
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1507

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By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Sherstad, Mielke, L. Thomas, McMorris, Smith, Sump, D. Sommers, Crouse, Delvin, Honeyford, Cairnes, Pennington, Gardner, Dunn, Sullivan, Robertson, Koster, Thompson, McDonald, Bush, Kastama, Sheahan, Mulliken, Schoesler and Zellinsky)

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1 AN ACT Relating to procedures for fees for governmental services;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 58.17 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 58.17 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any fee charged by a city, town, or county for a building
7 permit, preliminary plat, final plat, short plat, septic system permit,
8 water permit, or any other development permit issued in order to
9 develop property for residential purposes may not exceed the costs for
10 administering the permit or plat approval. Nothing in this section
11 shall limit the authority of a city, town, or county to impose charges
12 which are mandated or authorized by statute.

13 (2) Each city, town, and county must prepare a written statement by
14 September 1, 1997, which details the costs to administer each category
15 of development permits and plat approvals described in subsection (1)
16 of this section. Development permits and plat approvals which cost
17 less than two hundred dollars are exempt from the requirements of this
18 subsection. The statement must identify the amount of the fee which is
19 attributable to employee salaries and benefits, capital outlays such as

1 supplies and equipment, and other administrative and overhead
2 expenditures. A statement prepared pursuant to this section is subject
3 to public inspection and copying. The written statement required
4 pursuant to this subsection must be revised whenever the amount of a
5 fee for a development permit or plat approval is modified.

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