

ORDINANCE 730

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT ORDERS AND SIMILAR APPROVALS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 33.07 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mexico Beach (the "City") reviews applications for development and charges associated fees to cover the City's time, labor, and expenses to review and process these applications; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.07 of the City Code, entitled Development Orders, sets forth fees for development orders and similar planning approvals; and

WHEREAS, the City has not increased these fees since 2001 despite inflation and increased costs within the development and planning industry; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, the fee charged by the City no longer is adequate to cover the cost of the time, labor, and expenses required to conduct the review, inspections, and permit issuance; and

WHEREAS, the City's current fees are below the amounts that neighboring communities charge and the fees provided by this resolution will put the City's fees generally in line with its neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to update its development order and associated planning fees and has determined that the fees provided by this ordinance are reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that this ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS TO CODE. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Section 33.07 of the City Code of the City of Mexico Beach related to fees for development orders and certain other planning approvals is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text ~~struckthrough~~):

§ 33.07 FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT ORDERS AND PLANNING APPROVALS.

(A) A provision is hereby established allowing for the collection of fees associated with the city development orders and other requests.

(B) These fees are non-refundable and are payable to the City Clerk upon application for a development order or other requests.

(C) Development order fee schedule:

- (1) Major residential development order: ~~\$125~~**\$200** (per unit);
- (2) Minor residential development order: \$75;
- (3) Basic development order: ~~\$25~~**\$75**;
- (4) Commercial/**Multi Family** development order (**in the event of a conflict between the criteria below as to a specific project, the higher fee shall apply**) ~~\$175 (per unit)~~;

Up to 5,000 SF, 2 acres, or 3 units: \$450
5,001-20,000 SF, 2-5 acres, or 4-24 units: \$1,000
20,001-100,000 SF, 5-10 acres, or 25-100 units: \$2,000
Over 100,000 SF, 10 acres, or 100 units: \$3,000;

(5) **Canal Development Order**

Residential up to 2 slips: \$100
Commercial or over 2 slips: \$150

(6) Re-zoning **and Future Land Use Map change** request fees (**the single fee applies whether an applicant requests a rezoning, a Future Land Use Map amendment, or both**):

(a) ~~Under ten acres~~ **Small Scale map amendment and/or equivalent rezoning:**
~~\$1,360~~ **\$500**; and

(b) ~~Ten or more acres~~ **Large map amendment and/or equivalent rezoning:**
~~\$1,500~~ **\$2,000**.

~~(6) Sign permit: \$10;~~

~~(7) Driveway connection permit: \$10;~~

~~(8) Fence permit: \$10;~~

~~(9) Tree permit: no charge;~~

~~(10) Canal development order: \$100; and~~

~~(11)~~ **(7) Variance requests: \$50 \$300** (the owner is also responsible for costs of certified mail for the adjoining property owner notifications).

(8) Minor Replat or Lot Split: \$300

(9) Platted Subdivision Plan Reviews

Less than 50 lots: \$1,750

50 - 100 lots: \$3,000 More

than 100 lots: \$5,000

(10) FDEP Coastal Construction Line Letter of No Objection: \$150

(11) Planned Unit Development: Pass through cost pursuant to Land Development Code

(12) Vacation of Right of Way: \$300

(13) Development of Regional Impact: Pass through cost

(14) Excessive Reviews: \$100/hour

The first two reviews of application documents and plans do not result in this charge. This hourly charge applies to each review thereafter.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 4. SCRIVENER'S ERROR. The city attorney may correct scrivener's errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the city clerk.


SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, this 24 day of September, 2019.



William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenny Myrick
City Clerk