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**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance to add Sections 11.2, 61.14, 61.15, 61.16, and 62.151 to, amend Sections 12.21, 12.37, 17.07, 18.09, 19.02, 19.07, 61.03, 61.10, 61.11, 61.12, 61.13, 62.02, 62.05, 62.06, 62.40, 62.41, 62.45, 62.61, 62.106.1, 62.109, 62.110, 62.115, 62.118.2, 62.250, 64.10, 64.15, 64.18, 64.20, and 68.12 of and repeal Sections 62.109.1, 64.07, 64.08, and 64.09 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and to add Section 7.2.1 and Chapter 16 of Division 19 to, amend Sections 7.3, 7.40, 7.41.1, 7.41.2, 7.42, 7.44, 13.74, 13.95 and 20.51 of, and repeal Sections 7.41.4 and 7.41.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, to codify or increase Bureau of Engineering fees and charges, and to make technical corrections to or clarify ordinances pertaining to services subject to Bureau of Engineering fees or charges.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 11.12 is added to Article 1 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 11.2. SUMMARY OF FEES FOR BUREAU OF ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.**

The following table is a summary of fees for Bureau of Engineering services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. If there is any discrepancy between the provisions of this summary and the Sections of this Code imposing the fees, the provisions of the Sections of this Code imposing the fees shall prevail. Additional charges may be imposed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 61.14 and 61.15 of this Code.

<b>Permit / Service Description</b>	<b>LAMC Section</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Highway dedication investigation [1]	12.37 F1	\$530
Highway dedication processing [1]	12.37 F2	\$3,100
Appeal of dedication requirements [1]	12.37 F3	\$250
Appeal of improvement requirements [1]	12.37 F4	\$1,000
Survey monument bond processing [1]	17.07 E3	\$430
Private street name processing [1]	18.09 G2	\$4,200
Tentative subdivision map < 20 lots [1] [2]	19.02 A1(g)	\$8,000
Tentative subdivision map >= 20 lots [1] [2]	19.02 A1(g)	Actual
Modification or revision of tentative subdivision map [1] [2]	19.02 A1(g)	\$1,800
Final subdivision map < 20 lots [1] [2]	19.02 A2(a)	\$8,000

Final subdivision map >= 20 lots [1] [2]	19.02 A2(a)	Actual
Final subdivision map airspace subdivision [1] [2]	19.02 A2(a)	Actual
Final subdivision map Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone surcharge [1] [2]	19.02 A2(b)	50%
Final subdivision map resubmission [1] [2]	19.02 A2(c)	\$800
Final subdivision map reversion to acreage surcharge [1] [2]	19.02 A2(d)	\$2,475
Preliminary parcel map [1] [2]	19.02 B1(f)	\$8,000
Preliminary parcel map revision or modification [1] [2]	19.02 B1(f)	\$800
Parcel map exemption [1] [2]	19.02 B1(f)	\$1,225
Certificate of compliance [1] [2]	19.02 B2	\$1,225
Final parcel map [1] [2]	19.02 B3(a)	\$8,000
Final parcel map airspace subdivision [1] [2]	19.02 B3(a)	Actual
Final parcel map Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone surcharge [1] [2]	19.02 B3(b)	50%
Final parcel map resubmission [1] [2]	19.02 B3(c)	\$800
Final parcel map reversion to acreage surcharge [1] [2]	19.02 B3(d)	\$1,800
Final parcel map waiver [1] [2]	19.02 B3(e)	\$1,225
Private street map [1] [2]	19.02 C1(c)	\$6,120
Private street map revision or modification [1] [2]	19.02 C1(c)	\$612
Flood hazard compliance basic review [1] [2]	19.07 A	\$265
Elevation certificate processing [1] [2]	19.07 A	\$265
Floodproofing certificate processing [1] [2]	19.07 A	\$265
Letter of map change / conditional letter of map change processing [1] [2]	19.07 A	\$265
Flood hazard compliance additional review up to 16 hours [1] [2]	19.07 B	\$145/hour
Flood hazard compliance additional review more than 16 hours [1] [2]	19.07 C	Actual

Footnotes: [1] A surcharge of 7% or \$1, whichever is greater will be added to the listed fee pursuant to LAMC Section 61.03; [2] A surcharge of 2% or \$1, whichever is greater will be added to the listed fee pursuant to LAMC Section 19.08.

Sec. 2. The last sentence of Subparagraph 1 of Paragraph (e) of Subdivision 17 of Subsection A of Section 12.21 of Article 2 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Upon payment of the fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.37 F 3, an applicant may seek relief from this dedication requirement pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.37 A 5.

Sec. 3. Subsection F of Section 12.37 of Article 2 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**F. Fees.**

In addition to all other required fees, the following fees shall be charged for Bureau of Engineering services provided for processing building permit applications pursuant to the provisions of this Section:

1. A nonrefundable fee of \$530 for every property requiring the City Engineer to investigate and determine whether the provisions of this Section require a dedication of land or improvements to land.

2. A fee of \$3,100 for processing real estate transfer documents for every property for which the provisions of this Section require a dedication of land.

3. A nonrefundable fee of \$250 for processing appeals of dedication requirements pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 5 of Subsection A of this Section.

4. A nonrefundable fee of \$1,000 for processing appeals of improvement requirements pursuant to the provisions of Subsection I of this Section.

Sec. 4. The second paragraph of Subdivision 3 of Subsection E of Section 17.07 of Article 7 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

When the placement of monuments is to be deferred, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$430 for the service of receiving and processing a bond to guarantee placement of the monuments.

Sec. 5. Subdivision 2 of Subsection G of Section 18.09 of Article 8 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2. The application processing fee shall be \$4,200.

Sec. 6. Paragraph (g) is added to Subdivision 1 of Subsection A of Section 19.02 of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(g) Bureau of Engineering Fees. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision, before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect for each application the following nonrefundable fees applicable to the project for which the application is made:

1. For each subdivision tract of fewer than 20 lots, a fee of \$8,000. For each modified or revised subdivision tract of fewer than 20 lots requiring a revised engineering report, a fee of \$1,800.

2. For each subdivision tract of 20 or more lots, actual Bureau of Engineering costs and a deposit for such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15 of this Code. For each modified or revised subdivision tract of 20 or more lots requiring a revised engineering report, a fee of \$1,800.

Sec. 7. Subdivision 2 of Subsection A of Section 19.02 of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**2. Final Map.**

(a) Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect for each application the following nonrefundable fees that apply to the project for which the application is made:

1. For each subdivision tract of fewer than 20 lots, a fee of \$8,000.

2. For each subdivision tract of 20 or more lots, actual Bureau of Engineering costs and a deposit for such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15 of this Code.

3. For each airspace subdivision, actual Bureau of Engineering costs and a deposit for such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15 of this Code.

(b) For each subdivision that is located entirely or partly within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone as determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 57.25.01 of this Code, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a surcharge in the amount of fifty percent of the fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (a) of this Subdivision.

(c) In addition to the fee and surcharge imposed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Subdivision, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a resubmission fee of \$800 for each and every map or any part of a map submitted to the City Engineer more than three times, including the original submission, and the fee shall be paid to the Bureau of Engineering upon each and every submission to the City Engineer thereafter.

