



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**March 20, 2018**

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**SUBJECT:**

Amendment of Resolution 2007-170 (permit fee schedule) to exempt fees for the installation of solar power generation equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approximately \$21,800, based on 2017 Data.

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Average Job Cost</b>	<b>Average Permit Fee</b>	<b>No. of Permits</b>
2017 Residential	\$18,175.00	\$175.00	120
2016 Residential	\$29,229.00	\$297.22	64
2015 Residential	\$22,741.00	\$161.53	110
2017 Commercial	\$50,000.00	\$400.00	2
2016 Commercial	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
2015 Commercial	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 3

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

The County currently charges an average of \$175 to those installing solar power generators in homes, and \$400 for businesses. This resolution is intended to remove barriers to the adoption of this technology.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- **Solar Exemption Resolution**

**REVIEWERS:**

**Department**  
District 3

**Reviewer**  
Tobia, John



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March 21, 2018

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Commissioner John Tobia, District 3

**RE:** Item VI.F.1., Amendment of Resolution No. 07-170 (Permit Fee Schedule) to Exempt Fees for the Installation of Solar Power Generation Equipment

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 20, 2018, adopted Resolution No. 18-039, amending Resolution No. 07-170, exempting fees for the installation of solar power generation equipment, and Resolution to sunset after one year. Enclosed is a certified Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Rowe*

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

Encl. (1)

cc: County Manager  
Finance  
Budget

**RESOLUTION 18-039**

**EXEMPTING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS FROM PERMITTING FEES**

**WHEREAS**, homeowners are charged an average of \$175 for permits to install solar photovoltaic power generation systems by Brevard County; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial entities are charged an average of \$400 for solar photovoltaic permits; 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 and businesses to supplement or supplant traditional electric consumption with solar energy; and

**WHEREAS**, graduated permit fees are often perceived as an uncertain cost by those who might otherwise consider such installations, thereby discouraging further analysis of potential economic benefits; 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 businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,** does hereby

AMEND Resolution 2007-170 to exempt installation of solar photovoltaic systems from the permit fee schedule; all other applicable requirements regarding the permitting and inspection process remain in effect.

This exemption shall sunset one (1) year from execution.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 20th Day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:



SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

As approved by Board 3/20/18