

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**
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NOTICE OF INDETERMINATE REVENUE IMPACT

Impact Explanation: Currently, the governing body may prescribe fees to defray the costs incurred in acting upon an appeal from a hearings officer, planning commission, or other designated person. The amount of the fee may not be more than the average cost of such appeals or the actual cost of the appeal.

The measure would allow the governing body to charge a “reasonable” fee for acting on an appeal that does not exceed 10 percent of the original application fee or \$1,000, whichever is less. That original application fee is required to be no more than the average cost of acting on that appeal.

Additionally, the governing body may establish a fee of \$500 or the actual cost of preparing a transcript, whichever is less. This is no change from current law.

Fees charged for these vary between counties, and within counties, between various permitted activities. If fees, on average, remain at or below the costs of acting on an appeal, there is no revenue impact. The requirement that fees be “reasonable” is arguably not the same as the explicit requirement that they be below the cost of providing the service. There may be an unknown positive revenue impact if a determination is made that a reasonable fee is one that costs more than the cost of providing the service, and the original application fee is high enough to support a fee that is greater than the cost of acting on appeal.

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