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Department of Sustainable Development Fee Study (B)

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The City of Gainesville retained Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC (BerryDunn) to conduct a Permit Fee Study for the Department of Sustainable Development. The focus of the project was reviewing all fees for services provided by the Department of Sustainable Development's Building and Planning Divisions in order to better understand the current cost of service delivery at the aggregate as well as individual process level and to ensure that the Department is able to maintain and in some areas enhance the provision of service into the future.

The Department's overall cost recovery rate for the services analyzed for this study is 55.3%. This study encompassed two divisions that provide fee-applicable services offered by the Department; after identifying and assigning revenue and expense, their specific cost-recovery rates are as follows: Building Division - 73.1%, and Planning Division - 9.9%. BerryDunn will present the results and findings of the study, outline the methodology used to determine full cost, and offer recommendations for consideration related to cost recovery policy development, divisional cost recovery level goals, and setting fee levels for future fiscal years.

Strategic Connection: Goal 5 of the City's Strategic Plan encourages the City to foster neighbor satisfaction with city services and service response. The Department of Sustainable Development prides itself on providing a high level of service to our neighbors. Conducting routine analysis of cost of service and calibrating fees with that level of service will ensure that the Department will continue to support this goal into the future.

None

The City Commission 1) receive a report and presentation from Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC and 2) provide direction on a cost-recovery percentage policy.