

Response to Questions on the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan

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Question: The Department charges various zoning-related fees to recover a portion of its operating costs, but not all of the Department's operating costs relate to zoning activities. What proportion of the Department's operating costs relate to zoning activities (*i.e.*, subdivisions, building construction, rezoning, etc.), excluding zoning enforcement activities? How much of those costs are recovered in fees versus taxes?

Response: The following figures are based on FY 2005 projections. The Zoning Evaluation and Planning Divisions of the Department of Planning and Zoning both play a role in development review activities. The total development review activity for these divisions is projected to be approximately 36 percent of the overall budget of \$9,048,497 in FY 2005. The Department is projecting revenues for development review activities of \$1,036,042 (including fees for rezoning and special exceptions and zoning compliance letters) in FY 2005, which is deposited directly into the General Fund. This is approximately 32 percent cost recovery for the development review portion of the Department of Planning and Zoning's budget.