



Administration

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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December 4, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Declare ordinance amending Chapter 3.90 of the Municipal Code relating to funding the on-going cost of technology upgrades, improvements and maintenance read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

For the last five years (since 2002), the Department of Planning & Building has applied a surcharge on all permits in order to fund the Information Land Management System (ILMS) implementation. Presently the surcharge is scheduled to sunset on January 23, 2008. Originally it was thought that the cost of the conversion would be a one-time cost. However, in order to keep up with the technological needs of the system, the surcharge is required on a permanent basis. Therefore, Chapter 3.90 of the Municipal Code needs to be amended to fund the on-going cost of technology upgrades, improvements and maintenance.

Through the process of updating the ILMS system, other systems including a mobile solution, a cashiering interface, online permit processes and customer solutions were included as part of the overall upgrade. To fully upgrade the ILMS system and the accompanying solutions, the language of the current ordinance needs to be changed to expand the scope to include the funding of the accompanying solutions and any future technology upgrades, improvements and maintenance needed to better serve the public.

In addition, since all Development Impact Fees are exempt from this surcharge, Chapter 3.90 also needs to be amended to add the Police and Fire Facilities Development Impact Fees, adopted by City Council on June, 4, 2007, as exemptions to this chapter.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais on November 20, 2007 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on November 13, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on December 4, 2007 in order to continue the surcharge beyond the current expiration date of January 23, 2008.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This is an ordinance amendment. There is no net impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

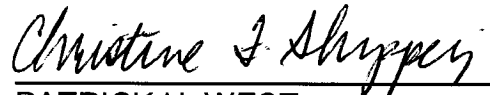
Respectfully submitted,



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Chapter 3.90_SurchargeAmend_CC Ltr

APPROVED:



 PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Chapter 3.90 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER SURCHARGE

3.90.010 Purpose.

3.90.020 Surcharge.

3.90.030 Termination.

3.90.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to impose a surcharge to fund the conversion of the integrated land management system (ILMS) database from its current proprietary HPE 3000 image database environment to an open database in order to further increase access to said database material; and to fund the conversion of records currently retained on microfiche into a digitized format for ease of retrieval and storage of records in the development services center. continuous upgrade, improvement and maintenance of technology for development projects and services.

3.90.020 Surcharge.

There shall be added to each fee imposed or authorized by the provisions of Titles 12, 14, 18, 20 and 21 of this code; and Part 12.01 of the rules, regulations, and charges governing potable water, reclaimed water, sewer service, and the emergency water conservation plan adopted by the Long Beach board of water commissioners, a surcharge in an amount as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges established by city council resolution of such fee.

Exception: The surcharge shall not apply to the fees or charges provided in Chapters 18.17, 18.18, 18.19, 18.22, and 18.23 of this code; and Sections 18.20.250, 21.60.650 and 21.61.070 of this code.

The city manager is authorized to establish appropriate procedures to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

~~3.90.030 Termination.~~

~~This chapter and the provisions contained herein shall be repealed and shall be of no further force and effect two years after the effective date of the ordinance establishing the surcharges, unless otherwise extended or repealed by an ordinance adopted by the city council. (Ord. G 7821 § 1, 2002).~~

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and Sections 18.20.250, 21.60.650 and 21.61.070 of this Code.

B. The City Manager is authorized to establish appropriate procedures to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

Approved: _____
(Date)

Mayor