

RESOLUTION 89-8

TO EXPRESS COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR AN ADJUSTMENT
TO THE PLAN COMMISSION FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the present Plan Commission fee schedule was established in September, 1979; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing City services has increased dramatically since the present fee schedule was established; and

WHEREAS, where the City provides these services which benefit individual petitioners, as well as the community as a whole, the individual petitioners should pay a fair share of the full cost of the services delivered; and

WHEREAS, the full cost of services includes direct costs such as labor, departmental supervision and administration, supplies and materials; and

WHEREAS, the full cost of services also includes indirect costs such as allocated costs of budgeting, accounting, personnel, purchasing, legal and other support functions, as well as building occupancy and incidental employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, although indirect costs cannot always be specifically identified with specific services, such costs are necessary to support the operations of a department or the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, adjustments in the fee schedule would reduce the extent of the governmental subsidy required from the City's General Fund for these services by reducing the cost to revenue ratio; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in the City's subsidy of these costs would be more equitable because those who use the services would bear a greater portion of the cost of those services; and

WHEREAS, many cities and counties across the state and nation have increased user fees in an attempt to partially recover the cost of the services provided; and

WHEREAS, a general survey of planning fee schedules for other Indiana cities indicate that for a rezoning request, for example, Carmel and Greenwood charge \$250, Fort Wayne charges \$100, and New Albany and Evansville charge \$50; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Plan Commission will soon be reviewing the present fee schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council expresses its support of an upward adjustment in the present Plan Commission fee schedule to allow the City to recover a larger percentage of the costs of the services provided. The Council also supports an increase in order to bring Bloomington into line with the fees charged by other cities, both larger and smaller, within Indiana.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19 day of April, 1989.



JAMES C. REGISTER, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 20 day of April, 1989.

Tomilea Allison
TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:
Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Councilmember John Fernandez, provides Common Council support for an adjustment in the Plan Commission fee schedule in order to bring Bloomington's planning fees in line with other Indiana cities and to recover a larger percentage of the costs of providing relevant departmental services. The Plan Commission will soon be reviewing the current fee schedule to determine whether the fees should be increased.

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