(d) In addition to all other fees charged pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision, if a final map is filed for the purpose of reverting subdivided land to acreage or for merger and resubdivision of land pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.10 or 17.10.1 of this Code, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$2,475.

Sec. 8. Paragraph (f) is added to Subdivision 1 of Subsection B of Section 19.02 of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(f) Bureau of Engineering Fees. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision, before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect for each application the following nonrefundable fees applicable to the project for which the application is made:

1. For each map, a fee of \$8,000.
2. For each modified or revised map requiring a revised engineering report, a fee of \$800.
3. For each parcel map exemption, a fee of \$1,225.

Sec. 9. A sentence is added to the end of Subdivision 2 of Subsection B of Section 19.02 of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$1,225 for the review and processing of each application for a Certificate of Compliance.

Sec. 10. Subdivision 3 of Subsection B of Section 19.02 of Article 9 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**3. Final Parcel Map.**

(a) Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a nonrefundable fee of \$8,000 for each final parcel map submitted, except for airspace parcel maps. For each airspace parcel map application submitted, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge actual Bureau of Engineering costs and a deposit for such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15 of this Code.

(b) For each subdivision that is located entirely or partly within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone as determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 57.25.01 of this Code, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a surcharge in the amount of fifty percent of the fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (a) of this Subdivision.

(c) In addition to the fee and surcharge imposed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Subdivision, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a resubmission fee of \$800 for each and every map or any part of a map submitted to the City Engineer more than three times, including the original submission, and the fee shall be paid to the Bureau of Engineering upon each and every submission to the City Engineer thereafter.

(d) In addition to all other fees charged pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision, if a final map is filed for the purpose of reverting subdivided land to acreage or for merger and resubdivision of land pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.10 or 17.10.1 of this Code, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$1,800.

(e) Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$1,225 to review and process each application for a final map waiver requested pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.50 D of this Code.

Sec. 11. Paragraph (c) is added to Subdivision 1 of Subsection C of Section 19.02 of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(c) Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect for each private street map application a fee of \$6,120, and shall charge and collect for each modified or revised street map application requiring a revised engineering report a fee of \$612.

Sec. 12. Section 19.07 of Article 9 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **SEC. 19.07. FEES FOR FLOOD HAZARD REPORTS AND COMPLIANCE CHECKS.**

A. **Basic Review Fee.** Except for services subject to the provisions of Subsection (B) or (C) of this Section, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$265 to perform each of the following services pertaining to Flood Hazard compliance:

1. **Flood Hazard Compliance Check Fee.** Review to verify that a permitted project would or does comply with the requirements of the Los Angeles Specific Plan for the Management of Flood Hazards (Ordinance 172081, as may be amended) and the National Flood Insurance Program.

2. **Elevation Certificate Processing Fee.** Process an Elevation Certificate for building permits located in floodplain zones, in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles Specific Plan for the Management of Flood Hazards (Ordinance 172081, as may be amended) and the National Flood Insurance Program.

3. **Floodproofing Certificate Processing.** Process a Floodproofing Certificate for a commercial project or a non-single family development proposed in a floodplain zone, in compliance with the requirements of the Los Angeles Specific Plan for the Management of Flood Hazards (Ordinance 172081, as may be amended) and the National Flood Insurance Program.

4. **Letter of Map Change/Conditional Letter of Map Change Processing.** Process a Conditional Letter of Map Revision, Conditional Letter of Map Amendment, Letter of Map Revisions, or Letter of Map Amendment.

B. **Reviews or Services Requiring Additional Staff Time of 16 or Fewer Hours.** For all Bureau of Engineering services identified in Subsection A of this Section for which a fee of \$265 is charged, and which will require Bureau staff to review plans or surveys, or take other action in addition to that normally required to accomplish the task for which the \$265 fee is charged, the Bureau shall charge and collect a fee pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.14 of this Code, except for reviews or services provided pursuant to the provisions of Subsection C of this Section.

C. **Reviews or Services Requiring Additional Staff Time of More than 16 Hours.** For all Bureau of Engineering services identified in Subsection A of this Section for which a fee of \$265 is charged, and which will require Bureau staff to review plans or surveys, or take other action, and where Bureau staff will be required to provide more than 16 hours of staff time in addition to that normally required to accomplish the task for which the \$265 fee is charged, the Bureau shall charge and collect actual Bureau of Engineering costs and a deposit for such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15 of this Code.

D. **All Fees Owed Prior to Bureau Action.** The Bureau of Engineering shall not issue any approval or decision with respect to any matter for which this Section requires payment to the Bureau until all monies owed pursuant to the provisions of this Section are paid.

Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of Section 61.03 of Article 1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(a) There shall be added to the total of all fees for which the Bureau of Engineering is responsible for collecting for services rendered for any initial application, renewal, modification, or approval pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, 2, 2.1, 3 or 4 of this Chapter, Article 2, 5, 7, 8 or 9 of Chapter I, or Article 1 or 6 of Chapter IX of this Code, or Division 7, 12, 13, 19, or 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, a surcharge in an amount equal to the greater of seven percent of the fee or \$1. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the One Stop Permit Center Surcharge imposed pursuant to Section 68.12, or to fees imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.10, 61.11, 64.11.2, 64.11.3, 64.16.1, 64.15 (b), or 64.18.

Sec. 14. Section 61.10 of Article 1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

## **SEC. 61.10. ENGINEERING PROCESS FEES.**

The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$75 for each building, plumbing, grading, combined building-mechanical or sign building permit for single family dwellings, other than those located in a Hillside Area as defined in Section 12.03 of this Code, requiring review and approval by the Bureau of Engineering, except that no fee shall be collected if the underlying permit fee is not required. The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$125 for each building, plumbing, grading, combined building-mechanical or sign building permit, other than those subject to the fee imposed in the first sentence of this Section, requiring review and approval by the Bureau, except that no fee shall be collected if the underlying permit fee is not required.

Sec. 15. Section 61.11 of Article 1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

## **SEC. 61.11. EXPEDITED PERMIT SURCHARGE.**

An applicant for any permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering may pay a surcharge to obtain expedited Bureau permit-related services. The amount of the surcharge shall be the total cost of the overtime hours worked by Bureau of Engineering staff to provide the permit-related services (direct salary multiplied by 1.5), plus a 40 percent surcharge. When an applicant for any permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering elects to obtain expedited Bureau permit-related services, the applicant must pay, before the Bureau provides any expedited services, a deposit in an amount that the Bureau estimates will be total cost of providing the expedited services.

For Bureau of Engineering expedited services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section, if before completion of providing the requested services the Bureau determines that additional funds are needed to compensate the Bureau for the total cost of providing expedited services, the Bureau may halt all work on the project for which the application was made and require the applicant to pay the amount that the Bureau estimates will be needed to compensate the Bureau for the total cost of providing the requested services. At the conclusion of providing the requested services, if total costs are less than the amount deposited, the applicant shall be refunded the difference. The Bureau of Engineering shall not issue or approve any permit until all monies owed pursuant to the provisions of this Section are paid

Sec. 16. Section 61.12 of Article 1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

## **SEC. 61.12. SURVEY MONUMENT INSPECTION FEE.**

For each final subdivision map and final parcel map, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee for verifying and documenting the placement of survey monuments in compliance with the Subdivision Map Act, Government Code Sections 66495 and 66496, or successor sections. The Bureau shall charge a fee of \$265 for the first monument, and a fee of \$78 for each additional monument. If the Bureau of

Engineering must perform additional inspections because of missing or improperly set monuments, the Bureau shall charge a fee of \$265 for the first monument it re-inspects, and a fee of \$78 for each additional monument it re-inspects.

