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MEMORANDUM

To: Finance and Personnel Committee Members

From: Nathaniel Haack, Budget and Fiscal Policy Analyst

Subject: Fee Increases

The 2025 Proposed Budget includes \$5.62 million in anticipated revenues if fee increases are adopted by the Common Council. The proposed fee increases in file 240776 are listed below.

Board of Zoning Appeals

All BOZA fees would increase by \$100-\$125. The Comptroller would recognize \$50,000 in additional revenue in 2025.

Department of Public Works

Special events permits would increase to better capture cost recovery. Most permit types would increase by 25-50%, while block parties would remain exempt except for a \$50 late fee. The Comptroller would recognize \$100,000 in additional revenue in 2025.

Assessor

Appraisal fees would be restructured to be more transparent, fair, and accurate. New residential construction would change from \$264 for a single family, \$391 for a duplex, and \$463+115/unit for multi-family to a set \$450 per housing unit. Residential alterations would change from 0.37% of construction costs and 28% of plumbing permit costs to a set \$250 per housing unit. New commercial construction would change from \$0.05/sq. foot with a minimum charge of \$572 to \$0.45/sq. ft. with a minimum charge of \$1,000 and a maximum charge of \$25,000. Commercial alterations would change from 0.37% of construction costs to \$0.25/sq. ft. with a minimum charge of \$1,000 and a maximum charge of \$25,000. The increases for alterations would be offset by eliminating appraisal fee charges for plumbing, side, decks, garages, air conditioning, fireplaces, and razing. The Comptroller would recognize \$300,000 in new revenue in 2025.

Department of Neighborhood Services

Many DNS fees would increase to better capture cost recovery, with most increases between 20%-50%. The majority of these fees have not been updated in 10 years or more. With these fees aggregated, the Comptroller would recognize \$1.67 million in new revenue in 2025.



Transportation Fund

The Transportation Fund would increase a variety of revenue streams not just to increase revenue, but also in an effort to impact behavior and improve public safety, for example; obstructing bicycle lanes, crosswalks, or fire hydrants, or illegally parking in a disabled parking spot. Most citations would increase by \$5-\$25 dollars and have not been increased since 2009. In addition to parking citations, the file would increase the cost of towing and towed vehicle storage. The Comptroller would recognize an additional \$3.5 million transfer from the Transportation Fund to the General fund.

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