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H.B. No. 342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to periodic reauthorization of municipal building permit fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.907 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.907. REAUTHORIZATION OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES. (a)

In this section, "building permit fee" means a fee charged by a municipality as a condition to constructing, renovating, or remodeling a structure.

(b) A building permit fee is abolished on the 10th anniversary after the date the fee is adopted or most recently reauthorized under this section unless the governing body of the municipality that adopted or reauthorized the fee:

(1) holds a public hearing on the reauthorization of the fee; and

(2) reauthorizes the fee by a majority vote of the governing body before that date.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.