



# VILLAGE OF HARVEYSBURG

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Village Council  
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Subject: Explanation of Building Department Fees and Their Importance

Dear Village Council,

I am writing to express my understanding of the building department fees and the significance they hold in our community's development and safety. As a member of this community and an individual keen on upholding responsible construction practices, I believe it is essential to shed light on the reasons behind these fees.

Building department fees serve a crucial purpose in ensuring that our community's growth is well-regulated and complies with local building codes and regulations. These fees are carefully calculated to cover the costs associated with processing permit applications, conducting thorough plan reviews, and performing necessary inspections throughout the construction process.

The following are the key factors that contribute to the determination of building department fees:

1. **Professional Expertise:** The building department employs skilled professionals who review construction plans and inspect projects to guarantee compliance with safety standards and building codes. These experts play a vital role in safeguarding the well-being of our community.
2. **Infrastructure and Resources:** Maintaining a functional building department requires proper infrastructure, advanced technology, and sufficient resources. The fees collected help cover the costs of maintaining and upgrading these essential facilities.

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3. **Public Safety:** Strict adherence to building codes and regulations is essential for public safety. By ensuring that all constructions meet the required standards, we mitigate the risks of potential accidents and hazards, thereby safeguarding lives and property.
4. **Sustainable Growth:** Properly planned and regulated construction fosters sustainable growth in our community. Building department fees facilitate the development of well-designed structures that can stand the test of time and contribute to the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings.
5. **Environmental Considerations:** Responsible construction practices take into account environmental impacts. Building department fees also contribute to initiatives that promote eco-friendly building techniques and materials, leading to a greener and more sustainable future.

While we understand that building department fees may represent an additional financial burden for individuals and businesses, it is crucial to acknowledge the long-term benefits they provide for the entire community. By investing in a well-functioning building department, we collectively ensure the prosperity and safety of our region.

As a responsible and engaged member of our community, I fully support the efforts of our building department and the prudent allocation of the fees collected. I encourage open dialogue and transparency in the process, allowing residents and stakeholders to comprehend the necessity of these fees and the positive impact they have on our community's well-being.

Thank you for your time and dedication in managing our building department. I look forward to continued progress and prosperity for our community through your valuable contributions.

Sincerely,



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