

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF USER AND REGULATORY FEES FOR VARIOUS CITY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, user and regulatory fees are established by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City recently completed a study to identify the cost of providing various user and regulatory fee-related services; and

WHEREAS, the study examined fee-related services provided by the City, the costs reasonably borne by the City in providing those services, the beneficiaries of those services, and the revenues produced by those paying fees and charges for special services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that providing these services is of special benefit to applicants both separate and apart from the general benefit to the public; and therefore, in the interests of fairness to the general public, the City desires to better recover the costs of providing these services from applicants who have sought or require the City's services by revising its schedule of fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the study provides adequate evidence to conclude that the revised fees do not exceed the cost to provide the services for which the fees are charged; and

WHEREAS, fee adjustments are proposed over a multi-year time frame; and

WHEREAS, initial fee adjustments will be effective 60 days from the date of adoption, and subsequent adjustments shall be effective July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City's current fee schedule methodology has remained unchanged since its inception and relies on complex software-based calculations; and

WHEREAS, this system is difficult for the public to understand and lacks transparency; and

WHEREAS, adopting an updated fee calculation model with a blended staff rate aligns with current industry standards and improves cost recovery and clarity; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adjustments prescribed above, the City Council desires that annually the City Manager may update the various fees based on the annual percentage change in the all-urban Consumer Price Index for Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario (CPI) as published for the month of March in the given year; and

WHEREAS, if the CPI does not increase or decreases in a given year, no adjustment shall be made to the fee schedule for that year; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with all applicable regulations and procedural

requirements related to public notification and transparency, the City has ensured that proper notice of the upcoming public hearing has been provided, including: (1) publication of the Notice of Public Hearing in the *Desert Sun* newspaper on two separate occasions, with the first publication occurring no less than ten (10) days before the hearing date (August 15, 2025) and the second publication made at least five (5) days apart from the first (August 21, 2025), thereby satisfying legal posting intervals; (2) issuance of written notices to all interested parties who requested notification, with such notices delivered at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the hearing to allow sufficient time for preparation; (3) public availability of all materials supporting the proposed fees, which have been accessible on the City's website for at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date to facilitate public review and transparency; and (4) dissemination of an email notice to the development community including developers, engineers, and contractors—via the City's Land Management System contact list, thereby ensuring broad industry awareness and opportunity for participation in the public hearing process; and

WHEREAS, in adopting this Resolution, the City Council is taking action only on those fees for the services, programs or products set forth in Exhibit "A" which have been modified from prior resolutions of the City Council. The remaining fees that have not been modified from prior resolutions shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council finds and determines that the recitals of this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Establishment and Update of User and Regulatory Fees. The City Council hereby adopts the fees, charges, and rates as set forth in attached Exhibit "A" and incorporated by this reference.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. Any new or adjusted fees adopted by this Resolution shall go into effect 60 days of the adopted date for the initial year of the phase-in, July 1, 2026 for the second year of the phase-in, and July 1, 2027 for the third year of the phase-in.

SECTION 4. Certification. The City Clerk shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, at its regular meeting held on this 28th day of August 2025.

JAN HARNIK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANTHONY J. MEJIA, CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2025-__ is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on August 28, 2025, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:
- RECUSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on .

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

Exhibit "A"