

# RESOLUTION 2126

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THAT THE CITY WILL ONLY REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING BY STATUTE; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL PERMITTING ASSISTANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SET REASONABLE FEES CONSISTENT WITH RCW 36.70B.160.**

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to declare and establish actions for compliance with Second Substitute Senate Bill 5290 (“S.B. 5290”) passed by the Washington Legislature in the year 2023 codified as RCW 36.70B.160; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended language of RCW 36.70B.160 encourages local government to adopt further project review and code provisions to provide prompt, coordinated permit review and ensure accountability to applicants and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to adopt these three project review and code provisions, listed below in Sections 1 through 3, in the interest of prompt, coordinated review and accountability and consistent with RCW 36.70B.160(1);

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City has amended its land use permitting codes to only require public hearings for permit applications that are required to have a public hearing(s) by statute consistent with RCW 36.70B.160(1)(f).

**Section 2.** The Director of Community and Economic Development is authorized to contract for on-call permitting assistance for when permit volumes or staffing levels change rapidly as provided under RCW 36.70B.160(1)(d) and if funds for such assistance are in the approved City budget.

**Section 3.** The Director of Community and Economic Development is authorized to set “reasonable fees” as provided under RCW 36.70B.160(1)(b). Those fees will be set to charge the City’s actual costs to process applications, inspect plans, and review plans. The City historically has charged for actual costs and this Resolution specifically adopts the actual costs as reasonable fees under RCW 36.70B.160(1)(b).

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND,  
WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

**CITY OF NORTH BEND:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Mary Miller, Mayor**

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**Kendra Rosenberg, City Attorney**

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:**

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Posted: September 18, 2024

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**Susie Oppedal, City Clerk**