

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
DECEMBER 16, 2014 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>Construction and related fee increase schedule</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	Approval of a new fee schedule, updating the current City of Little Rock fees per Ordinance No. 19,458 that was effective on January 1, 2006.	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	This increase would provide additional funds to the City.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approval of the ordinance.	
<b>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</b>	Staff has met with construction organizations to discuss the fee increase proposals. In addition, letters were sent to each organization outlining these proposals	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	The last increase in fees was approved on December 13, 2005, with an effective date of January 1, 2006. This increase would amount to an approximate 3% increase across the board; however, some fees would remain unchanged. The City has delayed past fee increase proposals due to the down-turn in construction activity. For the past two (2) years, construction activity has rebounded and staff feels that this is the right time to increase fees. A survey was performed comparing the increased fees with the fees of other municipalities in the State and other municipalities our size regionally and Little Rock is comparable or below with this fee assessment and in many cases with the proposed fees	