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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No. 09-0310 – Building, Fire and Related Codes– Charges & Permits Fee		

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**TO**

Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
C/O Karen Randle  
Room 409, City Hall

City Council Bill 09-0310 proposes to increase building permits or certificate application fee from \$25 to \$50. The bill also proposes to change the structure for calculating the total value of the permits to an area based calculation instead of volume units or as a percentage of the estimated construction cost. Additionally, the bill proposes increasing the minimum value for issuance of certain permits.

Fiscal Impact

- The department does not have the expertise to measure any potential nuisance of changing the building construction permit's calculation base from measuring a volume unit base to an area unit base, and relies on the corresponding agencies for this issue.
- The Finance Department has closely worked with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in evaluating the material impact of the building permit's structure, and considers that the proposed changes would generate a positive fiscal impact to the City. However, due to the limited resources in preparing this responds, the department is not able to provide the specific fiscal impact figures for the proposed bill.

Finance Department Position

The Finance Department relies in the research and evaluation provided by Department of Housing Community and Development and defers its position to this agency on City Council Bill 09-0310.

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