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Subject: Voluntary Guidelines for Fee Calculations in Relationship to Building Permits

BACKGROUND

The voluntary guidelines listed below are meant to give building officials a tool that can be voluntarily chosen to be used as a quick reference to ensure that the fees for the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals and the authority having jurisdiction are based upon a reasonable and fair construction value, or that the declared value is out of line and additional documentation is to be required by the building department.

GUIDELINES

The voluntary guidelines are based upon a staff review of *R.S. Means* using their average class of construction and materials commonly used in South Florida and are as follows:

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals		
Voluntary Cost of Construction Guidelines		
TYPE OF BUILDING	NUMBER OF STORIES	COST PER SQUARE FOOT
Single Family	1	\$130.00
Low Rise, Multi-Family	1-3	\$151.00
Mid Rise, Multi-Family	4-7	\$170.00
High Rise, Multi-Family	8 or more	\$189.00
Commercial /Industrial Office	1	\$165.00
Commercial /Industrial Retail	1	\$117.00
Commercial /Industrial Warehouse	1	\$100.00

NOTE: Actual cost of construction should be verified utilizing RS Means, Contracts, or other documentation required by the Building Official.