

## **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE:** C14-07-0019 South Lamar Condos

**PC Date:** March 13, 2007  
March 27, 2007  
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April 24, 2007

**CC Date:** May 24, 2007  
June 7, 2007

**ADDRESS:** 3508 South Lamar

**AREA:** 4.010 acres

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** ASC Management (Peter Barlin)

**AGENT:** Shaw Hamilton Consultants (Shaw Hamilton)

**ZONING FROM:** GR

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

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### **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

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**WATERSHED:** Barton Creek      **DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** No      **HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY:** No

### **REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Barton Hills Neighborhood Association
- South Central Coalition
- Austin Neighborhoods Council
- Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- Austin Independent School District

### **SCHOOLS: (AISD)**

Zilker Elementary School      O. Henry Middle School      Austin High School

### **ABUTTING STREETS:**

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**CITY COUNCIL DATE:**

**ACTION:**

**May 24 2007:**

Postponed to June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**June 7, 2007:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

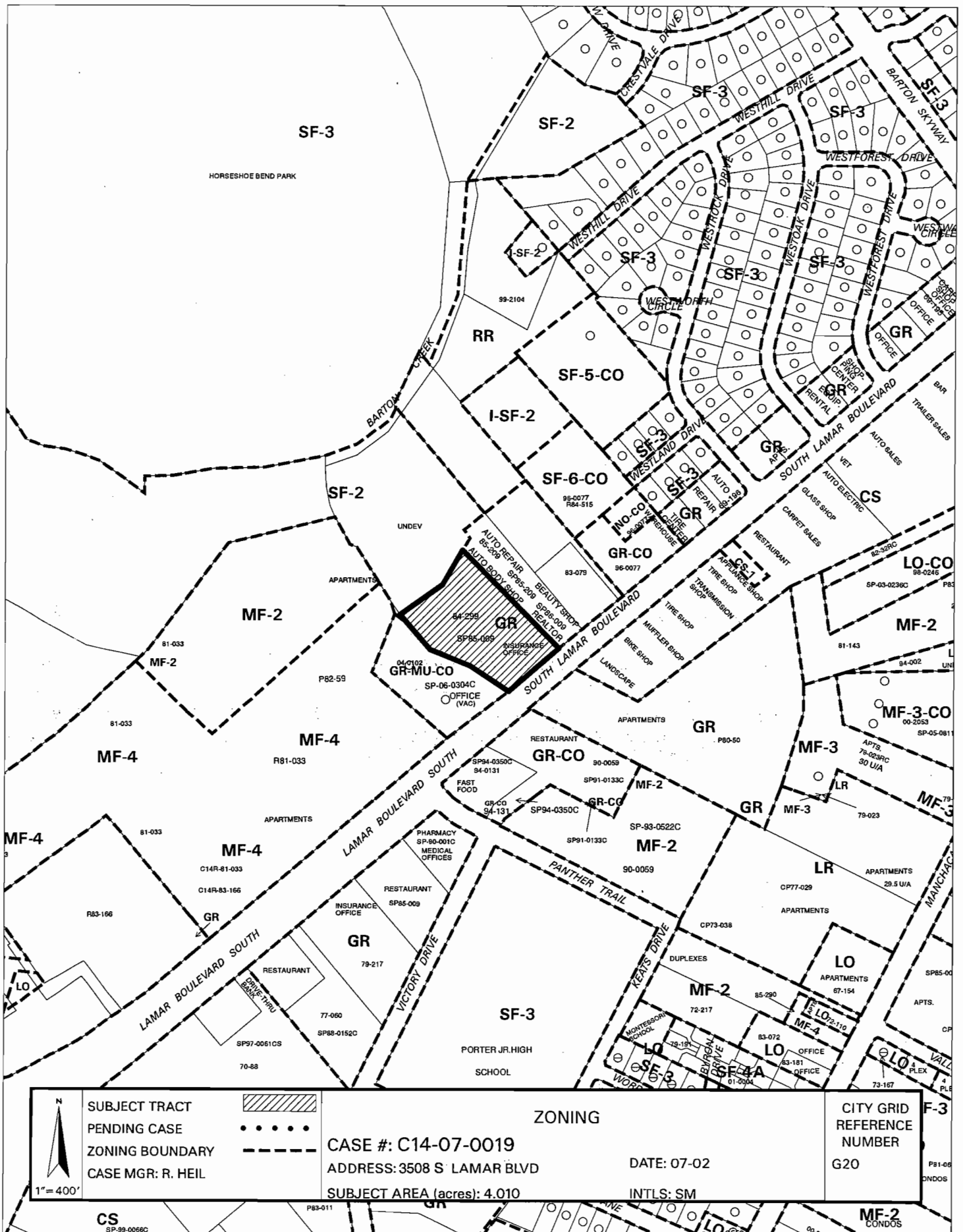
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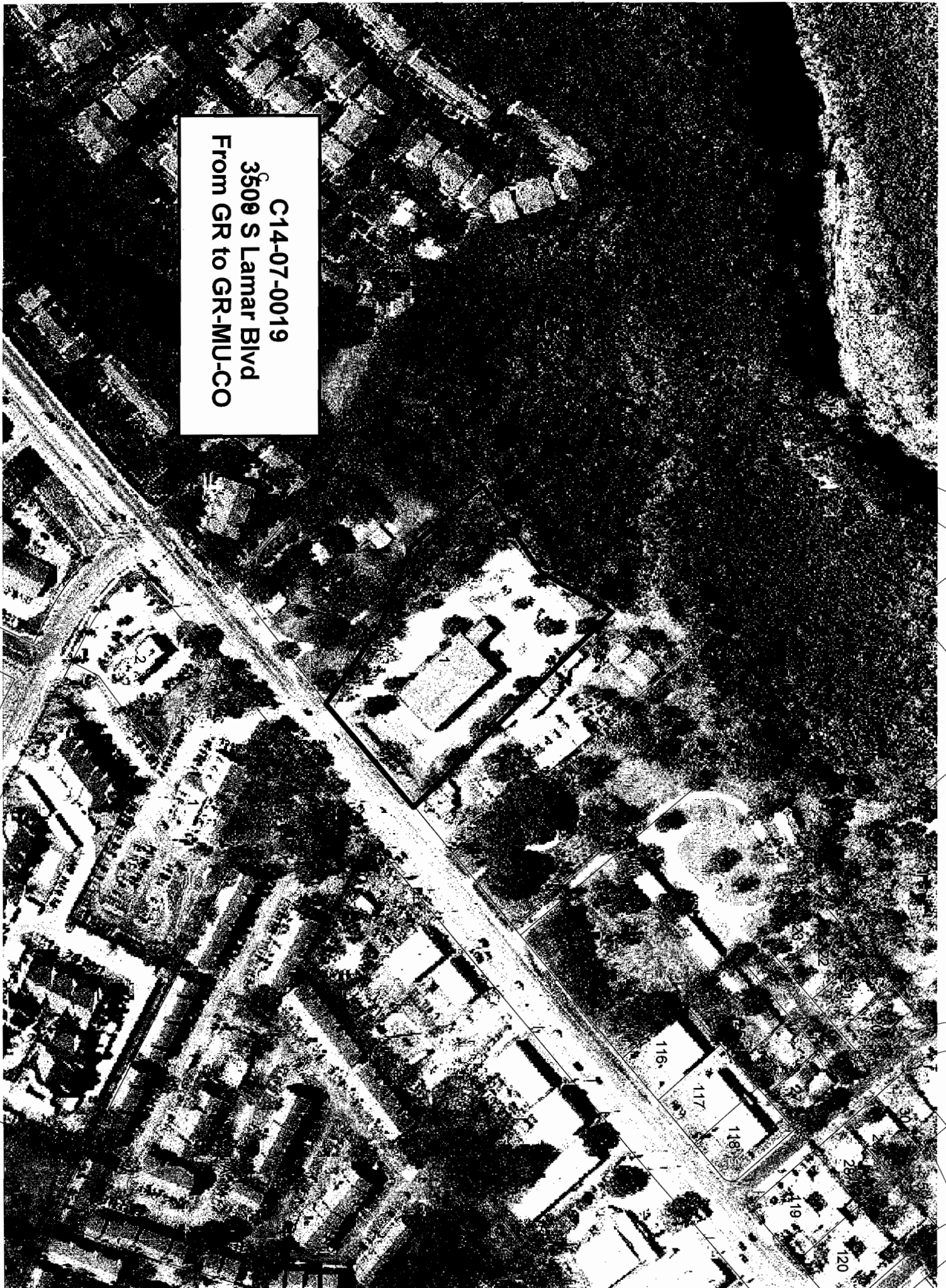
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## **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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## **BASIS FOR LAND USE RECOMMENDATION (ZONING PRINCIPLES)**

