



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 22, 2020

APPROVED:

DATE: 9/22/20

SUBJECT: Final Adoption of Ordinances - Commercial Linkage Fee.

RECOMMENDATION

For those Commercial Linkage Fee policy elements already approved by Council, but not yet reflected in the ordinance before the Council today, return to Council at a noticed public hearing for changes to the ordinance and/or the fee setting resolution, the following remaining elements by the end of January, 2021, including but not limited to:

1. Implementation of 50,000 square foot exemption for small/ mid-sized office space less than 100,000 square feet, and
2. Potential fee reductions for projects that
 - a. build or buy affordable housing in parallel with commercial development, or
 - b. implement quantifiable and comparable sustainability measures.

BACKGROUND

Several of the Commercial Linkage Fee recommendations approved on September 1st require additional time for staff analysis that extend beyond the adoption of the resolution and ordinance. These items include recommendations from several memos. Timely analysis is critical for the development community because these items could result in changes that affect the viability of their projects, for better or worse.