



Department of Planning and
Development
Benchmarking

Peer Communities & Strategic Leadership Visit Communities

- San Mateo County
- Cobb County
- Anne Arundel County
- Denver
- Fairfax County
- Raleigh

Benchmarking - Services

	<u>Permits/Review/Planning</u>	<u>Code Comp</u>	<u>GIS</u>	<u>Econ Dev</u>	<u>Lic & Rev</u>
Gwinnett	X			X	X
San Mateo	X	X	X		
Cobb	X	X	X		X
Anne Arundel	X	X	X		X
Denver	X				
Fairfax	X	X			
Raleigh	X	X	X	X	

Benchmarking - Budget

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Gwinnett	12.3	12.9	13.3/9.9/8.8	8.0/6.7
San Mateo	11.9	13.6	10.9	11.1
Cobb	7.3	7.8	8.1	7.6
Anne Arundel	18.9	22.1	20.5	
Denver		17.2	17.9	15.9
Fairfax	25.1	30.0	28.2	
Raleigh	16.2	16.5	15.6	

Rates and Fees Initiative

How we got here

- In late 2008, a SVR team was created to review rates and fees across the county to determine if changes should be made. P&D created an internal work group to review our fee schedule.
- In most of the sections, fees have not been increased for a number of years although the cost to the county to provide the service has increased.
- Surrounding jurisdictions were surveyed and this information was used to develop proposed fee increases. Based on this information, several new sources of revenue are also proposed.

Fee increases we are proposing

- Rezoning/SUP/CIC applications
- Buffer Reductions/MIH/MUO/MUD/HRR applications
- Zoning Certification Letters
- Public Notice Sign Deposits (fully refundable)
- Waivers and Variances
- Development Permits
- Building Permit Revisions
- Fire Plan Reviews
- Burial Disturbance Permits
- Tall Structure Permits
- Sign Permits

New fees we propose

- Administrative Water/Sewer Variances and Development Regulation Modifications
- Stream Buffer Variances
- Plan Review and Re-review
- Permit Revisions
- Utility Construction Permits
- Fire Plan Review and Permits
- Code Compliance and Assessment Inspections
- Co-Location Applications and Revisions

Fees that are not affected

- Re-inspections for Building
- Development Certification Letters
- Building Permits
- Certificate of Occupancy/Completion
- Penalty for construction prior to permit issuance
- Burial Disturbance Permits

Why we need a fee increase

- If approved, our fees will be in line with fees charged by other jurisdictions.
- The increased fees will more adequately offset the cost to Gwinnett County to provide the service.
- This increase in fees is necessary to proceed with our proposed outsourcing model.

Summary

- Without a fee increase and the addition of plan review fees, it will be impossible to proceed with our proposed business plan which includes an outsourcing model.