



Legislation Text

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Summary

To: Town Commission
From: Town Staff
Date: 9/10/2018

Subject:

Second Reading of Ordinance 522 - Amending Appendix B - Fee Schedule

Summary:

Beginning this fiscal year, Town staff would like to begin completing annual reviews and updates of Appendix B - Fee Schedule in the Code of Ordinances in order to maximize the accuracy of our Code. The title language has been amended to include the removal of cable franchise and sewer fees, as well as the increase to tree mitigation. Additionally, "special event permit" has been corrected to "special relief permit" for consistency with Ordinance 521.

Previous Commission Action: Commission approved Ordinance 522 on first reading at the September 4, 2018 regular meeting.

Background/Problem Discussion: Please note the previous Appendix B (presented at first reading) had a formatting error which reflected incorrect rates throughout the schedule. This has been corrected and the revised version is attached. In the attached Ordinance 522 - Amending Appendix B - Fee Schedule, the following sections have been altered to reflect current fee structures:

- Wireless Communications Fees: Ordinance 515 set fees for the registration and installation of wireless communications facilities in the Town of Belleair. These fees are being added to Appendix B via this ordinance.
- Special Relief Permitting: Ordinance 521 establishing a special event permitting process that the Town Commission may use to allow for special exemptions from the Code. Town staff has recently set fees for this application process, housed under "Appeals to the Commission." These fees are being added to Appendix B via this ordinance.
- Solid Waste Fees: The solid waste fees included in the previous update to Appendix B were published incorrectly, and are being amended in this ordinance.
- Recreation Fees: Prior to this ordinance, no recreation-related fees were included in Appendix B. While program fees are often difficult to include due to their fluctuating nature and were not specifically prescribed in this ordinance, membership fees are fairly static and have been broken out in it.
- Tree Mitigation Fee Increase: Any tree removed pursuant to 74-383 requires replacement of the tree. In lieu of replacement, a homeowner may opt to pay for the mitigation of the tree at a rate of \$35 per inch

of DBH. Local municipalities have higher rates which limits the amount of removals that occur. The Park and Tree Board unanimously voted to raise the fee to \$50 per inch of DBH and utilize funds to maintain the urban canopy in public spaces, and plant new trees on public land. This fee is being updated in Appendix B via this ordinance.

- Removal of Cable Franchise and Sewer Disposal Rates: These fees are no longer applicable and are therefore removed. Appendix B will be updated to include referral to Pinellas County for information relating to sewer disposal rates.

Expenditure Challenges N/A

Financial Implications: N/A

Recommendation: Town staff recommends adopting the revised version of Ordinance 522 - Amending Appendix B - Fee Schedule on second reading.

Proposed Motion I move approval of Ordinance 522 - Amending Appendix B - Fee Schedule on second reading.