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From: Robert Frances, P.E., Director  
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Subject: Testimony Regarding Building Excise Tax

The Departments of Inspections, Licenses, & Permits has proposed legislation changes to the County's "building excise tax" to better clarify that this fee would apply to parking garages. Our opinion is that this fee has always applied to parking garages, but recent events have proven that the language needs to be clearer.

In the proposed legislation, we have updated the definition section to specifically include *parking garages* and clarified the definition of *occupiable*.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to these code changes. The review of the square footage related to this fee, its applicability and assessment are already being addressed.

If you have any questions, I can be reached on x3946.

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