



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan

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Question: What would be the impact of a 3-year phase in of the increase in Zoning and Land Development Services fees?

Response: Phasing-in the fee increase for Zoning and Land Development Services (LDS) would reduce the total revenue generated in FY 2010 by two-thirds from \$7.5 million to \$2.5 million. As the additional \$7.5 million has been included in the County Executive's FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan, additional revenue or expenditure reductions would be needed to offset the \$4.9 million in lost revenue.

The proposed LDS fee increase is projected to generate \$5.5 million and results in fees that are comparable to similar surrounding jurisdictions. Without the fee increases, cost recovery of expenditures would fall below target rates. The LDS fee increase represents a 90 percent recovery rate as mandated by the Board. If LDS fee increases were phased in over 3 years, the FY 2010 recovery rate would fall to approximately 75 to 80 percent.

The proposed Zoning fee increases are projected to generate \$1.8 million. Currently, Zoning fees recover approximately 25 percent of costs. The proposed increase in Zoning fees result in a recovery rate of 75 percent in FY 2010. If the fee increases are phased-in over 3 years, cost recovery in FY 2010 would drop to approximately 40 to 45 percent.