



Waiver of Permit Application Fees: ABC Hopes & Settlement House



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The Ask

Provide staff with direction on the waiver of fees by recommending one of the proposed options presented by staff.





Request from Council Member Richins - Waiver of permit application fees for ABC Hopes and Settlement House

ABC Hopes

- ▷ Non-profit Organization
- ▷ Permits:
 - ▷ Conditional Use Permit
 - ▷ Building Tenant Improvement Plan
 - ▷ Estimated Cost: \$11,208

Settlement House

- ▷ Non-profit Organization
- ▷ Permits:
 - ▷ Building Tenant Improvement Plan
 - ▷ Estimated Cost: \$3,300

Note: Settlement House is a recipient of ARPA Funds in the amount of \$37,800.

OPT. 1

Direct staff to prepare a resolution for the Council's consideration to waive the fees associated with the permits for ABC Hopes & Settlement House

Pros:

- Reduces overall cost for the organizations.
- Organization provides a specialized service to a certain population in the city

Cons:

- Loss of revenue that is normally collected for permit services to cover City staff time.
- Staff time subsidized by the general public by using General Fund revenues instead of the permit fees.
- Future requests for fee waivers could become a common practice.
- Decisions on the waiver of City fees could become too subjective and make it difficult to remain unbiased.

OPT. 2

Direct staff to propose a reduced fee schedule for all non-profit organizations for the City Council's Consideration

Pros:

- Same as Option 1.
- Maintains equality for all non-profit organizations.

Cons:

- Loss of revenue that is normally collected for permit services to cover City staff time.
- Staff time would be subsidized by the general public by using General Fund revenues instead of the permit fees normally collected.

OPT. 3

Maintain the status quo

Pros:

- Maintains the 100% cost recovery for service delivery and prevents the General Fund from subsidizing the cost.
- Maintains equality for all organizations.

Cons:

- Permit fees may be a barrier to the establishment for a non-profit organization.

Discussion

