

RELIEF AT CITY OF SAN DIEGO RE: FEES

Builders whose projects have stalled because of the recession may get some relief from the San Diego City Council today when it considers extensions for permits and deferral of fees.

Under a proposed ordinance, project maps, permits and other entitlements would be given extensions of from 12 to 18 months. Under a separate ordinance, developers would be allowed to postpone paying certain upfront fees until projects are complete.

The upfront fees pay for community infrastructure, such as parks and fire stations. Applicants seeking deferrals would have to pay the city \$300 to process the request.

The city's independent budget analyst said in a report that the deferral of fees could provide a stimulus for construction projects because it would free up "limited capital." The report also noted that other jurisdictions, such as Chula Vista and San Diego County, are deferring fees

