RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND UPDATING THE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- WHEREAS, the Town's budget and financial policies require that to the extent possible and reasonable, Town services should be supported by fees and charges in order to provide maximum flexibility in the use of general Town taxes to provide for a broader benefit; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Melbourne Beach has enacted various codes and ordinances which provide for the creation and maintenance of a multitude of Town programs and/or services, the nature of which require funding, at least in part, by user fees; and
- WHEREAS, the Town processes various land development, building, and inspection permits, licenses, site plans, maps, and administrative changes, the nature of which require funding, at least in part, by user fees; and
- WHEREAS, the provisions of controlling Florida law provide authorization for a municipality to levy reasonable fees and charges commensurate with the cost of the activities, functions, and programs which are funded by the Town; and
- WHEREAS, the Town last updated its current Fee Schedule on May 18, 2022, via Resolution 2022-05; and
- WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent and appropriate for the Town, from time to time, to update reasonable fees and charges for administering the various programs and services provided by the Town; and
- WHEREAS, the Town has determined that all of the fees set forth hereafter are equitable and necessary for administering the various programs and services provided by the Town; and
- WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that it is necessary to review and amend the fees and charges associated with the Town's Fee Schedule; and
- WHEREAS, the fees and charges related to Local Business Tax Receipts, Public Records Requests, Peddler's/Solicitor's Licenses, Founders Day, Building Department, Fire Prevention Inspections, Re-inspections, and Penalty Fees, Police Citations, Board of Adjustments for Special Exceptions, Variances and Zoning Changes, LDC Amendments, Zoning Change of Use, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Site Plan Review for Planning and Zoning, Smoking Fines, Special Events, and Facility Rentals are incorporated within "Exhibit A" of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Extraordinary Expenses shall be charged in accordance with the appendage to this Resolution titled "Exhibit B".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida, that:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The Town of Melbourne Beach has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

Section 2. Amendment to the Town of Melbourne Beach Fee Schedule.

- A. The Town of Melbourne Beach Fee Schedule is hereby amended as shown in **Exhibit** "A," attached hereto.
- B. <u>Underlined words</u> within **Exhibit "A"** constitute the new text within the Town of Melbourne Beach Fee Schedule, asterisks (***) indicate an omission from the original text of the Town of Melbourne Beach Fee Schedule which is intended to remain unchanged, and <u>strikethrough</u> constitutes deletions from the original Town of Melbourne Beach Fee Schedule.
- **Section 3**. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.
- **Section 4**. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective on August 21, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida, at its regular meeting this 21st day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

Amber Brown Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)

TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA, a Florida Municipal Corporation

Alison Dennington, Mayor

Exhibit "A"

Town of Melbourne Beach Fee Schedule

FEE TYPE

FEE

EXPLANATION

ADMIN	ISTRATIVE	APPEALS
Administrative Appeals Board of Adjustment	\$ 250.00	Includes first two hearings by Board of Adjustment. Hearings and Continuances initiated by BOA are no charge.
Appeals made by Applicant		
Town Staff	\$80.00	Per hour, per continuance
Town Attorney	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance
Town Planner	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance
Outside Professional Services	Actual Cost	Per Contract Agreement
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Application to Change Use	\$250.00	Zoning Districts: Commercial 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, Downtown Business, General Commercial, Residential Commercial
Town Staff	\$80.00	Per hour, per continuance
Town Attorney	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance
Town Planner	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance
Outside Professional Services	Actual Cost	Per Contract Agreement
Advertising	Actual Cost	Per Invoice
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Comprehensive Plan Amendment	\$1,000.00 \$1,200.00	Per Change
Advertising	Actual Cost	Per Invoice
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Commercial Site Plan Review	\$1,200.00	Zoning Districts: 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, Downtown Business, General Commercial, Residential Business
Residential Site Plan Reivew	\$500.00 <u>\$685.00</u>	Zoning Districts: 1-RS, 2-RS, 3-RS, New Single-Family Residence
Residential Site Plan Revisions/Change Order	\$200.00	Zoning Districts: 1-RS, 2-RS, 3-RS
Residential Site Plan Review	\$1,000.00	Zoning Districts: 4-RM, 5-RMO, New Multi- Family Res & Oceanfront
Residential Site Plan Revisions/Change Order	\$750.00	Zoning Districts: 4-RM, 5-RMO, New Multi- Family Res & Oceanfront
BUILDING DEF	PARTMENT	FEE SCHEDULE
MINIMUM PERMIT FEE	\$75.00 <u>\$79.00</u>	Includes payment to DBPR and DCA
PERCENTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION VALU	E BUILDING PERI	MITS
Line 1	\$75.00	Up to the first \$2,500 plus
Line 2	3.00%	\$2,500 to \$10,000 plus cost in line 1
Line 3	1%	\$10,001 to \$100,000 plus cost in line 1 & 2
Line 4	.50%	\$100,001 to \$500,000 plus cost in line 1, 2, & 3
Line 5	.25%	\$500,001 and up for fraction there of plus costs from lines 1, 2, 3, & 4

