

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001

Present: Ald. Yates (Chairman), Ald. Sangiolo, Johnson, Merrill, and Gentile

Absent: Ald. M. Lipof, Baker, and Mansfield

Also present: Ald. Basham and Samuelson,

City officials: Ouida Young (Law) and Lou Mercuri (Planning)

ITEM RECOMMITTED BY FULL BOARD ON 2/20/01:

#508-98(2) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE recommending that Chapter 17, **Fees for certain licenses and permits**, be amended by adding a new subsection under “Special Permits” listing the thresholds for implementation of #508-98.

ZAP APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 (M. LIPOF NOT VOTING) ON 9/25.

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0

NOTE: Alderman Basham explained her concerns with the implementation of the Development Review fees ordinance by the Board. Her primary concern was the timing of requests for fees as proposed in the draft rules change 508-98(3). Ms. Young shared this primary concern. However, since that item had been chartered at the last Board meeting, the Chairman asked that the Committee focus on the recommitted item. Alderman Basham explained that her main concern with this item was that the listing of specific types of petitions that might be subject to development review fees was too limited and that other types of petitions might need outside reviews. Alderman Gentile and the rest of the Committee agreed that explicit language giving broader discretion to the Board of Aldermen would be appropriate. Alderman Basham also said that the reference of “these criteria” was unclear. Ms. Young stated further that upon further deliberation, she did not feel that a separate reference to the fees in section 17 was necessary. The City has already accepted the general legislation, and each board is then authorized to implement it by rules and regulations. It was decided that after the current amendment to the Chartered item is voted on, the item should be committed to the Programs and Services Committee and the Zoning and Planning Committee for a joint meeting. The membership of the two Committees includes five common members. With that understanding, the Committee voted No Action Necessary 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. Brian Yates, Chairman