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To: Erin Powers, Stormwater Enterprise **From:** Ryan Klein, Public Policy Chair

Date: 11/6/2023

Subject: 2024 Proposed SWENT Review and GEC Permit Fee Adjustments

On behalf of the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (CSHBA), we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to review the proposed 2024 Stormwater Review and Grading and Erosion Control (GEC) Permit fee adjustments. While all increases to development and building costs are taken seriously (as they all play a role in housing attainability), we understand that the proposed fee adjustments are based on actual cost increases experienced by the city to perform document reviews, permit processing and inspections.

After review from our members, no major concerns were identified regarding the proposed fees. The fee adjustments seem reasonable and justified, considering the current inflationary conditions. It's important to note that as costs stabilize, we may experience periods where no fee increases should be applied.

Only one (1) clarification is requested related to SWENT Review Fees. A new "Variance" Review Fee is proposed that is not currently in place. We assume this is for "Non-Routine" Variances, and therefore a clarification on the Fee list is requested to identify this new fee is only for Non-Routine Variances only.

We appreciate the City's ongoing commitment to review and identify cost-saving measures as well as efforts to adjust fees to reflect current market costs to build. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Stormwater Enterprise team.

Thank you,





Ryan Klein 2023 HBA Public Policy Chair