

## Codes Administration

### Q&A From WebEx Meeting 5/13/2020

1. Follow up questions for Codes, keeping things staffed is good, however I'd like to understand if adding staff would not only pay for that new staff, but also generate more revenue to the general fund?

#### **Codes Response:**

Yes. The report issued by the Council's "Special Committee on Enforcement of our Codes" recommended 10 new positions. Those positions were designated to address specific areas within the Department where delays were occurring due to staffing shortages. The premise being to address specific areas of delay so that builders/developers/homeowners could obtain building permits more quickly and navigate the permitting, inspection, and final Use & Occupancy stages more efficiently in order to bring new property taxes online. As a result of that recommendation, the Finance department performed an analysis of the 10 proposed positions and concluded that the addition of the positions would pay for themselves and result in increased revenues. The positions were approved by Human Resources and the hiring process was initiated. Immediately thereafter, the hiring freeze went into effect and no further action to fill the positions could be taken. Bill Herbert