



Rebuilding Dreams CCR

Item #3

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST



According to the CCR, there were an average of 43 residential fires per month over the last two years.

City fees related to permitting and inspections (building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing) contribute to cost burden when families seek to repair or rebuild their home.

There are no fee waiver policies or home rehabilitation programs specifically addressing fire-damaged properties.

Rebuilding Dreams

The CCR requests the use of home rehabilitation resources, including fee waivers, for homeowners who are rebuilding fire-damaged homes.

Staff are asked to consider the following:

- Annual fee waiver funds that can go toward this effort
- Eligibility/program qualifications which mirror those from COSA's Home Rehabilitation programs and includes stipulations that funds should not be used for homes that were vacant when a fire occurred or for homes that experienced a fire due to arson/insurance fraud.
- Best practices from entities who work with homeowners experiencing a house fire.
- The implementation of a rolling application period.

Submitted by District 5 and supported by Districts 2, 4, 6, and 9.

Staff Recommendation



Next Steps

- Staff recommends a comprehensive update to the COSA Fee Waiver Program policy, to include provisions for fire-damaged property, return to the Planning and Community Development Committee.