



# Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research & Innovation

## MiniSurvey Series – Housing & Permitting Fees

The Center for Municipal Research & Innovation conducted a survey of the 412 municipalities in Florida regarding their housing and permitting fees and policies. The survey was conducted electronically from January 30 – February 15, 2019 with a response rate of 42% or 173 cities.

### Key Take-Aways

Of municipalities who responded:

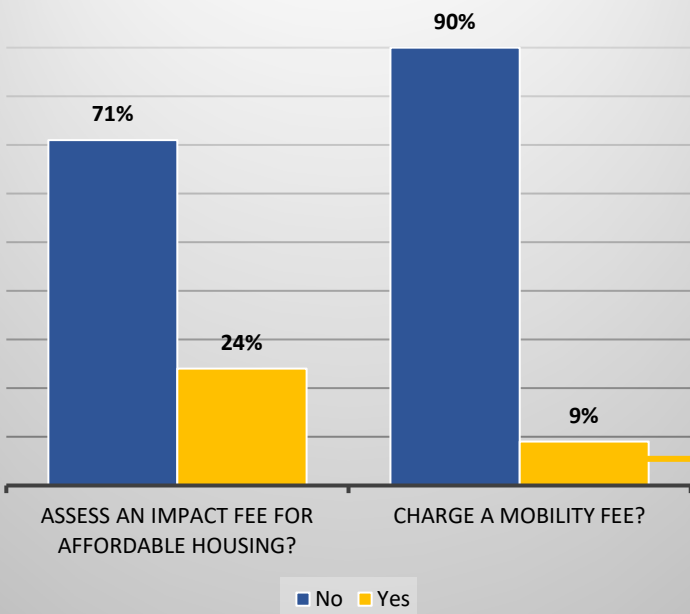
- **90% of cities do not currently charge a mobility fee.**
  - Of cities that do charge a mobility fee, 67% assess the fee for affordable housing.
  - Nearly ¼ of cities assess impact fees for affordable housing.
- **More than half of cities (58%) have an in-house building department.**
  - The median number of state-certified plans examiners in each city is one.
  - Building code inspection fees are posted on the websites of 55% of cities.
- **Permit fees have remained the same for 67% of cities since 2016 relating to the enforcement on the Florida Building Code.**
  - Only ¼ of cities have had to increase their permitting fees.
- **85% of cities have not refunded permit fees due to fewer services to a property per Florida Statute 553.80.**
  - Nearly 40% of those cities state that their city provides the same level of service to all properties for permit value amount, so no refund is needed.
  - Other cities that have not provided refunds indicate that the fees are set and collected by their county building department/inspector.

Page 2 of this report contains additional graphs of the data collected. Contact Research Analyst Liane Giroux at [lgiroux@flcities.com](mailto:lgiroux@flcities.com) for the survey questions or additional information.

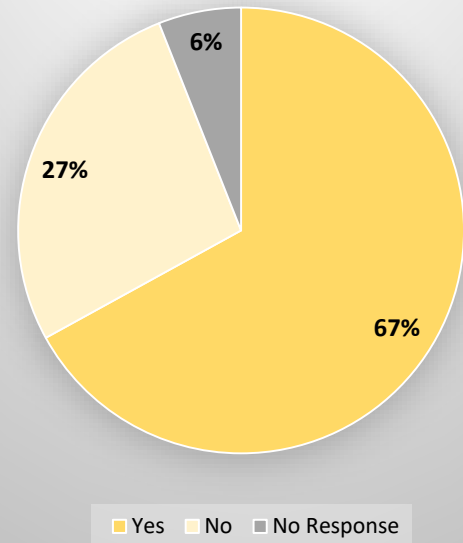
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*\*Surveys are completed by members of each individual municipality and the FLC staff does not verify or cross-reference responses with other sources.*

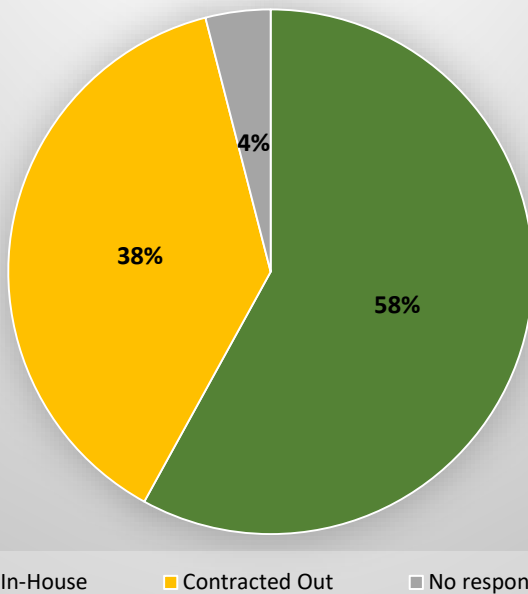
### Does your city...



### Is the mobility fee assessed for affordable housing?



### Is your city's building department...



### As it relates to the Florida Building Code, since 2016 have your permit fees...