INS	PECTION I	FEES
1st Re-inspection	\$50.00 \$75.00	
2 nd Re-inspection	\$75.00 \$100.00	
Each subsequent re-inspection	\$150.00	
	ORMAL FEE PLU	S UP TO 400% Determined by Building Official
Permit Fee First Extension	\$175.00 first	2 nd -180 day renewal-new permit required
Permit Fee Second Extension	New permit	New permit required after first extension
Planning & Construction Meeting with Building	\$125.00	
Official		
Environmental Hazard Fee	\$500.00	
Failure to Display Permit Card	\$50.00 <u>\$75.00</u>	
Failure to Call for Inspection	\$50.00 \$75.00	
Unscheduled Inspection Request	\$50.00	One (1) hour minimum subject to availability
Fire Plan Review Fee	\$85.00	
Demolition Full or Partial	\$150.00	Dumpster and special requirements apply
Construction Trailers	\$50.00	
Change of Contractor	\$50.00 \$75.00	
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	\$50.00	
Temporary Certificate of Completion	\$50.00	
Early Power Release/Temporary Pole	\$50.00 \$75.00	
Plan Review Fee by Building Official	\$85.00	For Planning and Zoning
	\$50.00	Second (2 nd) review fee
Town Planner Review for Building Related	<u>\$200.00</u>	Per hour
Plan Review Correction Submittal	Four (4) times	Third (3 rd) rejection of plans for same comment
	plan review fee	
Residential Revision Fee After Permit	One and two	\$25.00 plus \$5.00 per each plan page or 2% of
Issued	Family dwellings	the revision value, whichever is greater
Commercial Revision Fee	Commercial and	\$25.00 plus \$7.50 per plan page or 3% of the
	Multi-family	revision value, whichever is greater

ALL BUILDING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. PER THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE STATUTE 553.721 AND 468.631 ALL PERMITS WILL CONTAIN AN ADDITIONAL 1% SURCHARGE FOR THE DCA AND A 1.50% SURCHARGE FOR THE DBPR.

WHEN IN THE OPINION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE CONSTRUCTION VALUE COST IS UNREALISTIC, THE LATEST EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL'S BUILDING VALUATION TABLE WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE THE APPROXIMATE CONSTRUCTION VALUE.

Special Exceptions	\$1,000	Zoning Districts: Commercial 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, Downtown Business, General Commercial, Residential Business. Includes first two hearings by Board of Adjustment. Additional hearings or continuances initiated by BOA at no charge.	
Hearings Initiated by Applicants			
Town Staff Hours	\$80.00	Per hour, per continuance	
Town Attorney	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance	
Town Planner	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance	
Outside Professional Services	Actual Cost	Per Contract Agreement	
Advertising	Actual Cost	Per Invoice	