Sec. 17. Section 61.13 of Article 1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 61.13. IMPROVEMENT BOND PROCESSING FEE.**

The Bureau of Engineering may require a permit applicant to post a public improvement bond to guarantee that improvements will be made in a public right-of-way or to protect or replace existing improvements, and shall charge and collect a fee of \$500 to process a public improvement bond. If necessary to avoid a bond default, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge an additional fee of \$420 to extend the bond or process a replacement bond. The Bureau of Engineering shall require all applicants for a Class "B" permit to post a public improvement bond, and may also require a permit applicant to post a bond when it determines that the project or activity for which a permit is sought could damage existing public improvements.

Sec. 18. Sections 61.14, 61.15 and 61.16 are added to Article 1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 61.14. SPECIAL ENGINEERING FEE.**

For all Bureau of Engineering permits and services identified in this Code for which a fee is charged, and which require Bureau staff time for plan checking, field investigation, project evaluation, or other work or effort in addition to that which is ordinarily required for the permit or service for which the fee is charged, the following fees shall apply:

(a) for Bureau of Engineering services that require 16 or fewer additional hours of Bureau staff time, a Special Engineering Fee of \$145 per hour shall be charged for each hour of additional service, up to a maximum of 16 hours total; and

(b) for Bureau of Engineering services that require more than 16 additional hours of Bureau staff time, the Bureau will charge and collect the actual cost of its services pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15, unless a provision of this Code provides for a different fee amount.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Bureau of Engineering fee that requires payment of actual Bureau costs rather than a fixed pre-determined fee amount.

**SEC. 61.15. ACTUAL COST SPECIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES.**

For all Bureau of Engineering permits or other services identified in this Chapter for which a fee is charged, and which require Bureau staff to provide more than 16 hours of time for plan checking, field investigation, project evaluation, or other work or effort in addition to that which is ordinarily required for the permit or service for which the fee is charged, or for requested Bureau services for projects not specifically described in this Code, the Bureau shall charge and collect a fee in an amount sufficient to pay the Bureau's actual cost of providing its services. The actual cost amount determination shall include, but not be limited to, all direct and indirect labor costs, retirement and overhead costs. An applicant for any permit or services subject to the provisions of this Section must pay, before the Bureau of Engineering provides any services, a deposit in an amount that the Bureau estimates will be the actual cost of providing its services.

For Bureau of Engineering services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section, if before completion of providing the requested services the Bureau determines that additional funds are needed to compensate the Bureau for the actual cost of providing the services, the Bureau may halt all work on the project for which the application was made and require the applicant to pay the amount that the Bureau estimates will be needed to compensate the Bureau for the actual cost of providing the requested services. At the conclusion of providing the requested services, if actual Bureau costs are less than the amount deposited, the applicant shall be refunded the difference. The Bureau of Engineering shall not issue or approve any permit until all monies owed pursuant to the provisions of this Section are paid.

**SEC. 61.16. SUMMARY OF FEES FOR THE BUREAU OF ENGINEERING.**

The following table is a summary of fees for Bureau of Engineering services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. If there is any discrepancy between the provisions of this summary and the Sections of this Code imposing the fees, the provisions of the Sections of this Code imposing the fees shall prevail. Additional charges may be imposed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 61.14 and 61.15.

<b>Permit / Service Description</b>	<b>LAMC Section</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Surcharge for equipment and training (7% Fund)	61.03	Footnote [1]
Engineering processing of building permits (SFD non-hillside area)	61.10	\$75
Engineering processing of building permits (all others)	61.10	\$125
Expedited permit surcharge	61.11	40%
Survey monument inspection (first monument) [1]	61.12	\$265
Survey monument inspection (each additional) [1]	61.12	\$78

Survey monument re-inspection (first monument) [1]	61.12	\$265
Survey monument re-inspection (each additional) [1]	61.12	\$78
Improvement bond processing (new bonds) [1] [2]	61.13	\$500
Improvement bond extension processing [1] [2]	61.13	\$420
Improvement bond replacement processing [1] [2]	61.13	\$500
Special engineering [1] [2]	61.14	\$145/hour
Actual cost engineering services [1] [2]	61.15	Actual
Excavation (U) permit ≤ 1,000 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$185
Excavation (U) permit > 1,000 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)2	Actual
Excavation (E) permit ≤ 1,000 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$425
Excavation (E) permit > 1,000 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)2	Actual
Excavation (U) permit inspection for 1-99 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$114
Excavation (U) permit inspection for 100-1,000 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$2.20/sq.ft.
Excavation (U) permit inspection > 1,000 sq. ft. [1] [2]	62.05(a)2	Actual
Special inspection rate, regular [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$95/hour
Overtime inspection rate, weekday [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$95/hour
Overtime inspection rate, weekend and holiday, 4 hours minimum [1] [2]	62.05(a)1	\$380
Tie-back, each [1] [2]	62.05(a)3(aa)	\$605
De-tensioned anchor rod left in place < 20' below the surface fee, each [1] [2]	62.05(a)3(bb)	\$2,040
SDRF and SDRF calculation surcharge [1] [2]	62.06 B	\$18
Maintenance hole opening individual permit [1] [2]	62.41	\$135
Maintenance hole opening annual permit [1] [2]	62.41	\$265
Maintenance hole permit copy (each) [1] [2]	62.41	\$1.80
Materials permit – BOE convenience fee [1] [2]	62.45(d)5	\$32.50
Peak hour exemption processing [1] [2]	62.61	\$250
Preliminary land use review (PCRf) [1] [2]	62.106.1(a)	\$125
Land use review - zone change [1] [2]	62.106.1(b)	\$7,125
Land use review - zone change w/PCRf [1] [2]	62.106.1(b)	\$7,000

Land use review - conditional use permit [1] [2]	62.106.1(c)	\$7,125
Land use review - conditional use permit w/PCRF [1] [2]	62.106.1(c)	\$7,000
Land use review - City Planning case [1] [2]	62.106.1(d)	\$7,125
Land use review - City Planning case w/PCRF [1] [2]	62.106.1(d)	\$7,000
Land use review – site plan review [1] [2]	62.106.1(e)	\$7,125
Land use review – site plan review w/PCRF [1] [2]	62.106.1(e)	\$7,000
Land use review – coastal development permit [1] [2]	62.106.1(f)	Actual
Land use review – surface mining [1] [2]	62.106.1(g)	\$1,535
“A” permit basic fee [1] [2]	62.109(a)	\$265
“A” permit curb inspection per linear foot [1] [2]	62.109(b)1	\$3.70
“A” permit paving, gutter, sidewalk, driveway inspection per square foot [1] [2]	62.109(b)2	\$0.85
“A” permit resurfacing per square foot [1] [2]	62.109(b)3	\$3.30
“A” permit area drains, each [1] [2]	62.109(b)4	\$15.95
“A” permit tree wells, each [1] [2]	62.109(b)5	\$15.95
“A” permit pipe inspection, each [1] [2]	62.109(b)6	\$5.50
“A” permit maximum density test, each [1] [2]	62.109(d)1	\$300
“A” permit relative compaction test, each [1] [2]	62.109(d)1	\$115
“A” permit concrete cylinder test, each [1] [2]	62.109(d)2	\$100
“B” permit services (all) [1] [2]	61.110	Actual
Revocable permit Tier 1 [1] [2]	62.118.2	\$540
Revocable permit Tier 2 [1] [2]	62.118.2	\$1,800
Revocable permit Tier 3 [1] [2]	62.118.2	Actual
Overload permit special engineering > 75 tons not exceeding Purple limits [1] [2]	62.151(a)	\$70
Overload permit special engineering > 75 tons exceeding Purple limits [1] [2]	62.151(b)	Actual
Overload “annual” permit special engineering [1] [2]	62.151(c)	\$140
Traffic management fee, per lane per block [1] [2]	62.250 F	\$275
Watercourse permit [1] [2]	64.10 B5	\$3,035
Sewer connection permit [1] [2]	64.15(a)1	\$265
Storm drain connection permit [1] [2]	64.15(a)1	\$265

