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Cc: Brian Pedrotti; Andrew Perez; Patrick Holub
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Hi Jen and Jon,

Thank you for your request to waive Building Permit Fees on the reconstruction of your flood-damaged home. We are sympathetic to the challenges this has caused your family.

However, after evaluating all available options, staff determined that we cannot reduce or waive the fees for your building permit (BLD23-000515). The City's Municipal Code does not authorize any City staff to grant a fee waiver or fee reduction for building permits. Staff also investigated whether a portion of the City's FEMA funding can be used to offset your permit fees, but federal regulations prohibit the City from using that funding for projects located on private property. Building Permit fees are not revenue generating, they are used to cover the cost of building plan checks and building inspections along with other associated staff time.

Only the City Council can grant fee waivers for building permits. The use of public funds to subsidize a private construction project compromises the City's responsibility in managing our public budget/General Fund.

With this information, there has been no indication that the Council would support waiving or reducing fees for the replacement of a private single-family home that was damaged during the past January 2023 storm events. As staff, will make sure that we streamline the permitting process of rebuilding your home and help in any way possible. As you know from the recent status email from Patrick Holub from our office, plan check corrections were sent to your architect on 10/16. As soon as the corrections are returned to us, we will make sure to review the corrections from your architect that day or the next, and if adequate, we will issue the permit.

If you and your building team would like to meet our staff and Building Inspector just before you break ground or any time that would be helpful, we can coordinate a meeting time.

Lastly, we confirmed with the LMUSD that no "School Fees" will be assessed on your reconstruction permit.

Thank you.



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