

# City of Costa Mesa

## Inter Office Memorandum

**TO:** PLANNING COMMISSION

**FROM:** MEL LEE, SENIOR PLANNER *MEL*

**DATE:** DECEMBER 10, 2009

**SUBJECT:** SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT USER FEE WAIVER/IMPACT FEE  
DEFERRAL PROGRAMS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2009

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Attached is an updated Table A: Comparison of Development User Fees and Impact Fees, reflecting the following changes:

- Costa Mesa's grading permit fee was revised to reflect the correct per unit amount (the amount in the previous table was for the entire development);
- Irvine's building and grading permit fees were revised to reflect the correct per unit amount;
- Drainage impact fees were added where appropriate.

Additionally, for clarification, this table makes a distinction between user fees (building permits, grading permits, etc.) that can be waived and impact fees (traffic, parkland, and drainage fees) that can be deferred.

Attachment: Revised Table A

cc: Acting Development Services Director  
Deputy City Attorney  
City Engineer  
Fire Protection Analyst  
Staff (4)  
File (2)

**Table A**  
**Comparison of Development User Fees and Impact Fees (Revised)**

<b>Fee Category</b>	<b>Costa Mesa</b>	<b>Fountain Valley</b>	<b>Huntington Beach</b>	<b>Irvine</b>	<b>Newport Beach</b>
Planning	\$1,760.00	\$3,830.00	\$4,415.00	\$10,000 Deposit; \$128.00/hr	\$5,000.00 Deposit; \$160.00/hr
Building Plan Check User Fee	\$1,159.00 (Per Unit)	\$1,042.00 (Per Unit)	\$1,808.00 (Per Unit)	<b><u>\$1044.00</u></b> <b><u>(Per Unit)</u></b>	\$979.27 (Per Unit)
Building Permit User Fee	\$1,783.35 (Per Unit)	\$1,604.00 (Per Unit)	\$2,288.00 (Per Unit)	\$830.00 (Per Unit)	\$1,360.10 (Per Unit)
Grading Permit User Fee	<b><u>\$100.0</u></b> <b><u>(Per Unit)</u></b>	\$300.00 (Per Unit)	\$176.12 (Per Unit)	<b><u>\$115.00</u></b> <b><u>(Per Unit)</u></b>	\$740.00 (Per Unit)
Traffic Impact Fee	Varies \$0.00 to \$181.00 Per Average Daily Trip	\$1,485.00 (Per Unit)	\$1,956.00 (Per Unit)	Varies Based on Project Location	Varies Based on Project Location
Parkland Impact Fee	\$13,572.00 Per Single-Family Unit \$13,829.00 Per Multi-Family Unit	\$7,421.49 (Per Unit)	\$6,700.00 (Per Unit)	\$7,350.00 (Per Unit)	\$26,125.00 (Per Unit)
<b><u>Drainage Impact Fee</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,257.00</u></b> <b><u>(Per Unit)</u></b>	<b><u>\$305.00</u></b> <b><u>(Per Unit)</u></b>	<b><u>N/A</u></b>	<b><u>N/A</u></b>	<b><u>\$201.00</u></b> <b><u>(Per Unit)</u></b>

Source: BIA/OC Land Development Fee Survey 2009-2010