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Good afternoon,
Thank you for the presentation regarding the proposed amendments to 20.11.2 NMAC, Fees.
Councilor Jones has a concern regarding the fee increases being proposed. Specifically the automatic adjustment of fees by Consumer Price Index (CPI.) The Councilor's concern with the use of a annual CPI adjustment is the potential for a CPI increase that out weighs actual cost of the Division and/or is not in line with actual changes in the Albuquerque market.
The Councilor does suggest that a cap of the yearly increase in fees by CPI, the standard cap used currently is 5-6%. It is also suggested that the need for an increase of fees ,even if increase is according to CPI or any proposed cap, should have a required evaluation and justification done at least every three years.
These suggestions are meant not to say CPI should not be used but for a check/balance of the sometime extreme fluctuation of CPI.
Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Elizabeth

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