



Development Services Department

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MEMORANDUM

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From: Nicole M. Knapp, Director *Nicole M. Knapp*

Date: June 25, 2026

Subject: Interim Permit Fee Reductions for Private Provider Services (Fla. Stat. § 553.791)

Summary of Revisions

To remain compliant with section 553.791, Florida Statutes (as updated by House Bill 803), local jurisdictions must reduce the building permit fee, by the amount of cost savings realized for such serves, if the fee owner or fee owner’s contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review and/or building inspection services.

Effective July 1, 2026, and continuing until such time as the Manatee County Development Services Building Fee Schedule (effective April 1, 2023, via Resolution(s) 23-043, 23-045, and 23-046) is formally updated, this memo serves as official directive to apply the following fee reductions:

- **Single Service:** If a fee owner, or the fee owner's contractor, retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, the permit fee is reduced by 25 percent of the portion attributed to that specific service, as applicable.
- **Both Services:** If the fee owner, or the fee owner's contractor, retains a private provider for both plans review and building inspection services, the permit fee is reduced by 50 percent of the amount otherwise charged for such services.

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