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MEMORANDUM ORDINANCE INTERPRETATION

TO: Staff

FROM: Derek CS Burr, Director of Department of Development Services

DATE: May 21, 2021

Regarding: Ordinance 1848 – Public Hearing Application Advertising Costs

After being duly advertised, Ordinance 1848 was legally adopted by the County Commission on November 5, 2020. After review of average costs for public hearing advertisements (newspaper, mailing, etc.), it recommended public hearing fees be interpreted as follows:

For Part II, pertaining to Public Hearings, Subdivision and Plats, Public Hearing legal notification (newspaper advertisement) shall be the below average cost based on a five-month period. Note: for very large subdivision (numerous lots) or zoning amendments (number of property owners given notice), the actual cost verses the below average cost may be utilized by the Department.

Newspaper advertising costs shall be interpreted¹ as:

Subdivision - \$25 per application Board Zoning Adjustment & Appeals - \$49 per application Planning and Zoning Commission - \$92 per application

This information shall be incorporated into the County ordinance the next time it is updated. Until that time, this MOI shall serve as the guiding document for these items as described.

¹ These costs are for a "typical" public hearing case and may not represent a unique or very large (acres or number of lots) cases that would require specific, calculated charges not based on an average.