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From: Blake Armstrong <blake@birdsonglaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Cindy Karch
Subject: RE: Building Permit Fees

Cindy – I'd recommend holding a special called meeting with that sole issue on the agenda. We could have one as early as Friday of this week or early next week. With the law being effective on May 21st and no grace period being allowed, we may not have any choice but to call the meeting asap. Blake
Sincerely,

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We won't have a regular meeting until June 24th. We will have a workshop on the 17th. IF I do a special call meeting on the 17th is that too late? And am I okay issuing permits until then? We have a lot of construction going on here and we can't just stop it all. This is insanity.

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Cindy – Yes, I have several cities that are in a panic. The legislature has really handcuffed cities to either go to a flat fee or a price/square feet permit. The new law does not allow for a grace period, so I'm recommending that Councils consider this asap, even if that means holding a special called meeting. Let me know if I can assist. Thank you. Blake
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Blake,

How many of your cities are in a panic over their fee structures? We do a value based fee structure and I've researched other cities who do a sq. ft. What do you have going on right now on the issue? And I see that some cities have suspended issuing permits altogether until they can resolve it! I think that is extreme, but wanted to see what you recommend?

Thank you,

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