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Subject: RE: Board of Adjustment Fee Resolution
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:48:48 PM

Don

Thank you for your email, and my apologies for not getting back to you sooner. I brought a budget rider that included the change of BOA fees as suggested in the BOA resolution. Thank you for all of the Commission’s work on that resolution.

The Council did vote to pass the following budget rider language:
“Reduce Board of Adjustment (BOA) Residential Variance Fee from \$2,905 to \$500 and Residential Exception Fee from \$2,146 to \$500. These reduced fees are limited to a homestead that is the principal residence of the person who has owned and occupied the residence since January 1 of the tax year in which the applicant files the request.”

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you again for your work for the community

Best Regards
Ann Kitchen
City Council D5

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Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Councilmembers,

The attached resolution was sent to City Council and the City Manager on July 9, 2019 by the previous BOA Chair (see both attachment and original email below). We had sincerely hoped that this resolution would be included for consideration in the recent budget negotiations, but it has been seemingly overlooked. In addition, we have not gotten any response from either City Council, nor the City Manager as to their possible interest or shared concern regarding this item.

As noted in the original email from then-Chair, William Burkhardt, this Resolution passed

unanimously by the Board of Adjustment at the April 2019 meeting regarding BOA fees; it's the belief of the Board that fee increases has put access to the Board beyond the reach of the average citizen. As a result, only people of considerable monetary means now have access to the Board to address their grievances. As further noted, in a climate where we are working to maintain affordability and equity in Austin, the Board considers that this substantial rate hike is unfair, and disenfranchises the less affluent citizenry in Austin. Once again, the Board hopes that Council will take action to remedy the situation.

Sincerely,

Don Leighton-Burwell
Chair, Board of Adjustment

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Burkhardt [REDACTED]
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Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Councilmembers,

Please see the attached Resolution passed unanimously by the Board of Adjustment at the April 2019 meeting regarding BOA fees; it's the sense of the Board that recent fee increases puts access to the Board beyond the reach of the average citizen, and access has become available only to those with relative means; the Board considers this fundamentally unfair, and hopes that Council will take action to remedy the situation with the next budget.

Sincerely,
William Burkhardt, Chair

Don Leighton-Burwell
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