



AGENDA REPORT
February 26, 2019

Renewal of Solar PV Permitting Fee Exemption

SUBJECT:

Solar PV Permitting Fee Exemption

FISCAL IMPACT:

As of January 14th, 2019, since implementation of the exemption, the fiscal impact has been approximately \$42,200. The exemption was applied for about 226 permits. Of these, 225 were for residential installations. The average amount of exempt fees per permit was approximately \$187.

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 3

REQUESTED ACTION:

Board consideration and passage of attached resolution

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

On March 20th, 2018, during Regular Session, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously through resolution to implement a permitting fee exemption for solar photovoltaic installations. No other requirements were impacted. This exemption was for one year.

The attached resolution would extend the exemption.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ **Renewal of Solar Permitting Resolution**



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner John Tobia, District 3

RE: Item I.1., Renewal of Solar PV Permitting Fee Exemption

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 26, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-027, for the exemption of Solar PV Permitting Fees for a period of one-year. Enclosed is a certified copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

cc: Planning and Development Director
County Manager
Finance
Budget

RESOLUTION 19- 027

EXEMPTING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS FROM PERMITTING FEES

WHEREAS, prior to implementing an exemption to permitting fees for solar photovoltaic installations, homeowners were charged an average of \$175 for such permits by Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, commercial entities were 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; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners implemented an exemption to solar photovoltaic permitting fees on March 20th, 2018, for a period of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, this policy has led to a decreased burden on those considering such installations with minimal costs to the County, and have had no effect on the General Fund.

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

AMEND Resolution 2018-039 to delete the scheduled sunset provision; all other permitting requirements shall remain unchanged.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 26th Day of February, 2019.


KRISTINE ISNARDI, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

ATTEST:


SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

As approved by Board 2/26/19