

## **BUILDING AND ZONING FEES 2008**

After reviewing the Miami-Dade County, City of Aventura, Village of Key Biscayne, City of Doral, Village of Pinecrest, City of South Miami, and City of Miami's Fee Schedules it was concluded that, in comparison, the City of Coral Gables is below in the permit pricing.

Different points:

1. The minimum permit fee was last raised in the Building & Zoning Department from \$50.00 to \$65.00 in September 23, 1998. Ten years later Staff is proposing a \$10.00 increase. Miami-Dade County's minimum fee is \$130.00 and other municipalities throughout the county have a \$100.00 minimum.
2. Throughout the county other municipalities charge for the first re-inspection; Coral Gables does not. The inspectors perform the first inspection at no cost to the customer. A re-inspection fee is incurred after the second rejection result. The Department does not charge the customer for a partial or a courtesy inspection, either. The inspectors are available to meet with customers on the jobsite or at the office to review reasons for a rejection in order to assist and avoid delays at the construction site. All these factors create an increase to the fuel cost and the inspector's review time. Staff is proposing to raise the re-inspection fee to \$100.00.
3. The building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing fees have been increased in order to be in line with the industry standards and the other municipalities.
4. Other fees addressed in the Miscellaneous Section are for clarification purposes only; such as the bond and refunds. They are not increases.