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matter, to calculate the cost of trips by the Committee of the City Council, of the Board of Zoning Appeals, and of the Commission on City Plan to the property involved in the ordinance, and if a flat fee were charged to cover this expense, it would be quite difficult to apportion it among the respective bodies. Then, too, it hardly seems proper for the applicant to pay charges of this nature, inasmuch as the investigating functions of these bodies are part of their regular duties as public servants. If the practical difficulties can be satisfactorily worked out, I see no legal difficulty in requiring payment of a fee to cover these costs of investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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