

ORDINANCE NO. 20150305-027

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CLINIC AT 1101 CAMINO LA COSTA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Findings.

- (A) Founded in 1970 by a group of volunteer doctors and nurses, People's Community "Clinic" is among the nation's oldest independent clinics offering high quality, affordable, comprehensive health and wellness care to uninsured and underinsured individuals in Central Texas, whose services are offered on a sliding scale basis.
- (B) In 2012, the Clinic provided 34,000 visits with medical providers, 75 percent of which were with patients at or below 100 percent of the U.S. federal poverty level.
- (C) In the 2010 Census, Travis County had an uninsured rate over 22.5 percent.
- (D) The location of this new clinic is in the St. John neighborhood and 78752 zip code. The Clinic estimates that 65 to 80 percent of the residents in the area have incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and that 70,000 individuals in the area are not currently accessing safety net services.
- (E) According to a 2007 study from the University of Texas at Austin, new Clinic patients used the emergency room nearly 33 percent less frequently than they did in the year prior to becoming Clinic patients. Further savings can be determined with Clinic visits costing one-fourth of an average trip to an emergency room. With \$34,000 in waived fees, the Clinic estimates they will be able to provide 170 encounters with healthcare professionals for patients who otherwise might not receive services.
- (F) The Clinic has received a \$10 million grant from the St. David's Foundation to create a new facility.
- (G) The new 54,000-square-foot clinic is estimated to provide approximately 10,000 residents access to medical care—surpassing their existing ability to see patients in the current 17,000-square-foot facility.

(H) The new clinic is a refurbished facility that will include special features such as a teaching kitchen and classrooms for Clinic providers and health educators to help patients improve their own health and will have double the staff available by adding approximately 125 new employees in upcoming years.

(I) The Clinic plans to begin seeing patients in the new building by late 2015.

PART 2. WAIVER. Council approves the waiver of the following City building permit fees associated with the construction of the project described in Part 1 of this ordinance:

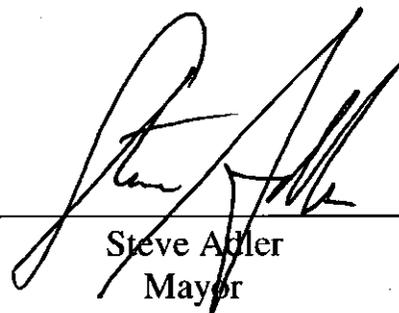
Building Permit – Remodel	\$26,690.56
Building Permit - New	\$1,004.64
Electrical Permit – Remodel	\$1,880.32
Electrical Permit – New	\$456.56
HVAC Permit - Remodel	\$1,404.00
Plumbing Permit - Remodel	\$1,241.76
Building Plan Updates	<u>\$1,125.28</u>
Total fees:	\$33,803.12

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on March 16, 2015.

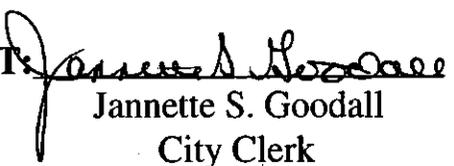
PASSED AND APPROVED

March 5, 2015

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: 
Anne L. Morgan
Interim City Attorney

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk