, 2010, Council Meeting. Please contact Rob Jammerman at 425-587-3845 or rjammerman@ci.kirkland.wa.us if you have questions regarding this program.

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council

By Joan McBride, Mayor