



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

J.3.

2/25/2020

Subject:

Solar PV Permitting Fee Extension

Fiscal Impact:

Based on current data, approximately \$50,000 annually for three years

Dept/Office:

District 3

Requested Action:

Board passage of attached resolution.

Summary Explanation and Background:

In March of 2018, the Board unanimously decided to waive Solar PV Permitting fees for a period of one year. In February 2019, after learning that this exemption had saved those installing Solar PV approximately \$42,200, the Board voted 4-1 to extend the exemption for an additional year. In the intervening period, customers have saved an additional \$47,800. The average saving per permit was \$189.

Solar PV permits increased 4% year-over-year in 2019.

The attached resolution would extend the exemption for an additional three years.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



Tammy Rowe, Clerk to the Board, 400 South Street • P.O. Box 999, Titusville, Florida 32781-0999

Telephone: (321) 637-2001
Fax: (321) 264-6972
Tammy.Rowe@brevardclerk.us

February 26, 2020

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner John Tobia, District 3

RE: Item J.3., Solar PV Permitting Fee Extension

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 25, 2020, adopted Resolution No. 20-018, extension of exemption of the permitting fees for Solar Photovoltaic Installations. Enclosed is a 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

/ds

Encl. (1)

cc: Planning and Development Director
Finance
Budget

RESOLUTION 20-018

**EXTENSION OF EXEMPTION FOR 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, on February 26th, 2019, the Board voted to extend the exemption for an additional one (1) year through Resolution 2019-027; 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

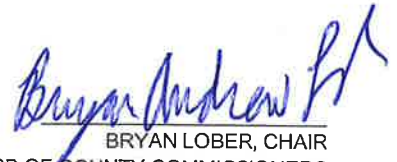
AMEND Resolution 2018-039 to EXTEND the scheduled sunset provision for three (3) years; all other permitting requirements shall remain unchanged.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 25th Day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:



SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



BRYAN LOBER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FL