

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain municipalities require that when a landowner or developer submits various documents required by the municipality for approval associated with a development project, the landowner or developer is required to pay whatever legal fees the municipality assesses when reviewing or approving the project. This practice results in the landowner or developer having to pay for the city to approve such a project. H.B. 2466 prohibits a municipality of 25,000 or more from passing the legal fee that is incurred in the review of a development project to the landowner, developer, or other third party.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter Z, Chapter 212, Local Government Code, by adding Section 212.904, as follows:

Sec. 212.904. COSTS FOR MUNICIPAL APPROVAL OF PLAT OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Prohibits the municipality, for a development project that requires the approval of a municipality with a population of 25,000 or more, from requiring a developer or a third party to pay the legal fees the municipality incurs in the review of the project.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.