

---

**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2017**

**ITEM: COUNCIL BILL No. 2017-527**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

---

**Department Head: Leslie Haase**  
**Community Planning Director: Troy Bolander**  
**City Attorney: Peter Edwards**  
**City Manager: Sam Anselm**

---

**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the building department.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 6, 2017. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service.

As detailed in the biennial user fee review, certain fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services.

In the fee review, staff proposed increasing the commercial fence permit fee.

The proposed change is as follows:

- Change the commercial fence permit fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00

The fee change will be effective on February 1, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.