

May 4, 2009

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Subject: Fees for Planning Appeals.

On August 21, 2007, per the "Action Summary Minutes" of that days hearing, the Board took the following action in regards to "Fees for Planning Appeals" Item 29.1 (originally 24):

1. *"Approved proposed revisions to land use decision appeal fess and approved related actions; with the change that the **applicant appeal fees be reduced as is proposed for the non-applicant**; and that staff report back at Budget Hearings 2008/2009 on the cost, implications, and evidence that the filing of appeals has increased or decreased.*

2. In the staff report for item 29.1 under *2. Appeals to the Planning Commission* it states: "**A flat fee is charged to all appellants of \$2,566 (proposed at \$2,668 for FY 2007-2008)**".

Unfortunately the Boards' direction given on August 21, 2007 did not occur, the current Uniform Fee Schedule for the County of Santa Cruz County does not indicate a flat fee that is equal for both applicant and non-applicant, instead it indicates that the applicant is charged "at cost".

Since August 21, 2007, no intentional action has been taken by the Board to change the direction given at the August 21, 2007 hearing unless such actions was taken in violation of the Brown Act.

Please schedule a public hearing to address the conflict with the current Unified Fee Schedule and the direction given by the Board of Supervisors on August 21, 2007 regarding planning appeals fees (copies enclosed).

Thank you for the Boards' consideration.

Sincerely,

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Architect