House connection sewer inspection, per linear foot [1] [2]	64.15(a)2	\$2.84
Bonded sewer lateral, per linear foot	64.15(b)	\$82
Bonded sewer, per linear foot	64.18(a)	\$72
Storm drain or catch basin tap connection [1] [2]	64.20(a)1	\$72
Sewer tap/saddle connection special inspection [1] [2]	64.20(a)2	\$95/hour
Surcharge for one-stop permit center (2% Fund)	68.12	Footnote [2]

Footnotes: [1] A surcharge of 7% or \$1, whichever is greater will be added to the listed fee pursuant to LAMC Section 61.03; [2] A surcharge of 2% or \$1, whichever is greater will be added to the listed fee pursuant to LAMC Section 68.12.

Sec. 19. The first paragraph of Subsection (a) of Section 62.02 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by replacing the word "Board" with the words "Bureau of Engineering."

Sec. 20. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of Subsection (a) of Section 62.02 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

3. **Small Utility Cuts for Leak Detection.** Excavation (Utility) permits for the purpose of drilling leakage detection holes may be issued to a public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

4. **Utility Maintenance and Service Connection Excavations.** Excavation permits for the purpose of providing service connections, replacing or repairing deteriorated fittings, or raising valve covers, manhole covers, or vault lids to grade may be issued to a public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

Sec. 21. Subsections (b) through (d) of Section 62.02 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(b) **Contents of Application.** The permit applications shall contain all information required by the Bureau of Engineering, including but not limited to the hours during which permitted work will be performed, and safety measures that the permittee will undertake.

(c) **Plans Required.**

1. **General Requirements.** Each application for a permit shall be accompanied by a plan, in triplicate, showing the location and dimensions of each proposed excavation and such other details as the Bureau of Engineering may require. The applicant shall supply additional copies of the plan if requested by the Bureau of Engineering for checking or inspection purposes. The Bureau of Engineering shall review the plan, and shall approve the plan if the Bureau

determines it to be satisfactory. Prior to approval of a plan, the Bureau of Engineering shall determine whether to require any permit conditions or special restrictions, and such conditions or restrictions will be incorporated into the permit. If a plan shows a permanent installation to be made in the area of a public street, a copy shall be placed in the electronic files of the City Engineer as a public record, and an approved duplicate will be used for inspection purposes. Any excavation made or facility installed shall be located in strict conformance with the location shown on the plan.

2. **Exception to General Requirements.** The provisions of Subdivision 1 of this Subsection shall not apply if the purpose for making the proposed excavation is to install a service connection less than two inches in diameter, or to inspect or repair an existing installation, although any such excavation shall be in strict conformance with the location described in the application.

3. **Additional Requirements for Tunnel Structures.** In addition to the requirements in Subdivision 1 of this Subsection, plans for a tunnel structure shall show its proposed location, the distance from all utility installations, details of the proposed method of constructing and backfilling, and the purpose for which the tunnel is to be constructed. Plans for tunnel structures shall be based upon alignments and elevations determined from actual surveys, and work on any tunnel structure shall not proceed until such alignments and elevations have been established.

(d) **Surveying.** In reviewing an application for a permit pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Bureau of Engineering may require an applicant to conduct surveys if the Bureau determines that surveys are needed to insure that the proposed excavations or facilities to be installed would be located as described in the permit application or shown on the accompanying plat.

Sec. 22. Subsections (f) through (i) of Section 62.02 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(f) **Liability Insurance.**

1. **Insurance Required.** A permit to excavate issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not be issued until the applicant has filed with the City Engineer a policy of protective liability insurance naming the City as an insured or a co-insured with the permittee. The policy of insurance shall insure the City and its departments, officers and employees, while acting with the scope of their duties, against all claims arising from or in connection with the operations of the permittee, or any contractor or subcontractor of the permittee, undertaken pursuant to the provisions of the permit.

2. **Exception.** The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the Federal Government, the State of California, any county, city or county, municipal

corporation, irrigation district, school district, district established by law, any political subdivision of the Federal Government or State of California, any public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, or any contractor or subcontractor while performing work under contract to any such entity pursuant to a permit issued under the provisions of this Section.

3. **Amounts.** The policy of insurance required by the provisions of this Subsection shall provide the following minimum coverage:

Bodily Injury:	\$250,000 for each person \$500,000 for each occurrence \$500,000 aggregate – products and completed operations
Property Damage:	\$100,000 for each occurrence \$250,000 aggregate

A combined single limit policy with aggregate limits in the amount of \$1 million will be considered equivalent to the required minimum limits.

The coverage amounts identified in this Subdivision are minimum amounts, and the Bureau of Engineering has the authority to require coverage in larger amounts where it determines that such coverage is required to adequately protect the City.

4. **Deposit or Bond Where Lateral Support is Imperiled.** If a proposed excavation on private property would imperil the lateral support of a public street or improvements on a public street, in addition to providing the insurance required by the provisions of this Subsection, a permittee must provide to the Bureau of Engineering cash or a surety bond in an amount determined by the Bureau to compensate the City for damage that may be caused to City property by the excavation. If a bond is provided, it must be executed to the satisfaction of the Bureau of Engineering and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney. The bond must be in effect for a minimum of two years after completion of the permitted work, and if cash is provided instead of a bond, the Bureau of Engineering shall keep the cash for a minimum of two years after completion of the permitted work. The Bureau of Engineering has the authority to modify for good cause the provisions of this Subdivision pertaining to the length of time it maintains custody of a cash deposit or the length of the effectiveness of a surety bond.

(g) **Contents of Permits.** A permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering pursuant to the provisions of this Section may impose conditions and requirements for its use, including but not limited to specifying the type of backfill material used, the backfilling method, special City inspections of the permitted work, and the manner in which a surface cut is to be made.

(h) **Compliance with Conditions of Permits Required.** All conditions imposed upon a permit by the Bureau of Engineering must be complied with, and no

person shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any term or condition contained in any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

(i) **Duration of Permit.** Every permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall expire unless the permitted excavation has begun within six months from the date of issuance of the permit, and the Bureau shall not grant any extensions of time in which to begin the work. Once permitted excavation work has begun, the work must be diligently prosecuted to completion. If excavation work has not begun within six months from the date of issuance of a permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection, the permit is cancelled and the Bureau of Engineering shall impose and collect a fee pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.05(a)(1).

