THE PROCESS

1 VISIT THE CITY
After you apply for a building permit, the City will review your construction plans and determine the square footage of accessible space and/or chargeable covered and enclosed space. The developer fee amounts to be paid to the District are calculated based on the assessable square footage.

2 EMAIL and MAIL THE DISTRICT
Effective April 1, 2020 Fees are collected via mail until further notice.

What to Do
- Email your building permit application form with the city’s calculation of assessable square footage of your project AND the LBUSD application form to developerfees@lbschools.net
- District will review and email you (the applicant) the final amount due to the District in Developer Fees

Payment
- Fees must be paid via overnight mail (check or money order only) to “LBUSD Developer Fee Collector” in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance.
- Once LBUSD is in receipt of the check, the district will complete the Certificate of Compliance forms and mail to the developer for signature with instructions to mail back a signed copy to the District.
- The City will require a copy of the Certificate of Compliance before it will issue your building permit.

REFUNDS & EXEMPTIONS

Upon written request within three years of the following circumstances, a REFUND of the amount paid (excluding a $50 refund processing fee) will be issued if construction does not begin, or the project is suspended or abandoned. An authorized written notice declaring that the building permit has been canceled must be delivered or sent to the Long Beach Unified School District (see address below). Refunds will be processed 30 to 60 days after receipt of notification and will only be issued to person(s) or entities listed on original check.

EXCLUSIONS from assessable space are provided for by Government Code Section 65995 and include: parking structures, carports, walkways, garages, overhangs or patios (including enclosed patios), detached accessory structures (other than Accessory Dwelling Units), or similarly enclosed areas.

EXEMPTIONS include structures that are tax exempt and used exclusively for religious purposes, private full-time day schools, as described in Education Code Section 48222, and structures owned and occupied by a governmental agency. If you are replacing a structure destroyed by a disaster, you may be exempt from fees. Residential Senior Housing (as designated by the project’s CC&Rs) will be assessed at the Level I Commercial rate. For further information on exemptions, demolition credits, senior housing reduced fee, and refunds, contact the District.

* Note that this brochure serves solely as a guideline and is intended to provide the user with the basic information to understand the Developer Fee process. For further information, please reference Education Code sections 17620, 17621, 17624 and Government Code sections 65995, 66011 and 66020.

Related reports, applications, and more online at: www.lbschools.net/developerfees

Checks or money orders are made payable to: “LBUSD Developer Fee Collector” (Returned checks assessed $25 processing fee)

Collection Hours:
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BACKGROUND

All new residential, commercial and industrial construction and/or an addition of covered or enclosed space are subject to the collection of developer fees. These fees help provide school facilities to accommodate new development. According to the law, this fee is determined by square footage of assessable space.

LEVEL I FEES are statutory school fees assessed to new construction, residential additions over 500 square feet, and to all commercial development.

FEES (per square foot, effective 06/1/20)

RESIDENTIAL
New Construction and Additions (+500 sq. ft.) $4.08 Level I - Statutory school fees

INDUSTRIAL $0.66 Level I - Statutory school fees

COMMERCIAL $0.66 Level I - Statutory school fees

NOTE: If demolition credit is applicable, applicant must ensure the demolition square footage is noted on the City authorized Letter.