



**Response to Questions on the FY 2010
County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes
Fall 2008**

Request By: Supervisor Smyth

Question: Has consideration been given to charging the public when Planning Commission cases are deferred at the request of the public? Are there any legal impediments to doing this?

Response: Consideration has been given to charging applicants when deferrals are made after notices and newspaper ads have been sent. After checking legalities, the County Attorney's Office has indicated that there are no legal impediments to charging such a fee as long as it is "reasonable and only covers costs." They have also noted that such a fee would need to be included in the County's Zoning Ordinance prior to any implementation. Discussion is now underway to see if this can be included in the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to increase fees for the Department of Planning and Zoning.