

# Fees/Charges to consider for reduction/elimination

Important Note: These fees are based on a 120 unit residential development: Scenario #1

FEE/CHARGE	Description/Notes/Suggestions	Estimated Costs for Scenario 1 (120 Residential Development)
\$100 Admin Fee	<p>Used for erosion control and landscape escrows.</p> <p>Staff is proposing the elimination of the \$100 administrative fee for both erosion and landscape escrows. Based on scenario #1, that is \$1,200 per fee.</p> <p>Staff Note: \$8,000 has been budgeted from the general fund to cover these costs in 2012 (this includes certificate of occupancy--below).</p>	<p><u>\$1,200</u> reduction, erosion control</p> <p><u>\$1,200</u> reduction, landscape</p>
Certificate of Occupancy	<p>Staff believes that the CO fee could be reduced or eliminated. Staff believes that the city incurs little cost to issue a CO.</p> <p>This is a \$4 per unit charge. Based on scenario #1, that is a \$480 fee.</p> <p>Staff Note: \$8,000 has been budgeted from the general fund to cover these costs in 2012 (this includes the two \$100 admin fees--above).</p>	<p><u>\$480</u> reduction, certificate of occupancy</p>
Future Seal Coating	<p>This fee is being eliminated. In 2014 there will be no assessment for this work via city council direction.</p>	<p><u>\$21,750</u> reduction, future seal coating</p>
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Street lights	<p>Currently, the city charges two fees for street lights. (1) a fee for the physical light/installation (2) a fee for three years energy and maintenance.</p> <p>Staff believes that the first fee (1) could be eliminated --\$1,700 per light. The developer can work directly with energy company to install street lights (i.e. this fee becomes developer installed).</p> <p>Staff believes that the city should still charge the second fee (2): for three years energy and maintenance--\$294 per light.</p> <p>The street light fee would change from \$1,994 per light to \$294 per light. Based on scenario #1, the total street lights fee would drop from \$63,808 to \$9,408.</p> <p>Staff Note: Developer must install standard light. City will own and maintain in the future. The city will ensure developer completes the work by including in development escrow. The escrow would be \$54,400.</p>	\$54,400 reduction (1,700*32 lights)
Traffic Signs	<p>Staff suggested the elimination of traffic signs fees; this would become a developer installed improvement.</p> <p>Based on development scenario #1, the city would charge \$225 per sign (\$3,375 for the entire development).</p> <p>Staff Note: Ensure developer completes the work by including in development escrow. The escrow would be \$3,375.</p>	\$3,375 reduction, traffic signs
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SAC Handling Fee	This fee is going to be reduced from \$200 per address to \$25 per address in 2012. Based on development scenario #1, that is a change from \$24,000 to \$3,000.	<u>\$21,000</u> reduction, SAC Handling Fee
Water/Sewer Trunk	Staff would like to note that in the event that the city updates their sewer and water comprehensive studies, it is likely these fees will drop. NOTE: Ramsey was projected to have a population of 35,000 today in the study conducted in 2004.	<u>Unknown</u> change
Top Soil	Per council direction Ramsey has reduced the requirement of topsoil from 6 to 4 inches.	<u>Unknown</u> change

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