

Reply to Common Council File No. 080486
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

September 10, 2008

Ref: BF09

File 080486 contains a substitute ordinance amending various fees and forfeitures.

It has become a standard budget practice to update on an annual basis the amounts the city charges for various licenses, permits, fees, and special charges. Most of these items pertain to city regulatory programs designed to protect public health and abate nuisances. Other items pertain to activities that represent non-standard levels of service. The rationale for the update is to maintain cost-recovery for these activities so that they are not funded through the tax levy. The majority of these activities pertain to the Health and Neighborhood Services Departments.

The Budget and Management Division has estimated the annual fiscal impact of these changes to be approximately \$1.2 million. Actual 2009 budget revenue impact is dependent on Comptroller estimate and recognition.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT THIS SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.



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