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Ashley,

Below is a memo to the Board concerning the fee schedule for Planning & the Plat Review Officer Resolution.

Board of Commissioners:

Included in your agenda packet is the proposed fee schedule for the Planning Department for FY 21-22. There are only a few recommendations to this fee schedule. 1) The co-location fee for communication towers has been proposed to go from \$100 to \$250. After research of neighboring counties fees, this is a reasonable average fee for co-location, while still encouraging communication companies to co-locate on existing towers and not build new towers. 2) The campground fee currently is \$10/space for any new campgrounds that are approved. The Planning Board has been working on revising the County's campground ordinance and feel raising this fee per lot would assist the department staff with travel costs to any new proposed campgrounds for inspections and site visits in lieu of any campground plat review fees as we do with subdivisions. 3) Lastly, the voluntary street name petition fee has not previously been on this list as E-911 wasn't always under the Planning Department. I feel it is a good idea to include this on here. This fee would apply for someone who wishes to voluntarily name their driveway and the fee would cover the cost of 1 sign post & 1 street sign. Due to a big increase in the cost of supplies, we are proposing this fee go from \$60/sign to \$100/sign which will cover the cost of both. The Planning Board has unanimously recommended these fee revisions to the Board.

You also have in your packet a resolution to appoint Plat Review Officers. A resolution is required any time someone is appointed to be a review officer to sign plats before they are recorded at the Register of Deeds office. After consulting with the NC Secretary of State's office concerning previous appointed review officers, it was highly recommended that a resolution be passed every time someone is either appointed or removed as a review officer, as they stated "there are no employment requirements to be a plat review officer, so the dismissal of an employee, that happens to be a plat review officer, does not have any effect on the position of plat review officer." Because of this, I researched the current appointed plat review officers on file with the Register of Deeds and found several that are no longer with the county. The resolution in your packet would officially remove these people and appoint the current review officers. This process would eliminate any potential issue going forward. We have proposed that myself, Adam Stumb & Tim Winters continue as review officers and also to add Angela Brooks in the inspections office who can sign plats when we are absent. Once approved, the resolution will be recorded at the deeds office.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning these two agenda items. Thank you!

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Ashe County Planning Department Permit Fees

FY 2021-22

Residential Subdivisions

1. Preliminary	\$1,000
Final Plat	\$1,000
Acreage Fee	\$100/acre (for subdivisions 5 acres +)
2. Preliminary & Final Plat	\$1,000*
Acreage Fees	\$100/acre (for subdivisions 5 acres +)

**no inspections required, plat approved in one meeting*

Communication Towers

Tower Permit Fee	\$2,000
Tower Co-location Fee (applies to each tower)	\$100.00 Proposed: \$250.00

Junkyards

Initial Fee for new Junkyards	\$500
Annual fee for existing junkyards	\$50

Board of Adjustment

Variance	\$100.00
Appeals	\$100.00

Manufactured Home Park

\$30/lot

Campground	\$10/lot(space) \$25/lot
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Signs

Pre-existing on/off premises sign registration	no charge
Pre-existing on-premise sign permit fee	no charge
Pre-existing off-premise sign permit fee	\$25/per sign
New on-premise sign permit fee	\$25.00
New off-premise sign permit fee	\$500

Motorsport Events

\$200/annually

Voluntary Street Name Petition (fee includes post, sign blades)	\$60/sign Proposed: \$100/sign
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