



H.F. 1085

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Subject Building permit fees

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Summary

This bill changes how municipalities set building permit and inspection fees for new one- and two-family dwellings and townhomes. Requires, beginning January 1, 2022, that each municipality's schedule of fees for the building permit and inspection services it provides be based on the square footage of the building under review for new one- and two-family dwellings and townhomes. Specifies that such fee schedule must then be publicly available on the city website, by mail upon request, or for review at city hall.

Currently, the state requires only that the municipal fee schedule be legally adopted and fair, reasonable, and proportionate to the actual cost to the municipality of providing the service. Many municipalities currently tie many of their fees to the total valuation of the building being inspected.