1. *The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

Community commercial (GR) district is the designation for an office or other commercial use that serves neighborhood and community needs and that generally is accessible from major traffic ways. The purpose of the mixed use (MU) combining district is to allow office, retail, commercial and residential uses to be combined in a single development.

2. *Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.*

Community commercial-mixed use is compatible with the surrounding mix of multi-family and intense commercial uses, and is appropriate along an arterial roadway like Lamar Blvd.

## **Transportation**

No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.

The trip generation under the requested zoning is estimated to be 8,500 trips per day, assuming that the site develops to the maximum intensity allowed under the zoning classification (without consideration of setbacks, environmental constraints, or other site characteristics).

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## **Existing Street Characteristics:**

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## **Environmental**

The site straddles the divide between the Barton Creek and West Bouldin Creek Watersheds of the Colorado River Basin, which are classified as a Barton Springs Zone (BSZ) watershed and an Urban watershed, respectively. According to current maps, however, the entire site lies in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, which is in the Drinking Water Protection Zone. A geological and drainage study may be necessary to accurately determine the boundaries of each watershed and the recharge zone.

Barton Springs Zone - Project applications at the time of this report are subject to the SOS Ordinance that allows 15% impervious cover in the recharge zone, 20% impervious cover in the Barton Creek watershed and 25% impervious cover in the Contributing zone. This tract lies in the Recharge Zone.

Urban - Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.

According to flood plain maps, there is no flood plain within the project location.

The site borders the endangered species survey area.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding existing trees and other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves sinkholes, and wetlands.

Barton Springs Zone - Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to providing structural sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention. Runoff from the site is required to comply with pollutant load restrictions as specified in LDC Section 25-8-514.

Urban - This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

### **Site Plan**

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code regulations.

The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the Northwest (rear) property line, the following standards apply:

- a. No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
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- d. No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- e. A landscape area at least 15 feet in width is required along the property line if tract is zoned MF-3, MF-4, MF-5, MH, NO, or LO.
- f. A landscape area at least 25 feet in width is required along the property line if the tract is zoned LR, GO, GR, L, CS, CS-1, or CH.
- g. In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.
- h. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

### **Water and Wastewater**

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing the water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extension, system upgrades, utility adjustments, and utility relocation. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. The plan must be in accordance with the City design criteria. The water and wastewater utility construction must be inspected by the City. The landowner must pay the associated and applicable City fees.