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	Low Risk Occupancy – Commercial Bldg.
	Medium Risk Occupancy – Commercial Bldg.
	High Risk Occupancy – Commercial Bldg.
	Inspection Commercial Bldg.
	inspection - Commercial Bidgs.
	Fifth and all subsequent re-inspections
	Firm and an subsequent re-inspections
	by Fire Denoutment
	Repeat alarm activation started by onsite
\$100.00 Cacii	contractors. Bill property owner
\$100.00	Third or subsequent response within a 30-day
\$100.00	period
\$100.00 each	Third or Fourth Response in 365-day period
	Fifth or subsequent response in 365-day period
	Fire Department remains on scene until party
	arrives
notification window	arrives
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Actual Cost ARIANCES BO DF ADJUSTM	OARD ENTS Zoning Districts: Commercial 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, Downtown Business, General Commercial,
Actual Cost ARIANCES BO F ADJUSTM \$1,000 \$250.00	OARD ENTS Zoning Districts: Commercial 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, Downtown Business, General Commercial, Residential Business. Includes first two hearing by Board of Adjustment.
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Application Amendment Fee	\$1,000.00 plus \$5,000.00 advance deposit for staff and administrative expenses. NOTE: Applicant is responsible for actual costs which may exceed the deposit. If/when deposit is exhausted, it will be replenished (\$5000 increments) by the applicant before	Per application. Fees are non-refundable.
T ' V 'C V V	proceeding further \$50.00	Per Letter
Zoning Verification Letter	Actual Cost	Per Hour
Zoning Interpretation		Per Change Request
Change Fee for Zoning Advertising Zone Change	\$1,000.00 Actual Cost	Per Invoice
Ordinance Development	Actual Cost Actual Cost	Per Ordinance
Ordinance Development Ordinance Advertising	Actual Cost Actual Cost	Per Advertisement
Hearings Initiated by Applicants	Actual Cost	1 Cl Advertisement
Town Staff Hours	\$80.00 \$85.00	Per hour, per continuance
Town Attorney	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance
Town Planner	Actual Cost	Per hour, per continuance
Outside Professional Services	Actual Cost	Per Contract Agreement
Advertising	Actual Cost	Per Invoice
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Text Amendment Application Pursuant to Sec. 1A-5, Code of Melbourne Beach Total Staff Hours	\$1,000.00 plus \$5,000.00 advance deposit for staff and administrative expenses. NOTE: Applicant is responsible for actual costs which may exceed the deposit. If/when deposit is exhausted, it will be replenished (\$5000 increments) by the applicant before proceeding further \$80.00 \$85.00	Per application. Fees are non-refundable Per hour
Town Attorney	Actual Cost	Per hour
Town Planner	Actual Cost	Per hour
Advertising Ordinance	Actual Cost	Planning & Zoning Board Public Hearing; Town Commission First and Second Readings
LO	CAL BUSINE	SS TAX
Existing Business Tax Receipt	Per Town Code	Town Code of Ordinances Chapter 65
New Business Zoning Review	Actual Cost	Per Review
New Business Application Fee	\$50.00	Per Town Code and Florida Statute
New Business Zoning Interpretation	\$125.00	Minimum Fee. Additional funds may be required if exceeds \$125.00

