

Bylaw 15933

A Bylaw to Amend Fee Schedules for the Edmonton Building Permit Bylaw 8664, The Mechanical Permits Bylaw 11004, and City Streets Development Control Bylaw 12513

Purpose

To amend the Edmonton Building Permit Bylaw 8664, The Mechanical Permits Bylaw 11004, and City Streets Development Control Bylaw 12513.

Readings

Bylaw 15933 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 15933 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this bylaw.

Report Summary

This bylaw will amend the fee schedules for three permit bylaws, effective January 1, 2012.

Report

Building and Mechanical Permit Fees

- Building and Mechanical Permit fees, as outlined in Bylaw 8664 and Bylaw 11004, are a four percent increase over 2011 fees.
- There are two exceptions to this: Minor building permits have increased from \$80 to \$88, and minor mechanical permits have increased from \$78 to \$85. The reason for the higher increases is

that the current fees do not reflect the costs involved in issuing these permits. This increase is required to more closely align the cost of providing these services with the fees collected.

City Streets Development Control (Encroachment) Fees

- Minor changes have been made to the application and encroachment fees, as outlined in Bylaw 12513. The purpose of these changes is to ensure that the fees collected are consistent with the cost of providing the service.
- Definitions in sections A.2.3.3 and A.2.3.4 have been revised from “10 square metres” to “5 square metres.” In the current bylaw, the fees for encroachments over 10 square metres are calculated using a formula based on land value and encroachment size while fees for encroachments under 10 square metres are flat. This change will improve fee fairness by applying the consistent fee formula to a greater number of applicants.
- Application fees listed in sections A.1.1.2 and A.1.1.3 have been revised from a flat fee of \$400 to a fee of \$300 for applications that do not require circulation and \$500 for applications that require circulation. This revision is so that application fees better reflect the costs of processing each application.
- The fees that were outlined in Section A.2.4 are now covered in Section A.2.3, and Section A.2.4 has been removed from the revised schedule to reduce redundancy.
- All other fees have remained unchanged.

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Budget/Financial Implications

Additional revenues will be generated by these fee increases to align with the expenditures required to provide permit services. These revenues have been included in the 2012 budget submission.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 15933
2. Bylaw 8664, The Edmonton Building Permit Bylaw, Schedule A
3. Bylaw 11004, The Mechanical Permits Bylaw, Schedules A, B, C
4. Bylaw 12513, City Streets Development Control Bylaw, Schedule B

Others Reviewing this Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services
- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer