Council Meeting Date: August 21, 2006 Agenda Item: 6(c)

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:

**Building & Inspections Team Report** 

**DEPARTMENT:** 

Planning and Development Services

PRESENTED BY:

Ray Allshouse, Building Official

Joe Tovar, Director of Planning and Development Services

## **ISSUE STATEMENT:**

This is one of a series of informational and discussion reports to the City Council on our various City programs. Each program briefing generally aligns with a program budget in the adopted 2006 budget. The intent is to provide Council an opportunity to review and discuss these areas in more depth than is usually available during the annual budget review process. It's an opportunity to discuss program staffing, activities, challenges, costs, performance measures, and future directions. The Building & Inspections staff of plans examiners and combination inspectors is responsible for technical plan review and construction inspection of all new construction, additions and/or alteration projects within the City, that require building permits.

To achieve published performance measures, the Team must work closely with other Planning and Development staff, Public Works, the Shoreline Fire Department, and utility purveyors as part of the overall development review team. The adoption of the electrical code earlier this year, and contract for electrical permitting with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries served as a major additional step towards "One-Stop" shop status. The team scores high on customer service measures. Another applicable technical quality measure is the WSRB's Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule past rating of "2", placing Shoreline in the top ten percent of municipalities across the State of Washington.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2006 budget for the Building & Inspections Team is \$625,714. In 2006, anticipated user fee revenue for plan review and inspection services is \$611,985 with the difference of \$13,729 from General Support.

## RECOMMENDATION

This is informational only and no action is required.

Approved By: City Manage City Attorney \_\_\_\_

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