Sec. 23. Subsections (j) through (n) of Section 62.02 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are repealed.

Sec. 24. Sections 62.03.2, 62.03.3, and 62.03.4 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall be redesignated as Sections 62.08, 62.09 and 62.10, respectively, of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of Section 62.05 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(a) **Excavation Permit Fees.**

1. **Fixed Fee Permits.** For an excavation of 1,000 square feet of area or less, except for fees subject to the provisions of Subdivision 2 of this Subsection, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect the following permit and inspection fees:

(aa) **Excavation Utility (U) Permit.** Excavation utility (U) permits are issued to public utilities regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, and except for permits subject to the provisions of Subdivision 2 of this Subsection, the fee to process an excavation (U) permit is \$185. The fee to inspect each U permit of an excavation area of 99 square feet or less is \$114, and the fee to inspect an area of more than 99 square feet but less than 1,000 square feet is \$2.20 per square foot.

(bb) **Excavation (E) Permit.** Except for permits subject to the provisions of Subdivision 2 of this Subsection, the fee to process an excavation (E) permit is \$425. The fee to inspect each E permit of an excavation area of 99 square feet or less is \$114, and the fee to inspect an area of more than 99 square feet but less than 1,000 square feet is \$2.20 per square foot.

(cc) **Special Inspection Charges.** In addition to the fees identified in Paragraphs (aa) and (bb) of this Subdivision, the Bureau of Engineering may, when the Bureau of Engineering or the Bureau of

Contract Administration determines that additional inspections beyond those ordinarily required in overseeing work permitted by an excavation utility (U) permit or excavation (E) permit are required, charge a fee for additional inspections. The fee for conducting additional inspections pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph is \$95 per hour, except that there will be a minimum four hour charge of \$380 for inspections on weekends or on any day determined to be a holiday pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.119 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

The charges authorized by this Paragraph shall apply to all fixed fees imposed or collected by the Bureau of Engineering for the issuance or administration of any permit authorized by this Code where the Bureau of Engineering or the Bureau of Contract Administration requires inspections in addition to those paid for by the underlying fee.

2. **Actual Cost Permits.** The fee to process a (U) or (E) excavation permit for an excavation of more than 1,000 square feet in area, or to process a (U) or (E) excavation permit for an excavation of 1,000 square feet or less in area where the Bureau of Engineering determines that due to the complexity of the permitted work it would cost more to issue and administer a permit than would be collected pursuant to the provisions of Subdivision 1 of this Subsection, is the actual cost of services provided by the City for issuance and oversight of the permit and the permitted project, except for costs that may be incurred by a Proprietary Department subject to the provisions of Article VI of the City Charter, and except for the Street Damage Restoration Fee and the Slurry Seal Damage Restoration Fee. The actual cost determination shall include, but not be limited to, all direct and indirect labor costs, retirement and overhead costs, costs for plan checking and engineering services, project inspection costs, and the costs of testing materials. Before the Bureau of Engineering may issue a permit subject to the provisions of this Subdivision, the applicant must deposit with the Bureau an amount that the Bureau estimates will be the actual costs owed pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision.

For permits and projects that are subject to the provisions of this Subdivision, if before completion of the permitted project the Bureau of Engineering determines that additional funds are needed to compensate the City for the actual cost of issuance and oversight of the permit and permitted project, the City may halt all work on the project for which the application was made and require the applicant to pay the amount that the Bureau estimates will be needed to compensate the City for the actual cost of providing its services. At the conclusion of providing the requested services, if actual costs to the City are less than the amount deposited, the applicant shall be refunded the difference. The City shall not approve any permitted project until all monies owed pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision are paid. Notwithstanding the first sentence of this Subdivision, the City reserves the right to impose additional fees and charges for services provided or costs incurred that were not included in the basis of the determination of the actual cost of City services.

3. **Tie-back fees.** In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of this Subsection, the following fees shall apply to excavations requiring shoring that contain tie-backs:

(aa) For each tie-back installed in a public right-of-way, a fee of \$605.

(bb) For each de-tensioned anchor rod left in place less than 20 feet below the street surface within a public right-of-way, a fee of \$2,040.

4. **Resurfacing Charges.** When an excavation subject to the provisions of Paragraph (bb) of Subdivision 1 of this Subsection requires the resurfacing of public streets or alleys, or replacing sidewalks, curbs or gutters, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect applicable fees identified in Subsection (b) of Section 62.109.

Sec. 26. Subsections (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Section 62.05 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are repealed.

Sec. 27. The second to last sentence of Subsection B of Section 62.06 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

In addition to the Street Damage Restoration Fee or the Slurry Seal Damage Restoration Fee, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$18 for the cost of calculating and collecting the Street Damage Restoration Fee or the Slurry Seal Damage Restoration Fee.

Sec. 28. Sections 62.40 and 62.41 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 62.40. MAINTENANCE HOLES – PERMIT FOR OPENING.**

(a) No person shall open, or allow to remain open, the cover of any maintenance hole in or upon any street, sidewalk or other right-of-way without having first obtained a written permit from the Bureau of Engineering, except as provided in Subsection (b) of this Section.

(b) The Bureau of Engineering may upon a written request from a person owning or controlling any underground pipe or wire system, issue an annual permit for a person with control over the pipe or wire system to open appurtenant maintenance holes, and may issue to a sewer contractor upon a written request an annual permit to open sewer or storm drain maintenance holes for the purpose of determining the depth of sewer or storm drains. Any person who opens the cover of a maintenance hole pursuant to the authority granted by such an annual permit shall not have to comply with the provisions of Subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) At all times while a maintenance hole cover in or upon any street, sidewalk or other right-of-way is open pursuant to the provisions of a permit including, but not limited to the permits identified in Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, the original or a certified copy of the permit must be kept at the open maintenance hole and must, on demand, be shown to any City inspector, agent, employee or representative, including but not limited to any police officer.

#### **SEC. 62.41. MAINTENANCE HOLE PERMIT FEES.**

A. Before issuing any permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.40, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect the following fees:

(a) For each permit issued pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (a) of Section 62.40, a fee of \$135.

(b) For each permit issued pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 62.40, a fee of \$265.

B. The Bureau of Engineering shall charge a fee of \$1.80 for each certified copy of a permit it provides pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (c) of Section 62.40.

Sec. 29. Subdivision 5 is added to Subsection (d) of Section 62.45 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

5. In addition to all other fees owed, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$32.50 for each permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section that the Bureau processes.

Sec. 30. Subdivision 3 of Subsection (b) of Section 62.61 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**3. Fee for Processing Applications for Exemption from Work or Obstruction Prohibition during Peak Hours.** The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$250 for processing each request submitted pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph B of Subdivision 2 of this Subsection.

Sec. 31. Section 62.106.1 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **SEC. 62.106.1. FEES FOR PREPARATION OF REQUIRED REPORTS BY THE CITY ENGINEER IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAND USE REVIEWS.**

Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect for services provided for applications or appeals filed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter I of this Code, or for other services requested in conjunction with a land use review, the following nonrefundable fees:

- (a) For each preliminary land use review, a fee of \$125.
- (b) For each zone change, a fee of \$7,125, unless the Bureau completed a preliminary land use review, in which case the fee is \$7,000.
- (c) For each conditional use permit, a fee of \$7,125, unless the Bureau completed a preliminary land use review, in which case the fee is \$7,000.
- (d) For each City Planning case, a fee of \$7,125, unless the Bureau completed a preliminary land use review, in which case the fee is \$7,000.
- (e) For each site plan review, a fee of \$7,125, unless the Bureau completed a preliminary land use review, in which case the fee is \$7,000.
- (f) For each Coastal Development permit application or appeal, actual Bureau of Engineering costs and a deposit as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15.
- (g) For each report prepared pursuant to the provisions of Section 13.03 of this Code, a fee of \$1,535.

Sec. 32. Section 62.109 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 62.109. CLASS "A" PERMIT FEES.**

(a) **Permit Application Fee.** In addition to the fees identified in Subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$265 for each application for issuance of a Class "A" permit.

(b) **Inspection Fees.** In addition to the fees imposed in Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect from an applicant for issuance of a Class "A" permit all of the following fees, where applicable:

1. **Curb.** A fee of \$3.70 per linear foot for all types of curbs, including but not limited to depressed curbs across driveways, but not including the gutter portion of an integral curb and gutter.
2. **Concrete Paving, Gutter, Sidewalk, Driveway.** A fee of \$0.85 per square foot for all types of concrete paving, gutters, sidewalks, access ramps and driveways.
3. **Asphalt Resurfacing.** A fee of \$3.30 per square foot for all types of asphalt surfacing, including but not limited to roadways, alleys and driveways.
4. **Area Drain.** A fee of \$15.95 for each area drain.

5. **Tree Well.** A fee of \$15.95 for each tree well.
6. **Pipe.** A fee of \$5.50 for each pipe.

(c) **Additional Authorized Charges.** In addition to the fees imposed in Subsection (b) of this Section, where the Bureau of Engineering determines that a project requires the Bureau of Engineering to obtain more inspections than are funded by the fee imposed, the Bureau shall charge and collect Special Inspection Charges pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.05(a)(1)(cc). The provisions of Section 61.14 and 61.15 shall also apply to fees imposed pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (a) of this Section.

(d) **Testing Fees.** In addition to the fees imposed in Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect from an applicant for issuance of a Class "A" permit all of the following fees, where applicable:

1. **Fills.** A fee of \$300 for each maximum density test conducted, one test required for each location; a fee of \$115 for each relative compaction test conducted, one test required for each three foot layer of fill 50 feet long.
2. **Concrete.** A fee of \$100 for each concrete cylinder with a minimum of two cylinders required for each 28 day test. The Bureau of Engineering may require testing of additional cylinders at a fee of \$100 each when the Bureau of Engineering or the Bureau of Contract Administration determines that additional testing is necessary.

(e) **Application of Fee Provisions.**

1. Except for applications subject to the provisions of Subdivision 2 of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section apply to all Class "A" permit applications, including but not limited to applications to engage in permitted work within a public easement.

2. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an application for issuance of a Class "A" permit to repair damage caused by forces beyond the property owner's control, including but not limited to damage caused by a subsidence, pavement failure, earthquake, or trees located in a public right-of-way, although the applicable fees and charges shall be imposed for all other work authorized by the same permit which is not required to be performed because of such conditions. For this Subdivision to apply, an applicant must state on the application what work is exempt from the fees imposed by this Section, and the cause of the underlying damage.

Sec. 33. Section 62.109.1 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is repealed.

Sec. 34. Section 62.110 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 62.110. CLASS "B" PERMIT FEES.**

(a) **Fee Amount.** The fee charged by the Bureau of Engineering to process a Class "B" permit application shall be the actual cost of services provided by the City for issuance and oversight of the permit and permitted project, except for costs that may be incurred by a Proprietary Department subject to the provisions of Article VI of the Los Angeles City Charter, and except for the Street Damage Restoration Fee and the Slurry Seal Damage Restoration Fee.

The determination of the amount of actual City costs shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.05(a)(2), and the determination shall include but not be limited to the following costs:

1. Design, plan checking, surveying and all engineering costs and fees;
2. Inspection;
3. Testing of materials;
4. Furnishing of streetlight energy;
5. Furnishing and installing street name signs, street trees, traffic warning or regulatory signs; and
6. Sandblasting obsolete pavement markings.

Notwithstanding the first sentence of this Subsection, the City reserves the right to impose additional fees and charges for services provided or costs incurred that were not included in the basis of the determination of the City's actual costs.

(b) **Deposit and Fee Collection Procedures.** Before the Bureau of Engineering may issue a Class "B" permit subject to the provisions of this Section, the applicant must deposit with the Bureau an amount that the Bureau estimates will be owed pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection. The procedures contained at Section 62.05 (a)(2) shall apply to the collection of fees owed and deposit required pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

Sec. 35. Section 62.115 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 62.115. CLASS "A" PERMIT FEE REFUNDS.**

Upon expiration or cancellation of any Class "A" permit, the Bureau of Engineering shall refund to the permittee fees paid pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (b) and (c) of Section 62.109, after deduction of all charges applicable to work completed pursuant to the permit. In no event shall a permittee be entitled to a refund of the fee paid pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (a) of Section 62.109.

To obtain a refund pursuant to the provisions of this Section, a permittee must submit a written claim pursuant to the provisions of City Charter Section 350.

Sec. 36. Section 62.118.2 of Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 62.118.2. IMPROVEMENTS IN PUBLIC STREETS – ISSUANCE OF REVOCABLE PERMITS.**

Where the City Engineer finds that a building, structure or improvement maintained or proposed to be constructed within a public street will not interfere with the maintenance or use of the street, and is not intended for use by the public, the Bureau of Engineering may issue one or more permits for the maintenance or proposed construction of such building, structure or improvement, or for an excavation in connection with such maintenance or construction. The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee to conduct an investigation to determine whether to issue a permit pursuant to the provisions of this Section, and shall charge a fee of \$540 if no field investigation is required (Tier 1 fee), and shall charge a fee of \$1,800 if a field investigation is required (Tier 2 fee). If an applicant paid a Tier 1 fee and the Bureau of Engineering determines that it will be required to conduct a field investigation, the Bureau shall charge and collect from the applicant a fee of \$1,260 in addition to the \$540 already paid. If the Bureau is required to prepare a report of its investigation for consideration by the Board, the applicant shall not owe a Tier 1 or Tier 2 fee, and instead the Bureau shall charge and collect its actual costs (Tier 3 fee) and a deposit of such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.15.

Sec. 37. Section 62.151 is added to Article 2 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 62.151. OVERLOADS – SPECIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LARGE OR HEAVY LOADS.**

An application for issuance of a permit pursuant to the provisions of Sections 62.136 or 62.143 to transport a large or heavy overload requires the Bureau of Engineering to review the proposed route and the load carrying capacity of any bridge or structure on the route to insure the safety of the applicant and the public. The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect the following fees for Bureau services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section:

(a) A fee of \$70 for the review of each permit application for an overload heavier than 75 tons with 9 or fewer axles and that does not exceed the Purple overload limits established by the California Department of Transportation for tandem axle capacity and axle spacing.

