

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2019 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/HB 127 — Permit Fees

by State Affairs Committee and Rep. Williamson and others (CS/SB 142 by Innovation, Industry, and Technology Committee and Senators Perry and Brandes)

A local government entity may provide a schedule of reasonable inspection fees in order to defer the costs of inspection and enforcement of the Florida Building Code. The local government entity's fees must be used solely for carrying out that local government entity's responsibilities in enforcing the Florida Building Code. The basis for the fee structure must relate to the level of service provided by the local government. The total estimated annual revenue derived from fees, and fines and investment earnings related to the fees, may not exceed the total estimated annual costs of allowable activities.

The bill requires the governing body of a local government to post its building permit and inspection fee schedules on its website. The bill also requires that by December 31, 2020, the governing body will post a newly required building permit and inspection utilization report. The report will include costs incurred and revenues derived from the enforcement of the Florida Building Code. After December 31, 2020, a local government must update the utilization report prior to amending its building permit and inspection fee schedule.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 110-0