Application Review After Interpretation	\$75.00		
Business Zoning Review - No Interpretation	\$125.00	Per Review	
New Business Fire Review	\$85.00	Per Town Code and Florida Statute	
Annual Fire Inspections	\$85.00		
1 st -Fire Re-Inspection	\$30.00		
2 nd -Fire Re-Inspection	\$60.00		
All-Subsequent Re-Inspections	\$60.00		
	RECORDS	REOUEST	
Single-Sided Copies	.15 cents	Not to exceed 8.5" x 14"	
Double-Sided Copies	.20 cents	Not to exceed 8.5" x 14"	
All Other Copies	Actual Cost	Per Florida Statute 119.07	
Certified Copies	\$1.00	Per Page Certification	
Inspection of Public Records	Per Fl. Statute	Per Florida Statute 119.07	
Computer Lien or Permit Search	Free	Address Search	
Manual Lien or Permit Search	\$15.00 \$75.00	Per Request Address	
USB	Actual Cost	1 Ci Request Address	
		DR'S LICENSE	
Application Fee	\$7.50 \$7.50	License valid for 90 days from issuance	
	LICE CITAT		
Parking Tickets	\$50.00 <u>\$75.00</u>	Per Citation	
Equipment Check	\$4.00 <u>\$20.00</u>	Per Citation	
Off Duty Detail	\$40/hour	Minimum of (4) Hours	
SP	ECIAL EVI	ENTS	
Application Fee	\$75.00	Per Event	
Special Event Permit	\$150.00	1-299 Participants	
Special Event Permit	\$250.00	300-499 Participants	
Special Event Permit	\$350.00	500-750 Participants	
Special Event with Police Security Service	\$50.00 \$75.00	Per Hour, Per Officer. Minimum (4) Hour Charge	
Special Event with Public Works	\$30.00 \$50.00	Per Hour, Per Person	
Special Event with Fire Personnel	\$25.00 \$50.00	Per Hour, Per Person	
Alcohol Permit	\$200.00 Deposit	Per Permit	
FAC	CILITY REN	TALS	
Community Center (Residents)	\$65.00 plus tax	Per Hour. Melbourne Beach Residents (Monday-	
		Friday)	
Community Center (Residents)	\$390 plus tax	6-Hour Minimum. Melbourne Beach Residents (Sat., Sun. & Holidays)	
Community Center (Residents)	\$65.00 plus tax	Each Additional Hour Over 6-Hour Minimum for	
		Residents	
Community Center (Non-Residents)	\$100.00 plus tax	Per Hour. Non-Residents (Monday-Friday)	
Community Center (Non-Residents)	\$600.00 plus tax	6-Hour Minimum. Non-Residents (Sat., Sun. &	
Community Center (Non-Residents)	\$100.00 plus tax	Holidays) Each Additional Hour Over 6-Hour Minimum	
Community Center Damage Deposit	\$350.00	Non-Residents Refundable, 7-10 Days After Event	
D 1 D 10 (5 11 1	\$2,500.00		
Ryckman Park Pavilion (Residents)	\$30.00 plus tax	Per Hour. Resident	
Ryckman Park Pavilion (Non-Residents)	\$45.00 plus tax	Per Hour, Non-Resident	
Ryckman Park Pavilion Deposit	\$250.00	Refundable, 7-10 Days After Event	
Restroom Key	\$100.00	Refundable, 7-10 Days After Event	
Old Town Hall	\$25.00 plus tax	Per Hour	
Old Town Hall Damage deposit	\$100.00 \$250.00	Refundable, 7-10 Days After Event	

Old Town Hall Key Deposit	\$100.00	Refundable, 7-10 Days After Event	
F	OUNDERS 1	DAY	
Arts & Crafts Vendor, Food Vender, Alcoho	l As Determined	Annually Per Space	
Vendor			
SMOKING FIN	ES PER ORI	DINANCE 2024-04,	
CODE SECTION 73-61			
First Civil Fine	\$100.00		
Second and Subsequent Civil Fines	\$200.00		

Exhibit "B" Extraordinary Expenses

Extraordinary Expense: Must be paid in full prior to commencement

In addition to the fee schedule adopted by the Town, the applicant shall be responsible for the payment of any extraordinary expense incurred by the Town in analyzing or reviewing all or any part of the application and other activities related to the land development as initiated by said application. Extraordinary expenses may include, but shall not be limited to: specialized consultants, experts, planning consultants, engineering services, legal consultants (excluding for the purposes of litigation), or any other services necessary to evaluate the proposal of the applicant and to advise the Town regarding same. Such expense shall be charged to the applicant at the actual cost of fees and expenses incurred by the Town for these services. The Town may decide to obtain such services at the beginning of, or any time during, the development process. The Town shall notify the applicant of the Town's intention to retain such services in advance of incurring the expense on the behalf of the applicant. However, the Town's failure to provide said notice shall not relieve the applicant of its obligation to pay such expenses. The Town shall, within its sole discretion, determine when and whether to retain such services.

Upon determination of the Town to retain such services, the applicant will be required to place a deposit with the Town to cover the anticipated cost of the required services. All expenses associated with such services including any administrative cost of the Town attributable to the service(s) shall be paid from the deposit. The deposit must be received by the Town prior to the Town proceeding with any action. Should the deposit be depleted prior to the completion of the development process, the applicant will be required to replenish the deposit prior to additional action on the part of the Town. Any unused portion of the deposit shall be refunded to the applicant within thirty (30) days from the date of the Certificate of Occupancy. Upon the request of the applicant, the Town Commission may review such extraordinary expenses as to the necessity and amount.

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