(b) An applicant for a permit for an overload heavier than 75 tons with 9 axles or more and that exceeds the Purple overload limits established by the California Department of Transportation for tandem axle capacity shall pay actual Bureau of

Engineering costs of providing its services and a deposit of such costs, and the actual costs and deposit shall be determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.14 and 61.15.

(c) A fee of \$140 for the review of each application for an annual permit issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.143.

Sec. 38. The third and fourth sentences of Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 1 of Subsection C of Section 62.250 of Article 2.1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

Each copy, including the permittee required copies, shall be signed and stamped by the registered engineer. Two copies shall be retained by the Department of Transportation and three copies by the Bureau of Engineering.

Sec. 39. The first paragraph of Subsection F of Section 62.250 of Article 2.1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by replacing the number "220" with the number "275."

Sec. 40. The second paragraph of Subsection F of Section 62.250 of Article 2.1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The Traffic Management Fee of \$275 per impacted City Block shall be charged to permittees who perform work within the roadway. The number of involved lanes, days, and City blocks shall be determined by the Review Committee and certified at the conclusion of the roadway work, if needed, by the Bureau by Contract Administration or the Bureau of Street Services.

Sec. 41. Sections 64.07, 64.08 and 64.09 of Article 4 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are repealed.

Sec. 42. Section 64.10 of Article 4 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

## **SEC. 64.10. WATER COURSES.**

### **A. Water Course Interference.**

1. Interference Prohibited. No person shall do anything to any natural water course or any channel that may carry storm water that would in any manner obstruct or interfere with the flow of water through such course or channel without first obtaining a permit from the Bureau of Engineering pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section.

2. Property Owner Duties. A property owner and a lessee or tenant of any property through which a natural water course or any channel that may carry storm water passes shall keep and maintain the course or channel free from any

obstruction that would in any manner prevent or disrupt the flow of water through the course or channel without first obtaining a permit from the Bureau of Engineering pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section.

**B. Water Course Disruption Permit.**

1. Permit Required. Any person desiring to do any of the following actions must first obtain a permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering:

- a. Dam, fill, or obstruct any natural water course or channel that may carry storm water;
- b. Construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, install or maintain any drainage structure in any natural water course or channel that may carry storm water;
- c. Construct, reconstruct, or repair any drainage structure; or
- d. Alter, fill, obstruct, or otherwise change any natural water course or channel, or natural drainage channel or course.

2. Permit Application. Any person applying for issuance of a permit pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall file an application with the Bureau of Engineering. The application shall contain all information required by the Bureau of Engineering, including but not limited to the proposed location of the construction, reconstruction, repair or alteration, the materials to be used, and a diagram of the work to be performed.

3. Bureau Determination. The Bureau of Engineering shall issue a permit pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection if it finds all of the following:

- a. The proposed structure, fill, alteration or repair would not become part of the City's permanently improved storm water drainage system;
- b. The proposed structure, fill, alteration or repair would not interfere with the flow of natural storm water; and
- c. The proposed structure, fill, alteration or repair would not injure adjoining property.

If the Bureau determines that the proposed structure, fill, alteration or repair would become part of the City's permanently improved storm water drainage system, the Bureau shall require an applicant to apply for a Class "B" permit and if a permit is issued, to perform work pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.110, *et. seq.*, of this Code.

4. Permit Conditions. A permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering pursuant to the provisions of this Section may impose conditions and requirements for its use, and the permit applicant must ensure compliance with all such conditions and requirements. No person shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any term or condition contained in any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

5. Fees. Before acceptance for examination by the City Engineer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee in the amount of \$3,035 for each permit application made pursuant to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of Section 61.14 and 61.15 shall also apply to Bureau of Engineering services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

Sec. 43. Subsections (a), (b), (f) and (g) of Section 64.15 of Article 4 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

(a) An applicant for issuance of a permit pursuant to the provisions of 64.12 shall pay to the Bureau of Engineering, in addition to all other required fees and charges, the following fees where applicable:

1. A fee of \$265 for every permit seeking a connection to an existing sewer line at the property line or to an existing storm drain or catch basin; and

2. An inspection fee of \$2.84 for each linear foot of connection laid, re-laid, or exposing a sewer housing connection pipe or a storm drain construction pipe in any public place or public right-of way. The determination of the total amount of an inspection fee owed pursuant to the provisions of this Subdivision shall be determined by an inspection of the site, and the inspection fee owed shall be paid in conjunction with the collection of trench resurfacing charges owed pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 62.05.

(b) Where an applicant for issuance of a permit pursuant to the provisions of 64.12 seeks to connect to a sewer line that was constructed at no expense to an owner of the property for which the connection is sought, and the purpose of the connection is not to replace any existing house connection sewer, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect, in addition to all other required fees and charges, a fee of \$82 for each linear foot of house connection to be constructed.

(f) If the Bureau of Engineering or the Bureau of Contract Administration requires inspections for the issuance of any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 64.12 or for oversight of the permitted project, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect Special Inspection Charges pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.05(a)(1)(cc).

(g) If the Bureau of Engineering is required, pursuant to issuance of a permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 64.12 or for oversight of the permitted project, to provide services not ordinarily required with respect to such permits, the Bureau shall

charge and collect the actual costs of providing its services and a deposit of such costs as determined and collected pursuant to the provisions of Sections 61.14 and 61.15.

Sec. 44. Section 64.18 of Article 4 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

An applicant requiring issuance of a permit to connect to or construct a Special House Connection Sewer or Bonded Sewer House Connection Sewer must file an application with the Bureau of Engineering. The Bureau shall charge and collect, in addition to all other required fees and charges, the following fee where applicable:

(a) For rectangular lots, a fee of \$72 for each linear foot of the lot frontage for which the connection or construction is sought, except that for rectangular lots that have multiple frontages providing access to sewers, a fee of \$72 for each linear foot of the shortest frontage.

(b) For lots that are not rectangular, the Bureau shall calculate the area of the lot for which the connection or construction is sought, determine the size of a rectangular lot that would be equal in area, and impose a fee of \$72 for each linear foot of frontage of the equivalent rectangular lot.

(c) The Bureau of Engineering may reduce the total fee imposed pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (a) or (b) of this Section where it determines that the fee would exceed the fee amount charged with respect to other lots in the same bonded sewer area.

(d) The provisions of this Section do not apply to permit applications for a Bonded Sewer House Connection Sewer where the lot for which the connection is sought was the subject of an assessment for a public sewer connection at the front, rear or side of the lot.

Fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be deposited into the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund established pursuant to the provisions of Section 64.19.2.

Sec. 45. Section 64.20 of Article 4 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 64.20. TAPPING SEWERS, STORM DRAINS AND CATCH BASINS.**

(a) In addition to all other required fees and charges, where the Bureau of Engineering determines that an applicant for a permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 64.12 must construct a connection to a sewer, storm drain or catch basin at a location where there is no existing connection, the Bureau shall charge and collect the following:

1. A fee of \$72 for each required connection to a storm drain or catch basin.

2. Special Inspection Charges pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.05(a)(1)(cc) for connection to a sewer that is 18 inches in diameter or less.

(b) Any permit issued by the Bureau of Engineering that requires an applicant to construct a connection to an existing sewer line at a place where there is no existing connection may impose conditions and requirements for making such connection, and the permit applicant must ensure compliance with all such conditions and requirements. No person shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any condition or requirement contained in any permit requiring a connection that is subject to the provisions of this Subsection.

