



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Unfinished Business

I.2.

2/7/2023

Subject:

Resolution, Re: Partial Waiver to Residential Solar Photovoltaic Building Permitting Fees

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated \$208,813 revenue reduction and increased expenses.

Based on calendar year 2022 permitting activity, the partial fee waiver would have an estimated annual impact of \$208,028 in reduced revenue

Additional mailing costs are estimated to be \$785.

Dept/Office:

Planning and Development

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve, and authorize the Chair to execute, the attached resolution to implement a partial fee waiver for residential solar photovoltaic building permit fees.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On January 24th, the Board directed staff to draft a Resolution that extends the solar photovoltaic permit fee waiver for 1 year, subject to the following criteria:

1. Residential installations only
2. Waiver capped at \$250 per permit
3. Letter sent by staff to the homeowner informing them of the savings

The attached resolution has been drafted to meet this direction. There was additional discussion regarding attempting to ensure applicants provide accurate mailing addresses of homeowners; this has been included in the resolution as well.

Currently, solar photovoltaic installation permitting fees are waived in total, for residential and commercial projects. This waiver, which was first instituted in 2018, is set to expire February 25, 2023.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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February 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tad Calkins, Planning and Development Director Attn: Billy Prasad

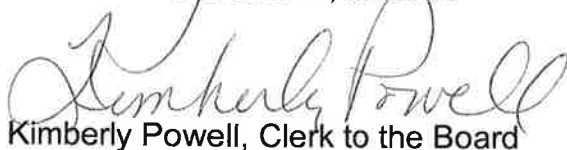
RE: Item I.2., Resolution for Partial Waiver to Residential Solar Photovoltaic Building Permitting Fees

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 7, 2023, executed and adopted Resolution No. 23-015, partially exempting Residential Solar Photovoltaic installations from permitting fees; directed staff to bring the item back in one calendar year for possible renewal; and directed staff to eliminate companies outlined in the plan with the homeowners notice. Enclosed is a fully-executed Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/ds

Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner
 Finance
 Budget

RESOLUTION 23- 015

PARTIALLY EXEMPTING RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS FROM PERMITTING FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION DATE.

WHEREAS, absent an exemption to permitting fees for residential solar photovoltaic installations, the average fee for such an installation would be approximately \$226; and

WHEREAS, various groups and agencies, including the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Energy, have concluded that solar photovoltaic power has a far less negative impact on the environment in comparison to traditional forms of power generation; and

WHEREAS, in many circumstances, it is in the economic long-term interests of residents to supplement or supplant traditional electric consumption with solar energy; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Brevard County citizens to remove barriers to the adoption and installation of solar photovoltaic equipment on homes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, desires to incentivize the installation of residential solar photovoltaic systems in Brevard County by granting a partial exemption to permitting fees associated with the installations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Partial Exemption to Permitting Fees for Residential Solar Photovoltaic Installations

- a) Subject to the requirements in subsection (b), Resolutions 16-189 and 2007-170 are hereby amended to waive the application fee (\$25) and unlicensed contractor surcharge (\$10) for permits regarding the installation of residential solar photovoltaic systems from the permit fee schedules, and an additional waiver of up to \$215 in associated permit fees for residential solar photovoltaic systems. All other applicable requirements regarding the permitting and inspection process remain in effect.
- b) Eligibility for the waiver described in subsection (a) is contingent on the applicant agreeing that savings shall be remitted to the homeowner, if applicable.
- c) Staff shall attempt to ensure accurate addresses of homeowners associated with such waivers are provided and a letter be sent to such addresses informing them that permitting fees have been waived.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, exhibit, or provision of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on February 26, 2023.

SECTION 4. Expiration Date. This resolution shall expire one (1) year from the Effective Date.

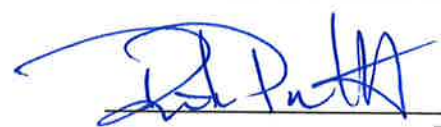
DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 7th Day of February, 2023.

Attest:


Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of Court

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA


Rita Pritchett, Chair
(as approved by the Board on February 7, 2023)



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January 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tad Calkins, Planning and Development Director

RE: Item J.2., Solar PV Permitting Fee Waiver Extension

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 24, 2023, approved to extend the Solar PV Permit Fee Waiver Program for one calendar year; and directed staff to draft a resolution including the following new criteria: applies to residential applications only, caps the waiver amount at \$250 per permit, send a letter to the homeowner that their permitting fee has been waived, and bring it back to the Board in one year for renewal.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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