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Bringing Permit Fees to 2012 Levels

Fees Raised to Cover Costs

Hillsborough Township introduced an ordinance repealing Chapter 145 Uniform Construction Code, Section 3, Construction Fee Schedule and replacing it with revised language.

Over the course of time and various administrations, fee schedules are adjusted and historically were much higher in Hillsborough. Over the 2006-2010 timeframe, the Township introduced reductions in the fee schedule to be more economically accommodating to the applicant. It served its purpose at that particular time.

Application fees are intended to cover the expense associated with the plan review process for the application as well as the actual cost of performing the inspection. In essence the building department is to be a self-funded entity.

In 2009, the Department of Community Affairs, the state regulatory body overseeing local construction departments adopted various code changes that had a direct negative impact on the local departments. These stricter guidelines involve more time from the local level in terms of the plan review process and the overall inspection. This translates into higher expenses for the Township.

The Township's move to increase the Construction Fee schedule is mainly to cover the costs incurred with the departments required plan review and the actual inspections. In times of lean budgets, a balanced departmental budget is necessary.