Conditions and requirements that the Bureau may impose pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Determining the means and methods of making a connection;
2. Requiring applicants to connect to a smaller sewer line that has sufficient capacity, if such a line is available;
3. Requiring applicants to utilize existing "wye" or "chimney" connections;
4. Requiring that a bonded sewer contractor perform work involving sewers 15 inches in diameter or less;
5. Requiring house connections to sewer lines 18 inches in diameter or larger to include a private trap; and
6. Requiring installation of a backflow device where a plumbing fixture or drain would be lower than the lid elevation of an adjacent maintenance hole cover.

Sec. 46. Section 68.12 of Article 8 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 68.12. ONE-STOP PERMIT CENTER SURCHARGE.**

(a) There shall be added to each fee imposed for any permit, license or application provided for in Articles 1, 2, 4 and 4.4 of this Chapter, a surcharge in an amount equal to the greater of two percent of the fee or \$1.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (a) of this Section shall not apply to fees imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 61.03, 61.10, 61.11, 61.12, 62.01, 62.61,

62.84, 62.88, 62.96, 62.103, 62.118.1, 62.118.2, 62.132, 62.133, 62.201, 64.03, 64.10, 64.11.2, 64.11.3, 64.16.1, 64.15(b), 64.18 or 64.30.

Sec. 47. Section 7.2.1 is added to Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 7.2.1. Bureau of Engineering Document Review Fee.**

The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$150 for each document it is requested to review to determine sufficiency of title pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.2.

Sec. 48. The first sentence of Section 7.3 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

Where an offer is made to dedicate property to the City of Los Angeles for public slope, street lighting, street tree, site distance, retaining wall, footing, street, sewer or storm drain purposes, the City shall not accept the offer until an investigation fee of \$3,100 is paid to the Bureau of Engineering, and the Bureau has completed its investigation.

Sec. 49. Section 7.40 of Article 5.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 7.40. Payment of Fees.**

Where a petition or application is made to the City Council to quitclaim to petitioner or applicant any interest in real property held by the City of Los Angeles, including but not limited to any sanitary sewer, storm drain or street lighting easement, but not including any easement subject to the provisions of Article 6 of this Division, the Bureau of Engineering shall process and investigate the petition or application. Before acceptance for processing and investigation, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$6,420. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to proceedings initiated by the Board of Public Works or the City Council.

Sec. 50. Section 7.41.1 of Article 5.6 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 7.41.1. Payment of Fees for Future Easement Relinquishments.**

When an application is made to the City for relinquishment of an expired future street, alley, walk or other right-of-way, the Bureau of Engineering shall investigate and recommend whether to grant such application. Before acceptance of the application for processing, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a non-refundable fee of \$1,120.

Sec. 51. Section 7.41.2 is added to Article 5.6 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 7.41.2. Recorded Agreement Modification Fee.**

When a person with a recorded agreement with the City regarding real property applies to modify or terminate the agreement, the City Council may require the Bureau of Engineering to research the requested modification or termination. Before the Bureau of Engineering accepts an application made pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Bureau shall charge and collect a fee of \$5,450.

Sec. 52. Sections 7.41.4 and 7.41.5 of Article 5.6 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code are repealed.

Sec. 53. Section 7.42 is added to Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**SEC. 7.42. Payment of Fees.**

The Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect its actual costs, and a deposit of such costs pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.44, to process a street vacation proceeding subject to the provisions of this Article. The determination of the Bureau's actual costs shall include, but not be limited to, all direct and indirect labor costs, retirement and overhead costs.

Sec. 54. Section 7.44 of Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Division 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 7.44. Deposit of Estimated Actual Costs.**

For Bureau of Engineering services subject to the provisions of Section 7.42, the Bureau shall require, in addition to a street vacation application, the applicant to deposit the Bureau's estimated costs of providing the services. If before completion of the Bureau's services, the Bureau determines that additional funds are needed to compensate the Bureau for its actual cost of providing the services, the Bureau may halt all work on the application to vacate, and require the applicant to deposit the additional amount the Bureau estimates is needed to compensate the Bureau. At the conclusion of providing the requested services, if actual Bureau costs are less than the amount deposited, the applicant shall be refunded the difference. The Bureau of Engineering shall not approve or otherwise finalize its work on an application to vacate until all monies owed pursuant to the provisions of this Article are paid.

Sec. 55. Section 13.74 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Division 13 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 13.74. Fees and Charges.**

The Bureau of Engineering shall process and investigate applications for issuance of spur track permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 13.69, and before acceptance of an application the Bureau shall charge and collect a fee of \$748.

Sec. 56. Section 13.95 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Division 13 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 13.95. Renewals of Existing Spur Track Permits.**

The provisions of this Chapter apply to renewals of existing spur track permits, except for permit modifications applications that are subject to the provisions of this Section. To process an application to renew a spur track permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter where the permitted tracks are constructed and in use at the time of the renewal application, the Bureau of Engineering shall charge and collect a fee of \$45 for the first track subject to the permit, and a fee of \$19 for each additional track. A permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section may apply to the number of tracks with permits that would otherwise expire within the calendar year.

The provisions of Section 13.72 do not apply to permit renewal applications that are subject to the provisions of this Section, although the Board of Transportation has the authority to require compliance with the provisions of Section 13.74.

Sec. 57. Chapter 16 is added to Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 16**

**BUREAU OF ENGINEERING FEES**

**SEC. 19.155. Summary of Bureau of Engineering Fees and Charges.**

The following table is a summary of fees and charges for Bureau of Engineering services provided pursuant to the provisions of this Code. If there is any discrepancy between the provisions of this summary and the Sections of this Code imposing the fees or charges, the provisions of the Sections of this Code imposing the fees or charges shall prevail.

<b>Permit / Service Description</b>	<b>LAAC Section</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Document review [1]	7.2.1	\$150
Dedication investigation, non-R3 [1]	7.3	\$3,100
Quitclaim of easement [1]	7.40	\$6,420
Relinquishment of future easement [1]	7.41.1	\$1,120

Release or modification of agreement [1]	7.41.2	\$5,450
Street/alley vacation processing [1]	7.44	Actual
Spur track application processing [1]	13.74	\$748
Spur track application renewal for 1 <sup>st</sup> track [1]	13.95	\$45
Spur track renewal for additional track [1]	13.95	\$19
Public street name change [1]	19.6.1	Actual

Footnotes: [1] A surcharge of 7% or \$1, whichever is greater will be added to the listed fee pursuant to LAMC Section 61.03.

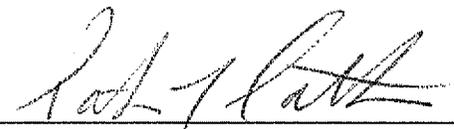
Sec. 58. Subsections (f) and (g) of Section 20.51 of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Division 20 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code are repealed, and Subsection (h) shall be redesignated as Subsection (f).

Sec. 59. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, that can be implemented without the invalid provisions, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Sec. 60. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of AUG 14 2012.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

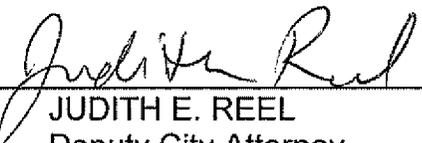
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