David Madore added 2 new photos. 
July 17 at 5:58pm · Edited ·

Ready to lower fees again:
See that blue line climbing like it never has before? The June report of our Building Permits Fund, released today, shows that we ought to lower our fees for residential permits again.

Since we adopted our pro-jobs Fee Waiver program (vertical line on the graph) and streamlined our new more efficient permit processes, we are saving lots of money and not having to collect so much. So the logical step is to pass those savings on to our customers, our bosses (you).

We had a couple candidate forums this week that allowed us all to hear what some of the uninformed candidates are saying like - we can’t afford to continue the fee waiver program. It is unsustainable, it will raise taxes, it is not working. They must not be aware of the actual record. It speaks for itself.

The second set of graphs shows the unprecedented revenue pouring into our road fund (slope of the blue line) since we adopted our pro-jobs Fee Waiver program in June 2013. We are also in the process of lowering our Traffic Impact Fees for residential permits. That too will pass on the savings to our bosses (you). Click to enlarge the images.

Our county is in high gear building and improving numerous new roads and adding new smart traffic signal systems so drivers can quickly move about our community. Watch us grow, prosper, and thrive, as we keep lowering fees and are on track to lower property taxes. I am shooting for a 2% reduction in December for next year.

Thank God! Yea Clark County!

Community Development Building Activity 2009-2015
Allen Hoff Why is it, when a person has to re-shingle his house, he is suppose to have a building permit? But when the job is completed, you call in for the inspection, well there is no inspection. They might send someone to do a drive by, but no way does any ins... See More
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David Madore Allen Hoff, we've inherited lots of code and processes from previous Boards. Step by step, we are sorting it out to simplify and do things smarter. I'm working on a long list.
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David Madore Allen Hoff, the pro-charter folks misinform citizens by claiming this is a part time job. I suppose it could be if we just let government do what it does best, grow more expensive and intrusive.

My wife has been so gracious to support me putting in... See More
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Allen Hoff David, not arguing at all. Like I said, I do appreciate your answer. I voted NO on that charter because I realize, with the makeup of those drawing up the charter, the average home owner/taxpayer would be getting screwed. Well, that part hasn't happen... See More
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Robert Dean If you want to discourage bad behaviour you impose penalties (fines). If you want to discourage economic prosperity you tax it (impose fees).
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David Clark

Seriously, do you really have to get a permit to re-roof the house? Not even Oregon is that nutty.

Like · Reply · July 18 at 2:04pm

David Madore

David Clark, yes, that's the code that we inherited. We are looking into each concern expressed by citizens as they bring them to our attention.

Thanks

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David Clark

Some permits could be made voluntary - if you want county inspection for quality of work get a (voluntary) permit (or make county inspections available for a fee for those who want the inspector looking over the contractor's work, but NOTHING required.

Like · Reply · July 19 at 12:28am

David Madore

David Clark, most permits, of course, are required by state and/or federal law. I will look into your idea to see if any permit types can be made of optional. Thanks

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