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## Exemption of Development Application fees for Recognized Community Associations

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Date Approved by Council :

County Commissioner:

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1. **Purpose**

To establish a consistent approach regarding the exemption of Development and Safety Codes permit application fees for recognized community associations.

2. **Revision History**

None.

3. **Policy Statement**

In the interest of supporting local volunteer initiatives and projects that enhance the quality of life for County residents, Sturgeon County may subsidize Development and Safety Code permit applications fees as per the following:

- 100% of the payment of Development Permit application fees and
- 50% of Safety Codes (Building, Plumbing, Gas and Electrical) application fees (excluding Safety Codes Council Levy)

for projects funded and managed by a recognized community association.

4. **Definitions**

4.1 *Development permit* means a certificate or document permitting a specified development and includes, where applicable, a plan or drawing or a set of plans or drawings, specifications or other documents and is issued in accordance with the Land Use Bylaw.

4.3 *Recognized community association* is an independent, registered and volunteer not-for-profit organization operating facilities and amenities within the corporate boundary of Sturgeon County, with a mandate to provide programming and services to the general public and accordingly, recognized by Sturgeon County Community Services. Such an Association is registered in terms of the *Societies Act* RSA 2000, s-14.

4.4 *Safety code permit* means a building, gas, plumbing and electrical permit issued in accordance with the Safety Codes Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. S-1.

4.5 *Safety Codes Council Levy* means a fee collected with each Safety Codes permit and paid to the Alberta Safety Codes Council.

5. **Roles and Responsibilities**

5.1 Manager of Current Planning and Development: To administer the policy when accepting development applications from recognized community associations.

6. **Cross References**

Fees and Charges Schedule

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7. **Implementation**

This policy will be applicable to all development permit and Safety Code permit applications received by the County since January 1, 2016.